

ELECTION OF TWO ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBERS (LEVEL D or E) FROM THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENT TO THE ACADEMIC SENATE FOR TERM 1 JANUARY 2027 TO 31 DECEMBER 2028

(3 NOMINATIONS RECEIVED)

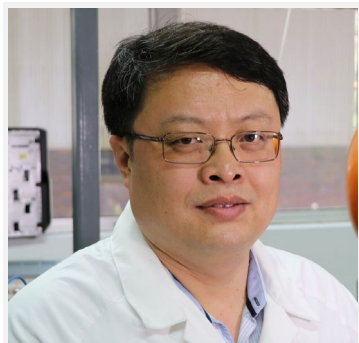
CANDIDATE STATEMENTS



MARC ADAM

I am an Associate Professor in Computing and Information Technology and joined UON in 2014. In my research, I focus on designing human-centred technologies that empower users to make better decisions across diverse application domains, including business, cybersecurity, and health. I am deeply committed to the values that underpin our university and have demonstrated this through a range of leadership roles. I served as Research Strategy Coordinator (since 2026), Head of Discipline for Computing and Information Technology (2022-2025), Program Convenor for the Bachelor of IT (2021-2022), and Vice-President for the Australian Council of Professors and Heads in Information Systems (ACPHIS, 2021-2026). In recognition of my leadership contributions, I received the 2022 IS Community Champion Award, the 2025 CESE Leadership Excellence Award and was a finalist for the 2025 UON Leadership Excellence Award.

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SHANYONG WANG

Professor Shanyong Wang has served the University of Newcastle for over 17 years as an academic leader, researcher, and educator. He is internationally recognised in computational geomechanics and has successfully bridged academic research with industry practice to deliver significant societal and economic benefits.

Professor Wang has secured over AUD 22 million in competitive ARC funding, published more than 400 scholarly papers, and is ranked among the world's top 2% most-cited researchers. His achievements have been recognised nationally and internationally, including the prestigious John Booker Medal and the IACMAG Desai Medal.

As a member of Academic Senate, he will advocate for academic excellence, strengthen research-teaching synergy, and promote global research connectivity. He is committed to working collaboratively across disciplines to shape a strong, innovative, and resilient future for the University.

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HANNAH POWER

Hannah Power is an Associate Professor in Earth Science with 12 years experience at the University of Newcastle. Hannah has a strong commitment to diversity and the strategic benefits it offers the University — she understands that meaningful cultural change requires sustained effort and is prepared to advocate for this change. Hannah is deeply committed to delivering high-quality student experiences and learning environments, ensuring that staff are sufficiently supported to achieve these goals. A champion for casual and sessional staff, she acknowledges their critical contribution to UON and advocates for a truly healthy, supportive working environment where all staff and students can thrive. With a focus on inclusivity, staff wellbeing, and educational excellence, whilst also supporting high quality research, Hannah is well-positioned to represent staff interests effectively on the Academic Senate.

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