FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL
1. DAAD opening/closing dates 2 April - 30 June for applications
2. Invitation to submit nominations and applications for the 2013 Australian Academy of Science Awards, Research Conferences and Fellowships

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION
1. AusAID's ALA Fellowships Program - Eligible Countries for 2012
2. Scopus Young Researcher Awards 2012 - Open For Application
3. Exemption from Fish Resources Management Act 1994 Form

HELP, TOOLS AND TIPS
Please see this section for useful contacts, tools and tips.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. DAAD opening/closing dates 2 April - 30 June for applications

Please be advised that the ATN-DAAD Researcher Exchange scheme for 2012 will make a call for applications on 2 April and with applications closing on 30 June, which synchronises with the DAAD dates for the scheme.

The application pack/guidelines will be substantially the same as for the 2011 round of the scheme and will be available from 2 April on the ATN website through the ATN-DAAD scheme page at http://www.atn.edu.au/daad/index.htm

Please advise Jackie Weatherill (Jackie.Weatherill@curtin.edu.au) cc myself if you plan to submit to this scheme. Please also monitor the website for details, and we'll advise of internal timelines as soon as we have more details. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

2. Invitation to submit nominations and applications for the 2013 Australian Academy of Science Awards, Research Conferences and Fellowships

The Australian Academy of Science invites nominations and applications for its 2013 honorific awards, research conferences, research awards and travelling fellowships.

The list of awards and details of nomination and application procedures are at: www.science.org.au/awards/

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. AusAID's ALA Fellowships Program - Eligible Countries for 2012

There will be some substantial changes to the eligible country list for ALA Fellowships in 2012. From 2012 (Round 12) China will no longer be an eligible country for ALA Fellowships. The number of eligible African countries will increase (to 51 African countries) and the number of eligible Caribbean countries will decrease (Barbados and Trinidad & Tobago will no longer be eligible).

The decision to remove China from the eligible country list (for the ALA Fellowships program) is in response to the Independent Review of Aid Effectiveness which was released by Minister Kevin Rudd last year. The Australian Government's response to the Independent Review stated the following: "In view of China’s rapidly evolving stage of development, and its large overseas aid program, Australia’s bilateral assistance to China will be phased out. Australia will continue to provide targeted assistance through multilateral organisations and regional programs where we can make a difference to poor people."


The ALA Fellowships website has been updated to reflect the changes to the eligible country list - www.ausaid.gov.au/scholar/alafellow-eligible-countries.cfm Please note that more minor changes do occur to the eligible country list from time to time, and it is advisable to check this website before developing a proposal.
Round 12 will open on 14 May 2012 and will close on 20 June 2012. The Round 12 application form and supporting documents will be available on this website prior to the round opening.

Any applications for RESEARCH 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 May 2012.

2. Scopus Young Researcher Awards 2012 - Open For Application

The Australasian researchers are well known internationally for their achievements and dedicated contributions to various fields of research. To honour these achievements ARMS and Elsevier are proud to bring you the Scopus Young Researcher of the Year Awards for 2012

The Awards for 2012 will be presented with the following categories:

Sub categories guide, click here (this list only serve as a guide)
1. Humanities and Social Sciences
2. Physical Sciences
3. Engineering and Technology
4. Life Sciences and Biological Sciences
5. Medicine and Medical Sciences

The awards will be presented at the Australasian Research Management Society Conference in Gold Coast, Australia on Friday, 21st September 2012.

Visit http://www.arms2012.org.au/ to find out more!

Eligibility Criteria
Age: 40 years of age or less as of 1st July 2012
Nationality: Australia or New Zealand Citizen or Permanent Resident
Employment Status: *Employee of an Australian Research Institution (member of ARMS) who:

- is currently engaged in research activities that fall under one of the Award categories
- is employed on a 0.5 or above contract and not a full-time research student, although may be concurrently pursuing higher degree by research qualifications
- is published in peer-reviewed literature
- Contact ARMS to check whether your institution is a member: ARMS_Secretariat@researchmanagement.org.au

Evaluation Criteria
1. Early Career Researcher: PhD Year of Completion + 5 years. Last 2 years of output will be accessed (opportunity versus all of career)
2. Research Output - taking into account the average number of citations per paper and H-index (derived from Scopus)
3. External Impact
4. Esteem Contribution
5. Scopus will be used as a tool for individual Researcher evaluation

Note: The application of Evaluation Criteria 1 and 2 will vary depending on the award category and academic discipline.

Application
· Early Career Researcher Guideline: PhD Year of Completion + 5 years
· One application per person only.
· Applicant to select the most appropriate category.
· Previous Scopus Young Researcher of the Year Awards winners are not permitted to apply.

3. **Exemption from Fish Resources Management Act 1994**

For those whose research activities would fall within the provisions of the Fish Resources Management Act please be advised that a new exemption application form for collection of fish under an exemption to the Act, is now available from the Office of Research and Development. Should you require this form, please contact your faculty Research Development Officer. Contact details available from: [http://research.curtin.edu.au/about/contacts/contacts.cfm](http://research.curtin.edu.au/about/contacts/contacts.cfm)

If you have any queries with regards to application of the Legislation to your activities, then please contact Curtin’s Legal and Compliance Office.
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
