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One hard copy of the completed application is to be delivered to the Office of Research and Development by Monday 9th February 2009

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. NHMRC PROJECT GRANTS – CROSS DISCIPLINARY APPLICATIONS

As previously advised, the NHMRC is currently calling for applications via their Project Grants process. If you intend to apply and have not already submitted an Expression of Interest to the Office of Research and Development and please send details of the Investigators and Project title to Jenni Gaugg (J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au) as soon as possible.

Please note that the major change for this year's round is that in addition to the general aims of the Project Grants scheme, this year the NHMRC is calling for applications across the following:

- a) NHMRC's Priority Research Area: **Indigenous Health**
- b) Strategic Plan Initiatives: Health areas identified in the Strategic Plan and in which NHMRC seeks to build a stronger Australian research effort, and
- c) Special Initiatives: Health areas in which the NHMRC has received additional research funding from other parties, tied to these particular fields.

The Strategic Plan Initiatives and Special Initiatives for 2009 include, but are not limited to:

- Complementary and Alternative Medicines;
- Water Quality;
- Global Health;
- Obesity-Intervention;
- Nanotechnology and Health;
- Asbestos related diseases;
- Psychogeriatric research;
- Health challenges of climate change, and
- Electromagnetic fields.

While applying for NHMRC grants has been traditionally the domain of Health Sciences, given the nature of some of these priority areas, staff may want to consider forming a cross disciplinary applications.

One copy of the full application is to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Tuesday 24th February 2009, and accompanied by a completed Research Project Application Tool preferably completed via SCRIPT.

For information on NHMRC Projects Grants please see - <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/projects/index.htm>

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2. PRE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE INDIGENOUS HEALTH RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP (ICIHRP) GRANTS – REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The International Collaborative Indigenous Health Research Partnership (ICIHRP) Grants is a joint initiative of the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), the New Zealand Health Research Council and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and aims to support research in the area of Indigenous peoples' health.

This new funding round is focussed on reducing the burden of disease and inequalities in health arising from chronic disease in Indigenous people.

Request for applications will open on 11 February 2009. **Expressions of Interest are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Monday 4th May 2009.**

More details can be found on the [NHMRC website](#).

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3. HEALTHWAY APPLICATIONS - REMINDER

As previously advertised, 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 or Research into Practice grant through Curtin in the 2009 round and have not already informed ORD, please advise [Dianne Jeffery](#) 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 to the Office of R&D, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT no later than Friday 13th February 2009.

Guidelines and application forms for Healthway's major research grant schemes are available at - <http://www.healthway.wa.gov.au/Default.aspx?MenuID=688>

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PRIZES AND AWARDS

1. NEW DIABETES RESEARCH INNOVATION AWARD

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and Macquarie Group Foundation (MGF) are calling for nominations for the Diabetes Research Innovation Award Program.

These Awards recognise excellence and innovation in medical research by exceptional researchers in Australia contributing to the search for prevention and/or a cure for type 1 diabetes and its complications.

Awards will be provided in two categories: Early Career Researcher and a separate Established Researcher Award.

The winners of each Award will receive a plaque and a cash prize of \$5,000 to be used for the advancement of their research career in the field of type 1 diabetes.

For more information please see

http://www.jdrf.org.au/s/media/documents/jdrf_and_macquarie_group_foundation_innovation_award_final.pdf

Nominations are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 6th February 2009.

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. LAUNCH OF WEB PAGE FOR STAFF NEW TO RESEARCH AT CURTIN

The Office of Research and Development has launched a "New to Research at Curtin?" web page. It is designed to assist people who are new to research at Curtin find their way around our website more easily. Existing staff may find this page useful as it is a summary of the key things you need to know when conducting research at Curtin and is designed to assist staff in finding their way through the wealth of information available on our website.

Please visit <http://research.curtin.edu.au/new/newresearchers.cfm>

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2. NHMRC REPORTS DUE - REMINDER

This is a reminder that annual written progress and financial reports for NHMRC grants are due in the Office of Research and Development by **Tuesday 24th March 2009**. **Please note that if you hold an NHMRC fellowship you are also required to submit a financial report at this time even though your progress report may be due at a later date.**

More information on the relevant forms and requirements are available as set out below:

Annual Progress Reports

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/admin/progreport.htm>

Annual Financial Statements

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/admin/finreport.htm>

Please contact your school administrative staff to organise the Financial Statements. These will need to be prepared by the school then submitted to Financial Services for sign off prior to submission to ORD.

Fellowship holders - Please note, if you hold an NHMRC fellowship please check the agreement schedule to determine when your written report is due. Information on fellowship reports is available at -

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/admin/progreport.htm>

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3. UPDATED ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT PREPARATION NOTES

Please be advised that an updated version of the ARC Discovery Project Preparation Notes is now available at - <http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm>. This version includes the updated [Frequently Asked Questions](#) recently issued by the ARC.

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4. 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:

Animal Ethics Committee - Animal Welfare Training Module 1

Date: Monday 9th March 2009

Time: 9.00am to 11.30am

Venue and Registration: <http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=55>

Synopsis: This is an Introductory course covering principles of biomedical ethics, legislation and institutional requirements governing the use of animals for research and teaching at Curtin University of Technology.

Attendance of this module is compulsory for Curtin Staff and research students who conduct research or teaching involving animals on Curtin premises.

An Introduction to Conducting Research at Curtin

Date: Monday 6th April 2009

Time: 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue and Registration: <http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#>

Target Audience: Researchers new to Curtin or new to research (incl Curtin Fellows)

This session will provide a overview of the key policies and procedures for conducting research at Curtin. It will broadly touch on the following topics: the role of ORD; who to contact; policies & procedures; ethics processes, applying for grants; costing projects; managing funding; your obligations; the Research Performance Index (RPI); intellectual property.

How to Find Research Funding Sources

Date: Thursday 23rd April 2009

Time: 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue and Registration: <http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#>

Target Audience: Researchers, research administrators and students wanting to know more about finding research funding sources

Synopsis: This session will be useful for researchers, students and research administrators interested in finding out more about information on finding research funding sources. The session will provide information on techniques, tips and some mechanisms for finding research funding sources including a brief demonstration of using the Community of Science (COS) website.

An Introduction to Budgeting and Managing Research Projects

Date: Thursday 30th April 2009

Time: 2:30pm to 4:00pm

Venue and Registration: <http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#>

Target Audience: Early Career Researchers, Researchers new to Curtin and Research Administrators

Synopsis: This session will be of use to Early Career Researchers or researchers new to Curtin. It may also be relevant to new research managers/administrators. It will include topics such as

- What is Consultancy V what is Research?
- The general principles of costing and pricing for research projects at Curtin
- Cost Recovery
- An overview of managing your funding once its approved
- Common pitfalls and tips

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.**

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

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, the Research Groups 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.

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/seminars/seminars.cfm>. Links to the slides and iletecture recordings for the sessions that have been conducted are available at - <http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm>.

Future research training seminar topics include:

- ARC Research Management System (RMS)
- Building Your Research Career
- Demystifying Research Contracts
- Writing Publications
- Human Ethics – reviewer training
- 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/seminars/seminars.cfm>. Links to the slides and iletecture recordings for the sessions that have been conducted are available at - <http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm>.

Discovery Projects Compliance session

This session has passed, however the iletecture is available for a short period of time at – <http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm>

Applying for an ARC Discovery Project Grant

This session has passed, however the iletecture is available for a short period of time at – <http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm>

Writing Research Grant Applications

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TOOLS AND TIPS

LINKS

Community of Science (COS)
www.cos.com – for funding opportunities

Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)
<http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm>

New Research Codes

The codes can be found on the [ABS website](#)
You may also find the University of New England's [Conversion Tool](#) useful.

TIP OF THE WEEK

Want to know more about conducting research at Curtin?

Please see our "New to Research at Curtin?" web page as a starting point:

<http://research.curtin.edu.au/new/newresearchers.cfm>

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