



## **The 2012 Vice-Chancellor's Symposium**

# **WHAT DEFINES ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP AT MASSEY UNIVERSITY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY?**

**30<sup>th</sup> October, Wellington Campus**

This year's Vice-Chancellor's Symposium addresses the question: what defines academic scholarship at Massey University in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Next year marks 50 years since the passing of Massey's founding act of Parliament. At the core of that charter is the following assertion: 'For the advancement of knowledge and the dissemination and maintenance thereof by teaching and research there shall be a University to be called Massey University'.

What does this claim mean to us now, five decades on? For one thing it means that the purpose of the institution is neither teaching nor research – these are just the mechanisms. Rather Massey has a higher scholarly purpose in advancing, disseminating and maintaining knowledge. But what do these practices, the practices of academic scholarship, mean for us today as professionals, as members of the Massey University community, as individual teachers and researchers? How are they changing, how are they reshaping us and how are we responding to these shifts? What does it mean to advance, to disseminate and to maintain knowledge in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?

These are the questions that the 2012 Vice-Chancellor's Symposium will be considering and this is an invitation to all Massey's staff to take part in this year's event. You can register to attend the Symposium on the Wellington Campus from the Vice-Chancellor's Symposium website:

<http://vcsymposium.massey.ac.nz>

Buses will be available for those wishing to attend from Manawatu. Staff from other campuses will also be able to participate online in some of the key events of the day. Further information about the programme and major speakers will be available shortly from the website. You may also actively contribute to this year's Symposium by presenting a poster which responds to the question of how we are defining ourselves as 21<sup>st</sup> Century scholars. This question is relevant to both academic and general staff. Substantial prizes will be awarded for the best posters and more information about poster requirements is available on the above website.