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1. ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT APPLICATIONS – KEY DATES
The ARC has released the Funding Rules for Discovery Projects commencing in 2012. They can be found at – http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_fundingrules.htm

The timeline for the review of Discovery applications has been revised. The main change is the timing around the first review of draft proposals by expert readers. This has now been pushed back to 28th January to allow applicants more time to prepare their drafts.

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The Instructions to Applicants are not yet available, nor can you start your proposal in RMS. The Office of Research and Development will let applicants know when the Instructions are available and applications open in RMS.

2. CASS FOUNDATION TRAVEL GRANTS FOR EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS
The CASS Foundation awards individual travel grants to further the career opportunities of early career Australian postdoctoral researchers by enabling them to make presentations of their research findings at international conferences, meetings, and related activities ("conferences") where they may meet colleagues and establish the foundations for ongoing research collaborations.

The CASS Foundation Limited is a private philanthropic foundation created to support and promote the advancement of education, science and medicine, and research in those fields.

The CASS Travel Grants are available to assist ECR to attend international conferences. The applicant is expected to be presenting new research as a platform presentation or as a poster where the applicant is first author. The grants are not available for travel to attend conferences being held in Australia.

In its consideration of CASS Travel Grant applications, CASS will have regard to its overall funding objectives and will take into account the status of the conference and the nature and extent of the applicant's participation in the conference proceedings and other proposed activities. Applicants may include visits to scientific institutes and colleagues, if such activities are directly related to their primary research activities in Australia.

In view of the foundation's primary objectives in making travel grants available, awards are unlikely to be made to support overseas field work, independent research or courses of study.

*The maximum amount of a CASS Travel Grant that may be awarded is the lesser of A$6,000 or 80 percent of the total cost as disclosed on the application form.*

There are two rounds per year.
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 21st February 2011 for Round 1 or Friday August 12th August 2011 for Round 2.

Grant Guidelines and Application Form will be available from this website, after the grant round opens at: http://www.cassfoundation.org/grants/travel/status

3. ROTTNEST ISLAND AUTHORITY RESEARCH GRANTS

Research Funding Program
If you are a postgraduate student or have experience with research and are interested in one of the research projects proposed by the RIA (RIA Research Strategy 2010–2014), you may wish to apply for the Research Funding Program.

General Research
If you would like to conduct your own research project or organise a research-orientated field trip to the Reserve, you need to apply for the General Research Program. RIA suggests a list of ideas for research projects (RIA Research Strategy 2010–2014) that address management priorities.

Please note that the deadline has been extended.

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 Friday 4th February 2011.


4. CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIPS

The Churchill Trust was established in 1965 to honour the memory of Sir Winston Churchill by awarding overseas research Fellowships known as ‘Churchill Fellowships’.

Since its inception The Churchill Trust has awarded Churchill Fellowships to over 3,400 Australians who, like Churchill, are innovative, filled with a spirit of determination and possess a strong desire to benefit their community.

Churchill Fellowships allow you to design your own research project, travel the world and further your knowledge in your chosen field, before returning to make a real contribution to Australian society.


Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday 21st February 2011. Please note that as no funding is coming to Curtin, we do not need a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) completed. However, we will need evidence of approval from your Head of Area.

5. AUSTRALIAN FLORA FOUNDATION

The Australian Flora Foundation was established in 1981 with the aim of fostering scientific research on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants. It was thought that by encouraging research, a greater awareness of the value of the Australian flora would be developed resulting in explicit measures for their conservation and utilisation. Funds for research are raised through the membership of the Foundation, donations from various sources and the interest from bequests.

Grants are available for projects which commence from December 2011. The Foundation expects to support between two and four projects at $5000 - $12,000 each in 2012 with possible extension into 2013.

Applications for grants to support original scientific projects on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants are invited from research workers in Australia. The Australian Flora Foundation will consider all relevant applications, with special interest in the following categories:
General:
1) conservation of Australian plant diversity, particularly where there are threats from climatic change
2) plant species with potential for cultivation
3) enabling cultivation of Australian plants
4) rare and endangered plants.

Priority will be given to projects aiming to reduce plant harvesting from native ecosystems.
All applications on rare and endangered plants should indicate how the research relates to the management plan for the species. The Foundation does not fund projects that are predominantly for equipment or travel (other than for essential fieldwork), publications, research on orchids, or taxonomy. It gives a low priority to flora surveys per se.

Projects must be scientifically sound and aim to provide outcomes within the period of the grant. Applicants must be suitably qualified or identify a qualified project supervisor.

Applications are in two stages. Preliminary applications of two A4 pages should indicate the purpose of the project, the likely costs and the research protocol. The institution or company to which the applicant is attached, a contact phone number, email address and postal address must be included. Please use the form provided. Applicants should pay particular attention to ensuring that their proposal meets the selection criteria.

Preliminary 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 14th March 2011.

HEALTH SPECIFIC

1. HEALTHWAY APPLICATIONS OPEN
Healthway applications are now open for the following schemes:
1. Health Promotion Research Project Grants
2. Health Promotion Research Starter Grants
3. Health Promotion Research into Practice Grants

If you are planning to submit a Healthway Starter Grant, Project Grant, Research into Practice grant or Reducing Harm from Alcohol Grant through Curtin in the 2011 round and have not already informed ORD, please advise Felicity Lonsdale as soon as possible by providing the following information:

• Investigators
• Draft project title
• Which of the three schemes you are applying to

Please ensure that one hard 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 Wednesday February 16th 2011.


2. HEART FOUNDATION TRAVEL GRANTS
The Heart Foundation offers funding to support researchers working in the area of cardiovascular disease and related disorders. We are now calling for applications for the first round of Travel Grants in 2011 (For travel between 1 January – 31 May, 2011).

Travel Grants are available to support Australian researchers travelling to present their cardiovascular research at a conference overseas. They are also available to Indigenous health researchers travelling to present their research in Australia.

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 Friday 28th January 2011.
3. DEFENCE HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANTS

Defence Health Foundation is a new foundation established for the purposes of funding medical research designed to benefit serving and ex-serving members of the Australian Defence Forces and their immediate families. Funding comes from their parent company, Defence Health Pty Ltd, which is a not-for-profit restricted private health insurer for the Defence community.

The Foundation is pleased to announce that applications from eligible medical researchers to apply for Foundation research grants for 2010-11 are now open, and invite researchers to apply.

The funding that the Foundation makes available for medical research must meet the objective of being of benefit to the Defence community. Because the Defence community includes both serving and ex-serving personnel of the ADF, as well as their immediate families, the possible areas of research are very broad.

However, there are some areas to which we are currently giving priority. These are:

- Mild traumatic brain injury in general, and concussion and impacts relating to blast injuries in particular;
- Osteoarthritis, deterioration in muscular strength and other musculo-skeletal conditions in general, and in particular, those conditions as they relate to the back and lower body;
- Health promotion and disease prevention strategies aimed at optimising the overall health and wellbeing of the Defence community, including minimising the incidence and risks of obesity, alcohol abuse and mental health disorders.

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 Friday 28th January 2011.

Full details can be found on the website www.defencehealthfoundation.org.au including the Research Grant Guidelines and the Application Form.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ARC PROGRESS REPORT FORMS NOW AVAILABLE

The new Progress Report templates for ARC projects active in 2010 are now available on the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/reported_requirements_progrep.htm.

Reports should be prepared for ARC grants in receipt of funding in 2010 with the exception of Round 2 Linkage projects that have been underway for less than one year as at 31 December 2010.

Please note that all Progress Reports for 2010 must be submitted on the 2010 templates.

The completed Progress reports are due in the Office of Research and Development by Monday 14th February 2011. Please submit your report to Adina Soimu at A.Soimu@curtin.edu.au. Please also ensure that you have run the report past your Dean of Research prior to submission to ORD.

2. SEMINAR ON APPLYING FOR NHMRC GRANTS

Professor Alan Pettigrew, former CEO of NHMRC has kindly agreed to visit Curtin to conduct a seminar for staff to assist them to improve their success with NHMRC applications.

Date: 3 February 2011
Venue: Council Chamber, Building 100, level 3
Time: 11:30am – 2:00pm
   11:30 – Light lunch will be served in the Chamber foyer
   12:00 – Seminar will commence in Council Chamber
If you would like to attend this valuable seminar please register with Erica McPherson erica.mcpherson@curtin.edu.au by 28 January 2011

Please indicate if you will be attending for the lunch and if you have any special dietary requirements.

Professor Pettigrew has held a range of academic and senior executive appointments at a number of Australian Universities. He has served as Deputy Chair of the Academic Board at the University of Sydney, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Biological Sciences) at the University of Queensland, and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) at the University of NSW.

In January 2001 Professor Pettigrew was appointed by the Commonwealth Minister for Health and Aging as the inaugural Chief Executive Officer of the National Health and Medical Research Council. He served in that role until the end of 2005 when he was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor and Chief Executive Officer of the University of New England. Professor Pettigrew retired from the University in 2009.

Professor Pettigrew is currently an Adjunct Professor in the College of Medicine, Biology and Environment at the Australian National University, an Honorary Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne, a member of the Advisory Board of the L.H. Martin Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Management, Deputy Chair of the Board of the Australian Universities Quality Agency, a member of the Advisory Council of Research Australia Philanthropy, and a member of the Cooperative Research Centres Committee of the Australian Government.

3. CHANGES TO APPLICATION PROCESSES FOR COLLECTION OF FISH UNDER EXEMPTION FROM FISH RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT 1994 AND REGULATIONS

The Department has recently reviewed the administrative and governance processes involved in granting exemptions under the FRMA. The review covered the methods used to grant and manage exemptions and even those used for granting scientific research permits, including the research activities of Departmental staff.

A major outcome from this review was that 'blanket' exemptions will no longer be granted to institutions. Instead, all new applications for exemptions, such as by scientific and teaching agencies in WA, will need to apply for an individual exemption for each project. This change in policy will not affect current permit holders.

The revised application form developed for the new process is available at http://research.curtin.edu.au/local/docs/grants/Dept_Fisheries-Fish_collection_exemption_application_form_2010.doc

The updated process will now take at least one month to be completed following receipt of an application. The fee for a 'public good' based scientific exemptions will continue to be waived.

If you have any queries regarding these changes, please don't hesitate to contact Karen Santoro on 92030113 or karen.santoro@fish.wa.gov.au

4. JOINT OMICS WORKSHOP

The second JOINT OMICS WORKSHOP has been organised after the big success the first one earlier this year.

When? 27th & 28th of January 2011
Where? UWA, Crawley Campus
Cost? Only $300 per registration (incl. workshop handbook & refreshments) Students: $220

You will be introduced to the world of Genomics, Proteomics and Metabolomics as well as Lipidomics. You will learn about commonly used and new techniques and get an idea about what is achievable and how the omics link together. The program is available at - http://www.metabolomics.uwa.edu.au/Program%202011.pdf

To register simply contact
Technical and Operations Officer
Metabolomics Australia at the University of Western Australia
ph: +61 8 6488 4457
email: ricarda.fenske@uwa.edu.au

More information is available at - www.metabolomics.uwa.edu.au
5. ORD TRAINING SEMINARS

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training
Date: Tuesday 1st February 2011
Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Target Audience: Researchers and Research Administrators
Synopsis: 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. Please see below for arrangements for non-Bentley based staff.

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.

SCRIPT Research Groups (RPI) module training – for RPI Administrators
These sessions are designed for RPI administrators and researchers who will be responsible for managing RPI claims in the SCRIPT database. The Beginners sessions are designed for new RPI administrators and the Advanced sessions are for experienced administrators who would like a refresher and to go through what has changed from last year. Please ensure that you attend the appropriate session. It is suggested that attendees make themselves familiar with the RPI Specifications (yet to be released) before attending. More information on RPI is available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/ripi/ripi.cfm

Beginner RPI Administrator sessions (it is only necessary to attend one session):
Date: Thursday 3rd February 2011
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

Repeat session
Date: Monday 7th February 2011
Time: 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Experienced RPI Administrator sessions (it is only necessary to attend one session):

Date: Friday 4th February 2011
Time: 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Repeat session
Date: Tuesday 8th February 2011
Time: 10:30am to 11:30am

6. THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SCIENCE IN SOCIETY

The Catholic University of America
Washington D.C., USA
5-7 August 2011
http://scienceinsocietyconference.com

This conference addresses the social impacts, values, pedagogies, politics and economics of science. It is an inclusive forum that welcomes a breadth of perspectives on science from practitioners, teachers and researchers representing a wide range of academic disciplines.
The Science in Society Conference is held annually in different locations around the world. The Conference was inaugurated in 2009 at Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK, and was held at Universidad Carlos III de Madrid in 2010. This year's conference will be held at The Catholic University of America in Washington D.C.

In addition to Plenary Presentations from leading speakers in the field, the Science in Society Conference includes parallel presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. You are invited to respond to the conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters submit their written papers for publication in the peer refereed "International Journal of Science in Society". If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication in the journal as well as the option of uploading a video presentation to the YouTube channel.

7. SIXTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE ARTS IN SOCIETY
9-11 May 2011
Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities, Berlin, Germany
http://www.Arts-Conference.com/

The International Conference on the Arts in Society and the International Journal of the Arts in Society provide a scholarly platform for discussions of the arts and art practices, enabling an interdisciplinary conversation on the role of the arts in society. They are intended as a place for critical engagement, examination and experimentation of ideas that connect the arts to their contexts in the world - in studios and classrooms, in galleries and museums, on stage, on the streets and in communities.

As well as an impressive line-up of plenary speakers, the conference will also include numerous paper, workshop and colloquium presentations by practitioners, teachers and researchers. We would particularly like to invite you to respond to the conference Call-for-Papers. Presenters may choose to submit written papers for publication in The International Journal of the Arts in Society. If you are unable to attend the conference in person, virtual registrations are also available which allow you to submit a paper for refereeing and possible publication.

Full details of the conference, including an online proposal submission form, may be found on the conference website at http://www.Arts-Conference.com/.
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### USEFUL WEBLINKS

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