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GENERAL

1. ABRIS SPONSORED CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIPS 2012 – WINSTON CHURCHILL MEMORIAL TRUST

The Australian Biological Resources Study (ABRS), has once again partnered with The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust to offer two Fellowships for 2012 to undertake overseas taxonomic research on the Australian flora and fauna.

The fellowships are for $25,000 each:

- one is for an early career researcher: applicants who have completed their tertiary studies (honours, masters, PhD or equivalent) within the last 10 years (no earlier than 2002); and
- one is for an established career researcher: applicants who have completed their tertiary studies prior to 2002 and are well established in their field.

Applications for the Churchill Fellowships are NOW OPEN and close on Wednesday 29 February 2012. See attached flier.

For further information and application forms visit www.churchilltrust.com.au.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), preferably generated via SCRIPT, no later than Monday 20th February 2012.

HEALTH

1. APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR NHMRC HENDRA VIRUS URGENT CALL FOR RESEARCH

The NHMRC have just advertised that the Hendra Virus Urgent Call for Research is now open for applications.

NHMRC has determined that Hendra Virus meets the criteria of Urgent Call for Research (UCR) defined as “research that must be undertaken rapidly in response to a threat to public health” and has therefore set aside up to $3 million in research funding to better understand and fight the Hendra Virus.

Applications must be submitted via the Research Grants Management System (RGMS); please contact the Research Help Centre on help@nhmrc.gov.au for more information in relation to registering new users onto RGMS or for general assistance related to the system.

Applicants must ensure that a completed Application via RGMS encompasses the following:

1. Parts A and B of the Application Form
2. Relevant and updated information in your RGMS Profile and CV
3. The uploaded PDF document containing your Assessor Report
4. If relevant, the uploaded PDF document relating to Career Interruption

Please be advised that the deadline for submitting full applications to ORD for review is 4 January 2012; by this date Applicants are to provide:

- A hard copy of your completed snapshot reports generated via RGMS to ORD
- A soft copy of your completed snapshot report emailed to Brett.Kirk@curtin.edu.au, with a copy cc’d to ORD via Chermain.cheong@curtin.edu.au

Please be advised that it is the Applicant’s responsibility to ensure a draft of your Assessor Report is brought to the attention of your Faculty Dean of Research for solicitation of feedback before the Draft Application is forwarded to ORD and Brett Kirk for review.
Subsequent to ORD providing feedback on the Application, further requests for information and documents will be provided at this later stage.

The Application pack and funding rules can be found on the NHMRC website: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply-funding/urgent-call-research-hendra-virus

RGMS can be accessed via the link: https://www.rgms.nhmrc.gov.au

2. NHMRC PROJECT GRANT APPLICATIONS 2012 (FOR FUNDING IN 2013) – CALL NOW OPEN FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Office of Research and Development (ORD), on behalf of the Faculty Deans of Research, is now calling for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from researchers who are intending to submit an NHMRC Project Grant application in the 2012 round where Curtin is the lead organisation.

What happens to my EOI?
EOIs received by the due date will be reviewed by the Faculty Deans of Research. They will provide feedback to applicants in early January. Feedback will include suggestions of ways to strengthen the application and some applicants may be encouraged to postpone their application until another round if it is considered that extra developmental work would make the proposal more competitive. During the EOI process applicants should continue the development of their application in anticipation of a positive outcome.

Does everyone have to submit an EOI?
All applicants are required to make use of the feedback process and Project Grants will require the support of the Faculty Dean of Research prior to ORD submitting them to the NHMRC.

Instructions to Applicants and Project Grant Funding Policy
Instructions to Applicants and the Project Grant Funding Policy (for funding to commence in 2013) are not yet available from the NHMRC. While some changes to these documents for 2012 applications are expected they are unlikely to be significant. Nevertheless, the 2011 application documentation http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply-funding/project-grants should be read as a guide only. ORD will advise when these documents are available and when RGMS is open to commence these applications.

The EOI form is available from the ORD website at: http://research.curtin.edu.au/research-funding/nhmrc.cfm

Please direct any application queries to Felicity Kamid, Research Development Officer in ORD on extension 1013 or email Felicity.Kamid@curtin.edu.au

Please submit your EOI directly to your Faculty Dean of Research, not Office of Research and Development.

RGMS
Please be reminded that CV and Profile information must be kept up to date, ORD recommends reviewing updating your CV and Profile Information before the end of the year

To lodge an EOI please complete the EOI form and submit it to your Faculty Dean of Research no later than Thursday 12th January
3. NHMRC CENTRES OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE APPLICATIONS 2012 (FOR FUNDING IN 2013) – CALL NOW OPEN FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Office of Research and Development (ORD), on behalf of the Faculty Deans of Research, is now calling for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from researchers who are intending to submit an NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence application in the 2012 round where Curtin is the lead organisation.

To lodge an EOI please complete the EOI form and submit it to your Faculty Dean of Research no later than Friday 16th December.

The EOI form is available from the ORD website at: http://research.curtin.edu.au/research-funding/nhmrc.cfm

Please submit your EOI directly to your Faculty Dean of Research, not Office of Research and Development.

What happens to my EOI?
EOIs received by the due date will be reviewed by the Faculty Deans of Research. They will provide feedback to applicants within one week of submission. Feedback will include suggestions of ways to strengthen the application and some applicants may be encouraged to postpone their application until another round if it is considered that extra developmental work would make the proposal more competitive. During the EOI process applicants should continue the development of their application in anticipation of a positive outcome.

Does everyone have to submit an EOI?
All applicants are required to make use of the feedback process and Centres of Research Excellence will require the support of the Faculty Dean of Research prior to ORD submitting them to the NHMRC.

Instructions to Applicants and Project Grant Funding Policy
Instructions to Applicants and the Centres of Research Excellence Funding Policy (for funding to commence in 2013) documentation is available after the link http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply-funding/centres-research-excellence-cre.

Please direct any application queries to Chermain Cheong, Research Development Officer in ORD on extension 9063 or email chermain.cheong@curtin.edu.au

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4. HEALTHWAY APPLICATIONS OPEN

Healthway applications are now open for the following schemes:
1. Health Promotion Research Project Grants
2. Health Promotion Research Starter Grants

If you are planning to submit a Healthway Starter Grant or Research Project Grant through Curtin in the 2012 round, please advise Felicity Kamid (Research Project Grants) and Chermain Cheong (Research Starter Grants) as soon as possible by providing the following information:
- Investigators
- Draft project title
- Which of the two schemes you are applying to

Please ensure that one electronic copy of the full application is to be submitted for review to the ORD, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) completed via SCRIPT, no later than Thursday 16th February 2012.

Guidelines and application forms are available from Healthway at - http://www.healthway.wa.gov.au/application-forms/health-promotion-research-grants
1. Radiation Conference 2012 - First Announcement

The AINSE Radiation Conference 2012 will be held on the Wednesday 15 February – Friday 17 February 2012 at AINSE, Lucas Heights.

The conference brings together many scientific disciplines. In the tradition of the Radiation Conference, all aspects of the radiation techniques and the applications will be discussed. Papers will be supported by poster and oral presentations. The Radiation 2012 conference will gather together the radiation communities under the theme ‘Radioprotection: Past, Present and Future’.

Papers will be accepted based on the following major topics:
- Earth sciences
- Protection
- Simulation
- Detection
- Therapy
- Medical imaging
- Instrumentation
- Engineered and applied Materials
- Biology
- Medical Physics
- Industry
- Chemistry

For more information on Second Announcement and the registration brochure please click on the below link.


2. 2011 End of Financial Year Instructions

Please be advised that all research cost centres should be reviewed in advance by the end of year and any necessary transactions completed within the timeframes and under the instructions supplied by Financial Services in the email to all staff which was sent out by Linda Zhai.
HELP, TOOLS, CONTACTS and TIPS

OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH OPERATIONS CONTACTS

http://research.curtin.edu.au/about/contacts/contacts.cfm

USEFUL WEBLINKS

Community of Science (COS) www.cos.com – for funding opportunities


Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) -
http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/forms/grantsforms.cfm#RPAT