Dear Colleagues

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

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1. INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE LINKAGES (ISL) COMPETITIVE GRANTS
DEST wish to advise that applications will soon be sought for the 2008 round of International Science Linkages (ISL) Competitive Grants. Competitive Grants provides support for Australian researchers to participate in strategically focussed, leading edge, S&T collaborations.

The online application form will be made available on the ISL website (http://www.dest.gov.au/science/isl/) from 11 February 2008. Applicants must print off the online form and provide it, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) to the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 4th April 2008.

Before applying, applicants are strongly encouraged to read through the ISL Guidelines (https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/ISL/Pages/Guidelines.aspx) for information regarding the eligibility criteria and the application process.

Further inquiries can be directed by email to isl@dest.gov.au or phone (02) 6240 5465.

2. SUPPORT FOR FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY MISSIONS AND WORKSHOPS
The Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering receives funding from the Australian Federal Government for the Frontiers of S&T Missions and Workshops element of the International Science Linkages - Science Academies Programme, part of Backing Australia’s Ability.

In order to strengthen and further the objectives of the International Science Linkages Programme, ATSE is offering Australian researchers an opportunity to submit expressions of interest for international Missions and Workshops held during the financial year 2008-2009.

All EOI Proposals will be assessed by a panel of the International Strategy Group of ATSE against the goals and priorities of the Innovation Science Linkages Programme. Administrative and financial support for selected activities will be provided by ATSE. An EOI form is available on the ATSE website: http://atse.org.au or email megc@atse.org.au. Or http://www.atse.org.au/index.php?sectionid=548

Please submit your EOI Proposal to the Office of Research and Development no later than Tuesday 5th February 2008, along with an RPAT. We apologise for the short notice, but were only just made aware of this opportunity ourselves.

ATSE will not fund the following activities:
- conference sponsorship
- attendance or participation in conference
- collaborative research projects

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement is released by ATSE and all queries should be directed to megc@atse.org.au and http://atse.org.au.
3. AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF THE HUMANITIES GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS
As part of the Australian Academy of the Humanities’ responsibility to foster the study of the Humanities in Australia, the Academy has established several international programmes to facilitate Australian scholars to travel overseas, and foreign scholars to travel to Australia, to access materials not held in their home countries and to create links with academics and researchers overseas.

The programmes are all aimed at post-doctoral researchers in the humanities. The following programmes are offered this year:

Humanities Travelling Fellowships
Each year the Australian Academy of the Humanities offers up to ten fellowships of up to $4,000 each. They are intended to allow early career researchers in the Humanities to travel overseas for short periods (not less than two weeks) to access materials in connection with their research.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, accompanied by a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Thursday 24th July 2008.

British Special Joint Project Funding Scheme
The Academy of the Humanities and the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia have a joint funding scheme with the British Academy to allow Australian and British scholars to work together. Each year the Academies make available up to £8,000, which can be distributed wholly to one project that encompasses the Humanities and the Social Sciences, or up to £4,000 to two projects, one from each discipline. The funds should be used to cover travel and maintenance expenses.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, accompanied by a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 19th September 2008 for projects to commence from April 2009.

Swedish Exchange Programme
The Australian Academy of the Humanities has an exchange programme with the Swedish Royal Academy of Letters, History and Antiquities, which provides for an Australian scholar to visit that institution for a maximum of one month to do research in Sweden. The scholar should be able to meet the cost of the fare to Sweden. The exchange provides for accommodation and a per diem for the scholar of up to 40,000 SEK.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, accompanied by a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Thursday 24th July 2008, for visits in 2009.

Netherlands Exchange Programme
The Australian Academy of the Humanities and the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia have a joint programme with the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. The programme provides for an Australian scholar to travel to the Netherlands for 1-2 weeks to visit institutions or conferences in connection with research. The scholar is responsible for the cost of the international airfare to the Netherlands, but the Royal Netherlands Academy will meet the cost of living and approved internal travel during the period of the visit. This programme is administered by the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia, in conjunction with the Australian Academy of the Humanities.

Application forms and further information about the programme can be found on ASSA’s website, www.assa.edu.au

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, accompanied by a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Thursday 24th July 2008.

Visiting Scholar Programmes
For scholars from Russia and the former USSR and Indonesia and South-East Asia to visit Australia.

These programmes are in place to encourage contact between scholars across the world, by providing for Australian scholars to host scholars from the aforementioned countries. It is envisioned that the visiting scholar will have conferences and/or speaking engagements during their stay in Australia. Funds are available for up to two scholars from each region. Scholars from Russia/former USSR countries are eligible for up to $3500 of financial assistance, and scholars from Indonesia/South-East Asia are eligible for up to $2000 of financial assistance. These funds may be used for any purpose that the Australian host considers vital to the visit, such as travel, conference fees, accommodation and per diems.
Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, accompanied by a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Thursday 24th July 2008

For more information and application details:
Contact Phoebe Garrett at the Academy on 02 6125 9871 or e-mail grants@humanities.org.au
Application forms and more details about international programmes can be found at www.humanities.org.au

4. AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT SAFETY BUREAU (ATSB) RESEARCH GRANTS
The Australian Transport Safety Bureau invites applications from Australasian academic, commercial and community-based organisations interested in conducting original road safety research.

The program awards a small number of grants, to a maximum of $30,000 each, for road safety research projects that can be completed within 12 months.

The program aims to support innovative research with the potential to increase road safety knowledge and generate road safety benefits. It seeks to encourage researchers from a broad range of disciplines to consider road safety research.

Application forms and further information about the program may be viewed and downloaded from the ATSB website at: www.atsb.gov.au

Further information is available by emailing research@atsb.gov.au

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, accompanied by a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 7th March 2008

5. STAFF CHANGES WITHIN THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
As of Tuesday 5th February 2008, Dianne Jeffery will be taking up a new role as a Training Officer within the Office of Research and Development. Glenn Jones will replace Dianne as the Research and Development Officer. Glenn can be contacted on Dianne’s number 9266 1013 or via email on Glenn.Jones@curtin.edu.au. Please note that on Outlook there are two Glenn Jones. The correct one is “Glenn Jones (ORD)”.

Regards

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