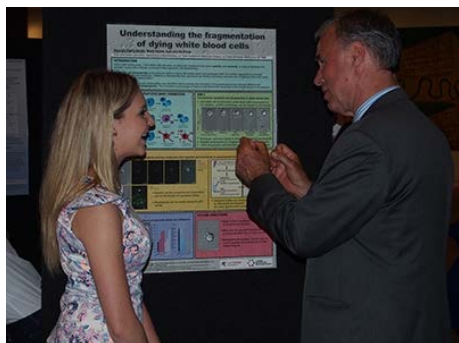




## Students display their work in Parliament



Two of our talented students have flown to Canberra for the [Australasian Council for Undergraduate Research's \(ACUR\)](#) inaugural Posters in Parliament. The event aims to raise the profile of undergraduate research within the Australian community, with students on hand to explain or answer any questions about their work.

La Trobe's Chris Silvester from Archaeology and Georgia Atkin-Smith from Biochemistry impressed at the prestigious event.

They were among only 38 undergraduate students from 16 different universities across Australia chosen to present their research in the Mural Hall at Parliament House.

Amid tight security, their audience was a high powered one. Visitors at the gathering included Senators, MP's, key higher education leaders and members of the [ACUR Steering Group](#).

Both Chris and Georgia were able to speak about their studies to several federal politicians.

Chris, a third year archaeology student, has been working on a team project identifying Aboriginal hearths in Northwest Victoria. He says the event was a great opportunity to speak about La Trobe and his study.

'Posters In Parliament allowed me to exchange ideas with other students in diverse fields including music, linguistics, media, political science, business and biological sciences. It gave us a chance to explain our research in plain English to other students and politicians whom we had invited.'

Georgia was also very grateful for the experience and chance to speak about her honours research focused on understanding the fragmentation of dying white blood cells.

Chris and Georgia's attendance at the event was supported by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Academic), Professor Jane Long, and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Vice-President (Research), Professor Keith Nugent.

Professor Long congratulated the pair.

'Posters in Parliament is a unique opportunity to bring undergraduate research to the attention of the Nation's leaders. The outstanding quality of the research presented at this event demonstrates the benefits to students, supervisors, the institution, and society of providing research opportunities to students within the undergraduate curriculum.'

While Professor Nugent highlighted the importance of recognising research excellence at all levels of the university.

'With the appropriate opportunities and support, undergraduate students have the potential to make an enormous contribution to La Trobe's research culture. The research presented by these two students at Posters in Parliament showcased our commitment to support outstanding research across the academic lifespan.'

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