



**RESEARCH AMBASSADORS & MENTORING PROGRAM**  
**AUSTRALIA – RAMP**  
**MEETING – MELBOURNE 2-3 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**RAMP Meeting – PROGRAMME**

Location: RMIT City Campus, Building 56, Level 3, Room 93 (56.03.93). Building 56 is at 115 Queensbury St, near the corner of Lygon St.

Coffee Breaks and Lunch will be served in tutorial room 56.03.87 just across the corridor.

Fri, Sep 2	any time	Arrival in Melbourne
	7pm	Welcome Event (own cost) with food and drinks at Captain Melville Bar, 34 Franklin Street, Melbourne <a href="http://www.captainmelville.com.au/">http://www.captainmelville.com.au/</a>
Sat, Sep 3	RAMP Day (9am – 5pm)	
	from 8:40am	Registration
	9am	Welcome (Ada & Kay)
	9:15am	Presentation by RAMP Coordinator Kerrie Thornton
	9:30am	<b>Mentee Talks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Mark Wolf</i>: Composer as Architect: The Translation of Architectural Spaces into Temporal Musical Experiences.</li> <li>▪ <i>Camille Deane</i>: Do maternal parenting and adolescent brain development interact to predict adolescent depressive symptoms?</li> <li>▪ <i>Ashwyn Perera</i>: How do gut bacteria affect diseases of the brain?</li> <li>▪ <i>Patricia Alessi</i>: The Voice: Historical Re-Interpretations and Modern-Day Functional Approaches</li> <li>▪ <i>Luisa Unda</i>: Governance of not-for-profit organisations</li> <li>▪ <i>Mohammed Abolbashari</i>: A Smart Buyer Approach to Achieve Procurement Excellence</li> <li>▪ <i>Simone Smala</i>: CLILiG - Content and Language Integrated Learning in German</li> <li>▪ <i>Alan Metcalfe</i>: Optimising Physical Activity: From Elite Athletes to Clinical Populations</li> </ul>

10:30am	RAMP Experiences: Panel and Q&A With Dr. Mamun I. Haque (Research Ambassador), Dr Geoffrey See (Research Ambassador), Dr Herma Büttner (Mentor) and Tina Stubenrauch (Mentee)
11am	Morning Tea
11:30am	<i>Communicating your Research &amp; Utilising Social Media</i> Workshop by Dr Lizzy Lowe
12:30pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Dr Shelda Debowski: <i>Mirror, Telescope and Horoscope: Increasing the Impact of Mentorship for Career Success</i> Presentation and Q&A
3:30pm	Afternoon Tea
4:15pm	Discussion about the future of RAMP and the 2017 RAMP activities
5pm	Closing
7pm	Official RAMP Dinner at Universal Italian Restaurant 139-141 Lygon Street, Carlton <a href="http://www.universalrestaurant.com.au/">http://www.universalrestaurant.com.au/</a>

**Information about Dr Shelda Debowski: *Mirror, Telescope and Horoscope: Increasing the Impact of Mentorship for Career Success***

Successful researchers note the importance of mentorship in their career advancement, but there has been little exploration as to how mentors can best guide successful career decisions and exploration of research contexts. This workshop will provide you with some new insights into ways that mentors and mentees can strengthen and deepen the mentoring discussions and outcomes. Various models and principles that support robust research career management will be introduced, along with guidance on the role of mentor and mentee in these processes. You will be challenged to think differently about mentoring and how it can be optimised for career success.

Dr Shelda Debowski is a higher education consultant who specialises in research and academic leadership development. She was a Professor of Higher Education Development at the University of Western Australia for ten years and later, Deputy Vice Chancellor at The University of Notre Dame Australia, before moving into her current role. Shelda has authored a number of books on higher education development, including *The New Academic* (Open University Press, 2012) and *Developing Academics* (Routledge, 2016). She led the development of two collaborative blended learning programs for researchers: the Group of Eight Future Research Leaders Program and Professional Skills for Research Leaders (Epigeum, UK). Shelda has developed and facilitated many mentoring and early - mid-career development programs for researchers and academics and also coaches researchers and academics who seek guidance on their career management.