Dear Colleagues

The following may be of interest to you, your research team and students:

1. ARC GAMS PERFORMANCE AND NEW WEB ADDRESS
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3. RURAL AGEING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP – RURAL CLINICAL SCHOOL, UTAS

1. ARC GAMS PERFORMANCE AND NEW WEB ADDRESS

The web address for GAMS has changed slightly to: http://gams.arc.gov.au/. Please update your own bookmarks and favourites. The GAMS link on the ARC website has been updated.

This slight change is related to some measures the ARC is implementing to address GAMS performance issues during the next 8 months.

The ARC has linked GAMS to additional server hardware to ease the load on the existing (and very old) GAMS server. To take advantage of the additional speed on this new server it is recommended that you use the new web address.

2. AUSTRALIAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS (ALA) FELLOWSHIPS SCHEME

The third round of the Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Fellowships scheme managed by AusAID has opened for applications.

ALA Fellowships provide funding for Australian organisations to host leaders or mid-career professionals from eligible countries in the Asia-Pacific region, for short-term specialised research, leadership training or professional attachments, delivered in Australia. Fellowships are open to Australian organisations demonstrating ongoing linkages with counterpart organisations overseas. O/S organisations and individuals cannot apply but can encourage their Australian counterparts to submit an application. Funding is available of up to $35,000 per Fellow and there is no limit on the number of Fellows.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development by Monday 25th February 2008, and accompanied by a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT). Mobilisation of successful applications will commence from June 2008.

Further information and guidelines are available on www.australianscholarships.gov.au.

ALL ENQUIRIES TO AusAID PLEASE (http://www.ausaid.gov.au/about/contact.cfm)

3. RURAL AGEING POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP – RURAL CLINICAL SCHOOL, UTAS

Rural Ageing Postdoctoral Fellowship – Rural Clinical School, UTAS – The Rural Clinical School at the University of Tasmania is seeking a postdoctoral fellow for the Community Engagement for Productive Ageing project which was recently funded through the Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage grant scheme. This innovative and highly significant research initiative brings together key agencies representing consumers, service providers and policy makers and researchers. The total remuneration package will be $71,837 per annum. Copies of the advertisement and position description are attached. The closing date for applications is 11 February 2008. For further information about the position please contact Professor Judi Walker, Chief Investigator and Professor of Rural Health, Rural Clinical School by email on Judith.Walker@utas.edu.au
Regards

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POSITION DESCRIPTION

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<td>Department/Section:</td>
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1. POSITION SUMMARY

University of Tasmania research to ensure Australia’s ageing population remain social assets and not burdens, has received $290,000 in Federal Government funding.

The Australian Research Council’s Linkage Project scheme has awarded the grant to the University’s Rural Healthy Ageing Research Team through the Rural Clinical School.

The three-year study, Community Engagement for Productive Ageing will focus on rural regions in Tasmania as the basis for national strategy development.

Research will address the looming social and economic challenges flowing from an ageing population by addressing triggers to social disengagement and design service frameworks that can be used before people become isolated and dependent.

This innovative and highly significant research initiative brings together key agencies representing consumers, service providers and policy makers and researchers. The project has secured funding and resources from the State Government’s Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Tasmanian Council of Social Services (TasCOSS).

The ARC Linkage grant provides funding to engage an Australian Postdoctoral Fellow (Industry) for three years to undertake day-to-day academic management and administration of the program including all data collection and first level analysis and reporting, working collaboratively with the research team. In the final year of the project, a Linkage Industry Fellow will join the Team for a 6 month period (full time) primarily responsible for the process of translating data into both a generic service model framework for publication and a specific local model for implementation in Tasmania.
2. SUPERVISION

2.1 Immediate Supervisor
Senior Research Fellow, Rural Clinical School – Dr Peter Orpin

2.2 Direct reports to this position
Nil

2.3 Collaborators
Research Team (chief investigators and partner investigators)

3. PRIMARY TASKS

3.1 Work collaboratively as a member of the research team.

3.2 Undertake the day-to-day academic management and administration of the ARC research program

3.3 Undertake quantitative and qualitative data collection and first level analysis and reporting.

3.4 Contribute to the mapping of Tasmanian policies, services and models relevant to social engagement in ageing

3.5 Prepare progress reports for the research team and advice and briefings for the project steering committee.

3.6 Contribute to the writing of articles for publication in refereed journals including the development of early drafts.

3.7 Attend meetings of the research team as required.

4. LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 Perform tasks under the supervision of the Senior Research Fellow, RCS, Dr Peter Orpin.

4.2 Decisions are generally made within the scope of established procedures and guidelines.
5. POSITION RELATIONSHIPS

The incumbent must be able to establish regular and effective relations with the following:
- Chief investigators
- Partner investigators
- Rural Clinical School and University Department of Rural Health research fellows
- Stakeholders in rural ageing

6. SELECTION CRITERIA

ESSENTIAL

6.1 A demonstrated significant research track record of research in healthy ageing.
6.2 A doctoral qualification in a field relevant to the research.
6.3 Demonstrated qualitative and quantitative research skills relevant to phenomenological research methodology and mapping health policy and service models.
6.4 Experience in research to inform the design of health service models.
6.5 Good organisational skills and a demonstrated capacity to act independently within established guidelines, using discretion and sound judgement.
6.6 Demonstrated ability to establish collaborative networks with colleagues and others.
6.7 Good oral, written and interpersonal skills.
6.8 Competence using a range of computer software including database, data analysis, word processing, spreadsheet, internet and email packages.

DESIRABLE

6.9 A strong background in the field of rural healthy ageing or a demonstrated equivalent area of study.
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Applications are invited for appointment to this position, which will be offered on a full time fixed-term basis, commencing in early 2008 for a three year period.

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Successful applicants will have a demonstrated track record of research in healthy ageing and a doctoral qualification in a field relevant to the research.

The appointment will be at Australian Research Council - ADPI and will have a total remuneration package of $71,837 per annum. This package comprises salary of $61,399 plus 17% superannuation, with the option of an additional 3% salary loading in exchange for 14% instead of 17% superannuation.

For further information about the position please contact Professor Judi Walker, Chief Investigator and Professor of Rural Health, Rural Clinical School by email Judith.Walker@utas.edu.au in the first instance.

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