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APPLICATIONS BEING SUBMITTED VIA THE NHMRC PROJECT GRANT PROCESS ARE DUE IN THE ORD BY TUESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2009

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. ARC LINKAGE PROJECT GRANTS ROUND 1 OF 2009 – CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
The Office of Research and Development is now calling for Expressions of Interest from applicants intending to submit a proposal under ARC Linkage Projects 2009 Round 1. Please complete the EOI form (available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/tools.cfm) and submit it to Jenni Gaugg in ORD J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au no later than 5pm Monday 9th March 2009.

The EOI will then be reviewed by the Deans of Research in a manner similar to that used for Discovery Project applications and feedback provided to strengthen the application, where relevant.

The Funding Rules and Instructions to Applicants for Round 1 of the ARC Linkage Projects scheme are not yet available. We will notify the research community when they are released by the ARC. We will then be in a position to advise of closing dates, but anticipate that the internal deadline will be mid to late April 2009.

Please note that applications are to be submitted via the new online application system RMS (Research Management System). More information on the application process will be provided once available from the ARC.

Should you have further queries please contact your Research and Development Officer.

2. PFIZER AUSTRALIA RESEARCH GRANTS
Pfizer are now calling for applications under their Research Grants programs. The programs aim to support medical graduates who have recently commenced their research careers in the following areas:

Cardio-vascular and Lipid Research
Applications are 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 8th May 2009.

Neuroscience Research
For more information on funding, eligibility and application processes please see - http://www.nsrgrants.com.au/
Applications are to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT, no later than Wednesday 1st April 2009.

Cancer Research
For more information on funding, eligibility and application processes please see - http://www.crgrants.com.au/Oncology/
Applications are 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 29th May 2009.

Paediatric Endocrine Care Research
For more information on funding, eligibility and application processes please see - http://www.apecgrants.com.au/Paediatric/
Applications are 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 22nd May 2009.

3. AUSTRALIAN MARINE MAMMAL CENTRE GRANTS
Applications for the 2009 marine mammal grant funding are now open.

Proposals are sought that deliver the highest quality science outcomes to address the most pressing marine mammal management needs. Priority will be given to those proposals that address the research priorities.

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
An AMMC Grant is for a project's special requirements and in addition to the basic facilities provided by the researcher's own organisation. This may include financial support for auxiliary staff, equipment, running expenses, consumables and travel. Please consult the Application Guidelines for eligibility.

Applications that demonstrate broad collaboration and maximise co-investment opportunities will be given favourable consideration.

To accommodate Australia's national and international obligations, and to reflect the large-scale movements of many marine mammal species, the funding priorities will focus on the whales, dolphins, seals, sea lions and dugongs of the Australasian region, including the waters of the Indian, Southern and South Pacific Oceans.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT, no later than Tuesday 17th March 2009.

For more information please see: http://www.marinemammals.gov.au/ammc-grants-scheme

4. AUSTRALIA TO U.S. FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
The American Australian Association is offering Fellowships of up to US$25,000 to Australian researchers wishing to undertake advanced research (graduate or postgraduate) in the U.S.

Through these Fellowships, the Association encourages intellectual collaboration and innovation, building on the strong economic and social partnerships between Australia and the United States.

Fields of research supported by the Fellowships:
- Medicine
- Technology
- Science
- Engineering
- Neurosurgery
- Business

General Requirements:
- Applicant's research or study must be at a postgraduate or postdoctoral level.
- Proof of acceptance into a U.S. educational institution.
- Applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.
- The Fellowships are intended to support part of the costs of one year of research/study in the U.S. (applicants must submit a proposed budget).
- Applicants should devote full time to their research or study.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT, no later than Wednesday 8th April 2009.

For further Information please see: www.americanaustralian.org/australian_to_usa_apps/

5. ALZHEIMER’S AUSTRALIA RESEARCH (AAR) GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS
Alzheimer’s Australia Research (AAR) would like to announce the 2009 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
- 2 Hazel Hawke Research Grant in Dementia Care of $20,000

Travel Grants
- Rosemary Foundation Travel Grant of $15,000

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Postdoctoral Fellowships

- 3 AAR Postdoctoral Fellowship in Dementia ($45,000 per year for 2 years with payments matched by applicants’ institution)

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT, no later than Monday 20th April 2009.

Application forms and further information can be found at http://www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?topicid=250.

6. EU PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITY WITH UNIVERSITY OF MALTA – MENTAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LITERACY IN SCHOOLS

The Department of Psychology, Faculty of Education, University of Malta is looking for Australian researchers, preferably based in universities and research centres who would like to join them in an European Union Framework Programme research mobility application they are submitting in March, under the IRSIS programme. http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP7DetailsCallPage&call_id=98

The theme of the program is mental health and social and emotional literacy in schools. So far two two EU countries are involved.

Any researchers who are interested in this activity should make direct contact with:

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. RESEARCH PERFORMANCE INDEX (RPI) – INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS

RPI is an initiative run annually to reward researchers for research excellence and scholarship. The RPI scheme allocates funds based on both performance inputs (external research grants) and outputs (publications, successful postgraduate research supervision etc) in the preceding year.

What you need to know - Researchers

- If you wish to be in a position to participate in RPI this year then you need to be a member of an RPI group.
- ORD does not dictate the number or make up of RPI Groups. They are determined by the research community and they do not need to align with any school or faculty structure.
- Group Registration closed on Friday 6th February.
- To be added as a member of a group you will need to talk to the Group leader or Group Administrator. You may have already been earmarked to join a group by the Group leader.
- You will also need to ensure that all of your 2008 research publications and income data has been entered into SCRIPT. In some groups this is done by the researchers themselves. In other groups it is done by the RPI Group administrator or other administrative staff. Contact your Group leader or administrator to clarify the situation.

What you need to know - RPI Administrators

All registered RPI administrators will have received an email by now providing further information.

In the meantime, more information on RPI please refer to the website.
2. HEART FOUNDATION – CALL FOR REVIEWERS
The Heart Foundation Research Program is calling for reviewers to assist them in assessing applications for the 2009 funding round. For more information on being part of their process for 2009, please see their website.

3. AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS OFFICE STAFF
The Research Grants, Contracts and Consultancy Unit wish to advise that we are now entering our busiest time of the year with applications for ARC Discovery Project grants, NHMRC and Healthway grants all due between now and mid March.

We will receive a significant number of applications for review over the coming six weeks and with the intention of improving our application success rates, attending to these applications and providing feedback to applicants will be our primary focus for this period, as a consequence of this workload, we wish to advise that our response rate on other matters will be slower than normal.

If you are unable to contact us by phone then please leave a voice-mail message or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as we can, we ask that researchers be patient during this period.

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
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 ilecture recordings for the sessions that have been conducted are available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm.
## HELP, TOOLS and TIPS

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## TOOLS AND TIPS

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

- **Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)**

### New Research Codes
The codes can be found on the [ABS website](http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm). You may also find the University of New England’s [Conversion Tool](http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm) useful.

### TIP OF THE WEEK
Want to know more about applying for and managing external research funding?

The new look ORD website provides information on this topic. Please see the following page as a starting point: