

RESEARCH UPDATE – 3-2008

Dear Colleagues

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GENERAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE (SEDO) GRANTS

The Sustainable Energy Development Office (SEDO) Grants Program provides funding for innovative sustainable energy projects in Western Australia. The SEDO Grants program supports community-based sustainable energy projects and sustainable energy research and development initiatives. The program is part of the government's commitment to increasing the uptake of renewable energy and energy efficient products and practices.

Grants are awarded to projects that best meet the objectives of the program, which include the following:

1. Community-based projects
 - To help householders to reduce fossil fuel energy use
 - To raise community awareness of ways to reduce energy use and increase the use of renewable energy
2. Research and development projects
 - To assist the research and development of innovative sustainable energy products, services, installations and practices
 - To support the development of the Western Australian sustainable energy industry.
3. All projects
 - To lead to the long-term reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Western Australia.

For more information please see -<http://www1.sedo.energy.wa.gov.au/pages/grants.asp>

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2. INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE LINKAGES (ISL) CHINA-AUSTRALIA GRANTS

As advertised in the previous Research Update, the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (previously DEST), has advised that the 2008 round of International Science Linkages (ISL) competitive grants program was open.

We wish to advise that the Australia-China Special Fund for Scientific and Technological Cooperation is now open for applications.

Applicants must print off the online form and provide it to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed RPAT, no later than Tuesday 18th March.

For more information, please see - <https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/ISL/Pages/Home.aspx>

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HEALTH SPECIFIC FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. HEART FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANTS GRANTS-IN-AID – APPLICATIONS OPEN

The Heart Foundation is pleased to announce a new agreement with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC), where applications for funding from the Heart Foundation will be initially assessed by the NHMRC. The new arrangements will mean that cardiovascular research applications are assessed by a panel of experts in the field, brought together by the NHMRC. To ensure that cardiovascular research continues to receive the amount of funding it needs, the Heart Foundation will still be involved in the assessment process.

Applications for Heart Foundation Grant-in-Aid funding will be submitted to the NHMRC through their online form. Supplementary Questions about relevance to heart, stroke and blood vessel disease and feasibility with a reduced budget will be submitted directly to the Heart Foundation. For additional information from the Heart Foundation, the Grant-in-Aid Instructions and the Supplementary Questions form, please visit <http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Grants-in-Aid.htm>.

Please visit <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/types/granttype/projects/index.htm> for more information from the NHMRC and to apply for funding.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 22nd February 2008.

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2. HEART FOUNDATION TRAVEL GRANTS

Travel Grants are an exciting opportunity for the Heart Foundation to support the development of early career cardiovascular researchers. 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.

Please note that the closing dates for this year's Travel Grants have changed from last year.

Applications plus Research Project Application Tools (RPATs) are to be submitted to the Office of R&D by the following dates:

For travel in April, May and June 2008 - 5.00pm, **Tuesday 4th March 2008**

For travel in July, August and September 2008 - 5.00pm, **Friday 23rd May 2008**

For travel in October, November and December 2008 and January and February 2009 - **Monday, 25th August 2008**

For further information on Travel Grants, please visit http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Travel_Grants.htm

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3. AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND (ARHRF)

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) has released the key dates for its funding programs for 2008:

FUNDING SCHEME	OPENING DATE	ORD SUBMISSION DATE
Mental Health Grants	03 May 2008	01 August 2008
Evaluations Grants	28 June 2008	26 September 2008
Ian Scott Scholarships & Geoffrey Betts Post-Doc Fellowship	01 September 2008	24 October 2008

For more information please see -

<http://www.arhrf.org.au/sub1.asp?pageName=Current%20Opportunities>

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4. ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA RESEARCH (AAR) DEMENTIA GRANTS PROGRAM

Alzheimer's Australia Research (AAR) would like to announce the 2008 Dementia Grants Program. This year, AAR is proud to offer a range of grants, such as:

New Researcher Grants

- 4 AAR Dementia Research Grants of \$20,000
- Hazel Hawke Research Grant in Dementia Care of \$20,000

Travel Grants

- Rosemary Foundation Travel Project Grant of \$10,000
- Rosemary Foundation Travel Stipend Grant of \$5,000

Postgraduate Scholarships

- Hunter Postgraduate Research Scholarship into the Causes of Alzheimer's Disease (\$23,000 per year for 3 years)

Postdoctoral Fellowships

- AAR Postdoctoral Fellowship in Dementia (\$60,000 per year for 3 years)
- 4 Viertel Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowships in Dementia (\$45,000 per year for 2 years with payments matched by applicants' institution)

Application forms and further information can be found at

<http://www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?topicid=250> .

Applications for Research, Travel and Post-doctoral Fellowship Grants are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development (along with a RPAT) no later than Friday 18th April 2008. Applications for the Postdoctoral Fellowships will open shortly. Applications for the Postgraduate Scholarship Grant will open in September 2008.

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5. THE VICTORIAN NEUROTRAUMA INITIATIVE (VNI) GRANTS

The Victorian Neurotrauma Initiative (VNI) is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity for brain and spinal cord injury research to begin in 2009.

The VNI is committed to fostering collaborative and multidisciplinary research with the aim of reducing the impact of neurotrauma and improving the quality of life of people living with these life changing injuries. The VNI Program Grants form a cornerstone of this commitment. Funding is available for research programs of up to five years duration, with a maximum budget of \$5 million per program.

Programs should fall within the following broad areas of research. Programs of work that encompass both areas will also be considered:

- **Acute Injury** – early interventions for spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury. Applications should focus on medical, surgical or other interventions in acutely injured individuals that may either prevent the loss of function and/or restore loss of function in people with neurotrauma.
- **Chronic Injury** – physical and behavioural rehabilitation for spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury. Applications should focus on providing an evidence base for rehabilitation strategies to define and validate best practice, and aim to improve functional outcomes and quality of life in people with neurotrauma.

Health professionals and researchers who would like to undertake research into traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury are invited to apply. **Please note, however, that the research team must include a Victorian-based researcher.**

The application process is a two step process. Step One involves the submission of an EOI from collaborative groups of investigators to convene a “workshop” with the scope to further develop a significant large scale, cutting-edge program. There will be 8 workshops funded, to the value of \$10,000 each. Step Two involves the submission of a full application building on the findings of the workshop.

Expressions of Interest for the Workshop phase are required in the Office of Research and Development no later than [Thursday 28th February 2008](#).

Further information, including guidelines and application templates can be downloaded using the following link: <http://www.vni.com.au/funding/cid/2/parent/0/t/funding>

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PRIZES AND AWARDS

1. CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THIESS RIVERPRIZE IN RIVER RESTORATION

Nominations for the prestigious Thies Riverprize are now open.

Internationally renowned for recognising and rewarding best practice in the restoration and management of river systems around the world, the Thies Riverprize is the most coveted award of river basin and watershed management groups.

First established in 1999, the Thies Riverprize, now valued at AU \$500,000, offers the highest monetary award of river management prizes, and global recognition at the annual International Riversymposium in September. All international and national finalists are invited to present their projects at the Riversymposium which attracts more than 600 participants at all levels of river management in government, science, industry, environmental and community groups from over 50 countries.

There are two awards, and Australian river and catchment management groups may enter both the International Thies Riverprize and National Thies Riverprize.

The monetary value of the 2008 International Thies Riverprize is AU\$350,000, and the 2008 National Thies Riverprize is AU\$150,000, with presentation of the prizes during the Riversymposium.

This tenth anniversary of the Thies Riverprize follows the release in 2007 by the International Riverfoundation of its River Heroes report, documenting the accumulated knowledge and best practice of previous winners.

River Heroes underscores the importance and success of the work of the International Riverfoundation in funding this major global prize that inspires people to find a way to bring rivers back to life, and in many cases, bring safe drinking water to communities in desperate need.

Information and nomination guidelines for the 2008 International and National Thies Riverprizes can be downloaded from www.riversymposium.com. Previous entrants are encouraged to apply again.

Nominations are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Wednesday March 12th, 2008.

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2. THE AUSTRALIAN MARINE SCIENCES ASSOCIATION (AMSA) AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

The Australian Marine Sciences Association (AMSA) was formed in 1963 at a meeting in Cronulla. To commemorate its Silver Jubilee Year in 1988, AMSA established an award for excellence in marine research in Australia, known as the Australian Marine Sciences Association Jubilee Award. It was inaugurated at the AMSA Silver Jubilee Conference in Sydney on December 13, 1988.

The award is presented to a scientist who has made an outstanding contribution to marine research in Australia, and when awarded, is presented at the AMSA annual conference. Contributions to the administration and promotion of marine science and technology are not within the scope of the award.

Selection criteria include such aspects as the development of new insights into Australian marine environments and systems, the initiation of new fields of study or new applications, and the creation of techniques now regarded as standard methods.

Nominations can be made by any person, although self-nominations are not acceptable.

For more information, please see - <http://www.amsa.asn.au/about/silverjubilee.php>

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

1. GRAEME CLARK RESEARCH OUTCOMES FORUM

The Australian Research Council (ARC) is calling for submissions from Federation Fellows and researchers attached to ARC Centres, including early-career researchers, to participate in the inaugural Graeme Clark Research Outcomes Forum and contribute to an ARC research outcomes coffee table book.

Submissions must be emailed to clarkforum@arc.gov.au by **5.00pm AEDT on Thursday, 14th February 2008** to be eligible for consideration.

These EoI's should be submitted directly to the ARC but it would be appreciated if respondents would send a copy of the EoI to ORD.

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2. THE SIR MARK OLIPHANT CONFERENCES - INTERNATIONAL FRONTIERS OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY - VACCINE AND IMMUNOTHERAPY TECHNOLOGIES

Throughout the year, a series of strategically significant international conferences will be held in Australia with the financial support of the Federal government. These conferences will be on high priority, cutting edge, multi-disciplinary themes.

The Vaccine and Immunotherapy Technologies Conference (to be held from 9–11 April 2008 in Canberra), will bring together eminent experts from around the world for a vibrant and cutting-edge conference program. The meeting will provide insight into the rapidly evolving scientific area of vaccines and immunotherapy. It will showcase the most recent high-tech basic science concepts in vaccine and immunotherapy research, and highlight the challenges of deployment and delivery of vaccines in the real world.

Speakers from Australia, Asia, Europe and the US will discuss the research and applied challenges that remain in the fields of vaccines and immunotherapy, and also present current success stories such as the introduction of the first vaccine against cervical cancer.

This conference is jointly managed by the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

Early Bird Registration (before 29 February 2008): \$400.00

Normal Registration: \$450.00

More information on this and future conferences in the series can be found at:

<http://www.oliphant.org.au/conferences.html>

<http://www.oliphant.org.au/april2008.html>

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