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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. 2009 ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT APPLICATIONS – APPLICATION FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS NOW AVAILABLE
The Instructions to Applicants document for 2009 ARC Discovery Project applications (for funding to commence in 2010) are now available from the ARC website at – http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_instructions.htm. The Instructions document is to be read in conjunction with the Funding Rules.

The Application form is also now available via GAMS - https://gams2.arc.gov.au/

One full hard copy of the application is to due at the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday 9th February 2009.

Please note that there is an expectation that full applications must be reviewed by the Dean of Research prior to submission to the Office of R&D on 9th February 2009. If ORD receives an application that has not been through the Dean we will forward it to the Dean for their perusal.

ORD will review proposals in the order received and will match applications received by the 9th February with the list of endorsed EoI’s. Any application received by the 9th but not on the endorsed EoI list will be ‘relegated’ for review after those matched to an EoI i.e. preference will be given to full applications where an EoI was submitted.

Applications received and not matched to an EoI will, in the 1st instance be referred to the relevant Dean of Research for consideration and will not be reviewed by ORD until the Dean has advised if the application is endorsed (or otherwise) unless the application has been reviewed by the relevant Dean of Research, such review will be taken as endorsement to submit.

An application compliance information session will be held on Thursday 22nd January 2009. This session will involve working through a Discovery application and highlighting the common compliance pitfalls that can affect an application’s eligibility. For further details and to register please see - http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#

Please also note that an information session on applying for a Discovery Project was held late last year. The lecture and slides for this session are available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm.

2. CANCER COUNCIL RESEARCH GRANTS – INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS
This important notice concerns Cancer Council WA Grants in Aid of Research which are processed through the NHMRC.

It should be noted that Cancer Council WA is committed to support early stage research projects and as such the Board has emphasised the importance of funding one year grants for projects which may then become more competitive for larger national funding pools.

They strongly encourage applicants to make it very clear in the supplementary form how their proposals might be viable as a one year project.

Please also note that in instances where an Associate Investigator on a grant seeking NHMRC funds becomes a Chief Investigator in the Cancer Council of WA application, appropriate biographical material as requested for CIs for the NHMRC application must be provided to CCWA.

Cancer Council applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Tuesday 24th February 2009. Please note that applications are to be submitted using the NHMRC Project Grant application forms in addition to the Cancer Council Supplementary Questions form.
3. INDIGENOUS ROAD SAFETY GRANTS
The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government is now inviting applications for Indigenous Road Safety Grants for 2009-2010. One or more grants up to a total of $30,000 will be awarded to applicants for projects that will help improve road safety for Indigenous people.

Successful applicants will be required to complete their projects within 18 months.

**Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 20th February 2009 and accompanied with a Research Project Application tool (RPAT) preferably completed online via SCRIPT.**


Questions about the grants program can be sent to Indigenous.grant@infrastructure.gov.au

4. EUROPEAN AND AUSTRALIAN FUNDING FOR MADAM CURIE INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH STAFF EXCHANGE SCHEME (IRSES) ACTIVITIES
The European Commission’s Directorate General for Research has opened a call for proposals for the Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES). The call is part of the 2009 People work program of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

The IRSES aims to strengthen research partnerships through staff exchanges and networking activities between European research organisations and organisations from countries with which the Community has a science and technology agreement, including Australia. It was first implemented in 2008.

While Australian researchers/institutions are not eligible to apply directly for IRSES funding, Australian researchers/institutions that are partners of a European-led consortium that is being funded by the European Commission’s IRSES program in 2009 will be eligible to apply for support to the Australian Academy of Science towards their participation in this activity. A total of $138,000 has been provided by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research - International Strategic Linkages program, for Australian participation in the 2009 IRSES round. Australian organisations may receive a grant-in-aid of a maximum of $50,000 as a contribution towards travel and subsistence costs.

Funding is based on travel support of up to $5000 for a visit to Europe, covering a return airfare of up to $2500 and daily living allowances. Daily living allowances, covering accommodation and meals will provided at the rate of $200 per day or a maximum of $2500 per month, whichever is the smaller amount.

It is expected that the Australian Academy of Science will **open its call for applications in June 2009**, once the successful European applicants are selected by the EC. The Academy will accept applications in the areas of science and technology as well as the humanities and social sciences. Further information will be available once the call for applications opens.

Please note, that the European applicants must submit their applications by 27th March 2009.

Information on the 2008 successful Australian applicants of the IRSES program can be found at: [http://www.science.org.au/internat/irses.htm](http://www.science.org.au/internat/irses.htm)

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ARC PROGRESS REPORTS DUE - REMINDER
The 2008 Progress Report template is now available on the ARC’s web site at the following location: http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/reported_requirements_progrep.htm.

2008 Progress Report submissions are due by the end of January 2009 for the following ARC schemes:
- Discovery
- Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development
- Federation Fellowship
- Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities
- Linkage International
- Linkage Projects - APAI (report to be held on file by Administering Organisation)
- Linkage Projects
- Thinking Systems, ANZCCART and AAO

Please forward the completed Report to Pia Meehan no later than Friday 23rd January 2009.

Please note that late Progress Reports may reflect badly on any future ARC applications you may submit.

2. NEW DEADLINES and KEY DATES CALENDAR ON RESEARCH WEBSITE
The Curtin Research Submissions deadline calendar web page has been expanded for 2009. The calendar is designed to be a resource for staff to use to plan their year out.

The revised calendar lists the following kinds of key dates:
- Opening dates, ORD closing dates and announcement dates (where known) for the major funders
- Rejoinder opening and closing dates (ARC, Healthway, NHMRC)
- Report due dates (ARC and NHMRC plus HDR Annual Progress reports)
- Opening, closing and announcement dates for key Scholarships

Where possible a link to the relevant web page has been included.

The calendar can be found at – http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/deadlines.cfm

Please note that a number of other calendars also exist:
- ORD Training and Seminars calendar
- ORD Events calendar

3. NHMRC ROADMAP FOR IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE THROUGH RESEARCH
NHMRC is currently reviewing The NHMRC Road Map: A Strategic Framework for Improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Through Research. This work is being guided by NHMRC’s key advisory committee on Indigenous health issues, ATSIHRAC. Workshops were held in May and June 2008 in Sydney, Melbourne, Alice Springs, Perth and Townsville, and written submissions were received through a targeted consultation process. Staff of the NHMRC also provided a detailed analysis of research funded since the Road Map was developed.

The formal consultation phase is now closed and the final consultation report on the Roadmap was presented by Council member Professor Cindy Shannon, who is also Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Research Advisory Committee. A key recommendation from the report is the need for NHMRC to develop a more action based strategic plan to drive activities to improve Indigenous health through research. The report will be provided to consultation participants and placed on the NHMRC website, prior to public consultation on the action plan in April and May 2009.
4. AIATSIS NATIONAL INDIGENOUS STUDIES CONFERENCE
The next AIATSIS National Indigenous Studies Conference will be held from 29 September to 1 October 2009. The convenors are now inviting expressions of interest for papers to be presented at the Conference.

In summary, the Conference theme is:

"Perspectives on urban life: connections and reconnections."

As its major theme, the Conference will consider a range of "lifestyle" questions for Indigenous people living in urban and semi-urban / regional areas. Most Indigenous people live in urban areas. To people who grew up with the cities, this was their "country" and they continued, despite hardships and a vigilant legal regime, to remain there.

The full theme is copied below. Please provide a draft abstract of your proposed paper by Saturday 15th February 2009, by e-mail to conference2009@aiatsis.gov.au.

The convenors are interested in considering collaborative arrangements for presentations, workshops or displays. Please contact them to discuss your ideas.

Further information can be found on the conference website at http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program/events2/conference_2009 or phone Tony Boxall (02) 6246 1145.

5. ORD RESEARCH TRAINING SEMINARS
A full list of training seminars provided by the Office of R&D are available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/

We wish to highlight the following sessions coming up:

**Discovery Projects Compliance session**
**Date:** Thursday 22nd January 2009  
**Time:** 10am to 11:30am  
**Venue and Registration:** http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#  
**Target Audience:** Anyone preparing an application for the 2009 round of ARC Discovery Projects (for funding to commence in 2010)

**Synopsis:** This session will involve working through a Discovery application and highlighting the common compliance pitfalls that can affect an applications' eligibility. There is a strong expectation that anyone who is putting together a Discovery application will attend or send a suitable representative from your team. It will be particularly useful for first time applicants, early to mid-career researchers and any research assistants or administrative staff who are pulling together applications on behalf of more senior staff.

**SCRIPT TRAINING**
In preparation for the 2009 RPI round, training sessions on each of the key modules of the SCRIPT database are being offered. **Please note that it may be necessary for some staff to attend a session on each module in order to complete their group’s RPI claim.**

Details are set out below:

**a) SCRIPT Publications Module Training**
These sessions will show staff how to use the Publication module of the SCRIPT database - including entering and finding publications. The Module is used to capture information on research publications.

For details and online registration please see - http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=83

**b) SCRIPT Research Project Module Training**
At these sessions you will be shown how to use the Research Project module of SCRIPT.  Step by step instruction will be provided, including topics such as how to create a project, how to complete the budget, how to submit the project to ORD and how to find projects previously entered onto the database. **Please note that in order to gain access to the Research Project module it is necessary to attend a training session.** See below for arrangements for non-Bentley based staff.
c) SCRIPT Research Project Module Training for non-Bentley based staff
Non-Bentley staff who have not been provided with on-site training can now access this training via an ilecture. This is available for viewing at http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/research.cfm#researchmodule. Please note that you will be required to complete and submit a short questionnaire to ORD after viewing the ilecture. Upon processing of the questionnaire you will then be given access to the Research Projects module itself. Further details and the Training Guide are available via the link above.

d) SCRIPT Research Groups (RPI) Training
Two types of sessions will be available:
• one for staff who have not used the Research Groups module before and
• another for experienced staff who will just need to be updated on changes and provided with a refresher.
Please ensure that you enrol in the appropriate session. Please also note, these sessions will **not** cover how to enter publications or projects. You will need to attend the separate Publications Module and Research Projects Module sessions outlined above.

**Future research training seminar topics include:**

- ARC Research Management System (RMS)
- An Introduction to conducting Research at Curtin
- Finding Funding Opportunities
- An Introduction to Research Budgeting and management
- Completing ARC and NHMRC rejoinders
- Building Your Research Career
- Demystifying Research Contracts
- Human Ethics – reviewer training
- Animal Ethics – Module 1
- Clinical Trials (TBC)

These will be advertised as details become available. In the meantime, a list of past ORD Research training seminars can be found at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/global/training.cfm Links to the slides and ilecture recordings for the sessions that have been conducted are available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm.

A few key sessions are highlighted below:

**Applying for an ARC Discovery Project Grant**
This session has passed, however the ilecture is available at –
http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm

**Writing Research Grant Applications**
This session has passed, however the ilecture is available for a short period of time at –
http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm

**Building Your Research Career**
This session has passed, however the ilecture is available at -
http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm
## HELP, TOOLS and TIPS

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## TOOLS AND TIPS

### LINKS

- **Community of Science (COS)**
  - [www.cos.com](http://www.cos.com) – for funding opportunities

- **Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)**

### New Research Codes

The codes can be found on the [ABS website](http://www.abs.gov.au). You may also find the University of New England’s [Conversion Tool](http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm) useful.

### TIP OF THE WEEK

Want to know more about applying for and managing external research funding?

The new look ORD website provides information on this topic. Please see the following page as a starting point: