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GENERAL

1. INFORMATION ON ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 2011
As some staff may be aware, the ARC recently conducted a consultation process around changing the way the application cycle for their Linkage Projects scheme was structured. Curtin provided feedback into that consultation.

They have just advised that they will continue to conduct two rounds of Linkage Projects each year; as supported by preliminary analysis of responses to the Consultation. Similar to previous years, the first round will open in March, with the second round opening in October 2010.

The Office of R&D will advise of the internal deadlines and review process for proposals shortly. It is likely that the internal closing date for the first round will be around early late April early May 2010, but this is yet to be confirmed.

Other suggestions received in response to the Consultation Paper are also being actively considered.

Further information on Linkage Projects (Round 1) for funding commencing in 2011 will be provided soon.

2. MARINE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES - RV SOUTHERN SURVEYOR VESSEL
Each year RV Southern Surveyor undertakes a number of transit voyages between the ports where one research voyage finishes and the next commences.

The RV Southern Surveyor provides an opportunity for researchers, early career researchers and students to carry out underway or opportunistic science during transit voyages. There are two programs available; Next Wave (for early career researchers and students) and Transit Voyage Science Program (for researchers). Any transit voyage may accommodate both Next Wave and Transit Voyage Science.

Between July 2010 and June 2011 Southern Surveyor will undertake five transit voyages. A schedule of transit voyages for this period is included on the attached flyers, and at the web site. Applications are now open for Next Wave and Transit Voyage Science programs.

Applications 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 12th March 2010.

For more information and to download an application pack please go to http://www.marine.csiro.au/nationalfacility/transitvoyages/index.htm

For further information contact Lisa Woodward lisa.woodward@csiro.au

3. THE AUSTRALIAN EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE FELLOWSHIPS
Applications are now invited for Australian European University Institute Fellowships which provide the opportunity to carry out research at the European University Institute in Florence – the high profile research institute established by the Member States of the founding European Communities in 1972.

A six-month Postdoctoral Fellowship will be offered for the period January-June 2011. Two three-month Postgraduate Fellowships will be offered for the period September-December 2010. In addition, one fellowship will be offered for a Visiting (established) Scholar from an Australian university for one month during the period January-June 2011.

The Fellowships are available to postgraduates and early career researchers currently undertaking research in history, law, economics, and social and political sciences who are able to identify a direct benefit for their research from a period of residence at the EUI. The Postgraduate applicants must be at an advanced stage of their research, and the Postdoctoral Fellowship is available to those who have graduated with a PhD qualification within the last five years.

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
The Postdoctoral Fellowship covers EUI fees for six months and provides a one-off payment of $12,000 to contribute to travel (including insurance) and subsistence. The Postgraduate Fellowships similarly cover EUI fees for three months and provide a one-off payment of $7,000 to contribute to travel (including insurance) and subsistence. For the Visiting Scholar, the AEUIFAI will cover only the EUI fees. The successful candidates in both categories will also have access to the facilities of the Monash University Prato Centre and are encouraged to participate in its activities. At the conclusion of the award period, will have the opportunity to present a paper at the Monash University London Centre. At the conclusion of their tenure, awardees must submit a report to the AEUIFAI on their activities and outcomes.

There is no special application form. Applications must include:

- a CV;
- a description (no more than 2000 words) of the applicant’s research project (background, approach, methodology, significance), including the relevance of the EUI to the work to be covered during tenure there (please consult the EUI website for research interests of current faculty and related projects);
- a 250 word abstract summarizing the proposal and its significance;
- Postdoctoral applicants must include plans to publish in a peer reviewed journal as a result of the period of residence at the EUI, and
- Postgraduate applicants must include a complete academic transcript.

Two confidential letters of support (one from the thesis supervisor in the case of postgraduates) are to be sent directly by separate email cover (with subject line stipulating level of award and applicant’s surname) to euifellowships@arts.monash.edu.au.

The Visiting Scholar’s tenure of one month is to be taken, by arrangement, in the period 9 January-30 June 2011.

The Postdoctoral Fellowship is to be taken up in the period stipulated, viz. 9 January-30 June 2011. The successful applicant should also be prepared to present a public lecture towards the end of the tenure (to be held at Monash Prato) or at their home institution after their return to Australia.

The Postgraduate Fellowships are to be taken up September-December 2010.

Applications 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 12th March 2010.

Further information on the AEUIFAI is available at: http://www.arts.monash.edu.au/history/aeuifai/; on the European University Institute at: http://www.eui.eu; and on the Monash University Prato Centre at http://www.ita.monash.edu; or from the Secretary, Dr Peter Howard, e-mail: peter.howard@arts.monash.edu.au. The selection committee reserves the right not to make an appointment.

The Australian European University Institute Fellowships Association Incorporated and its award scheme is currently generously sponsored by Monash University, the University of Melbourne, the University of Newcastle, the Australian Catholic University and the Delegation of the European Commission to Australia and New Zealand.

4. HORTICULTURE AUSTRALIA LTD (HAL) GRANTS

The General Call for project proposals seeking funding in 2010/11 is open.

The General Call is for proposals that are funded by voluntary contribution only. HAL can co-invest with a proposal applicant on a dollar for dollar basis. The funds contributed by the applicant are referred to as Voluntary Contributions (VCs). HAL is able to provide matching funds from the Australian Government for VCs for projects which fall within the definition of R&D and are in line with the Australian Government’s Rural Research and Development priorities.

Applications 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 Monday 15th March 2010.

Information on priorities and how to submit an application is available at www.horticulture.com.au
5. FRENCH-AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FAST) PROGRAM
This is to advise of the forthcoming Round of the French-Australian Science and Technology (FAST) Program. The aim of the FAST Program is to promote and facilitate scientific and technological cooperation between Australian and French researchers.

The Australian Government in conjunction with the Government of the Republic of France established the FAST Program in 2003. The Program is jointly managed by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and its French counterparts, the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs.

The FAST Program provides funding support for international travel to France, and domestic travel and living expenses associated with participation in research projects in France. Funding does not extend to insurances, salaries and equipment expenses.

The next round of FAST opens on 15 February. Applications are being sought in the areas of life sciences (including medical and health sciences), environmental sciences and energy. These priorities have been agreed by the Australian and French Governments.

Applications 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 5th March 2010.

Further information, including the program guidelines and online application form, can be found at http://grants.innovation.gov.au.

6. AUSTRALIA AND PACIFIC SCIENCE FOUNDATION (APSF) GRANTS
In 2000, the Australia and Pacific Science Foundation (APSF) was established to sponsor activities within Australia and managed by Australian entities. In 2005, sponsorship was extended to include projects with components within the south west Pacific, managed by Australian institutions or other entities within those countries.

In seeking to achieve its aims, the Australia and Pacific Science Foundation provides support, on a competitive basis, for the following activities:
1. The top priority is to encourage high quality research by scientists in Australian national or state institutions, and similar institutions in other countries of the south west Pacific
2. Occasional support may also be given to such activities as training, publications, or conferences

The foundation seeks to complement, rather than compete with, other funding bodies. Experience has shown that modest support can be particularly effective if used as "seed money" to initiate projects, that may subsequently expand and attract major funding from other sources. Foundation grants have also supported specific components of large projects financed primarily by other agencies.

The research committee particularly favours activities that seem likely to lead to improved systems of managing land, water, plants, and animals in ways that will enhance the productivity and quality of food, fisheries, plants, and forests, while simultaneously conserving the natural environment, preserving biodiversity, avoiding pollution of soils and water, and enhancing human health and welfare.

Applications 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 5th March 2010.

For more information please see: http://www.apscience.org.au/guidelines.html
HEALTH SPECIFIC

1. 2009 NHMRC PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS
Applicants wishing to apply for funding under the 2009 NHMRC Partnership Projects call (announced December 2009, closing 30 April 2010) are advised that applications can be now be submitted on-line in RGMS.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, no later than Friday 9th April 2010.

Further information about this call, including the Funding Policy and Advice to Applicants, can be found on the NHMRC website.

2. ALZHEIMER’S AUSTRALIA RESEARCH (AAR) DEMENTIA GRANTS PROGRAM
Alzheimer’s Australia Research (AAR) would like to announce the 2010 Dementia Grants Program. This year, AAR is proud to offer a range of grants, such as:

   - **New Researcher Grants**
     - 5 AAR Dementia Research Grants of $25,000
     - 2 Hazel Hawke Research Grant in Dementia Care of $25,000
     - 1 Hunter Research Grant into the Causes of Alzheimer’s Disease of $25,000

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

   - **Postgraduate Scholarships**
     - 1 AAR Postgraduate Scholarship in Dementia ($30,000 per year for 3 years)

   - **Postdoctoral Fellowships**
     - 2 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 Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), preferably generated via SCRIPT, no later than Wednesday 31 March 2010.

http://www.alzheimers.org.au/content.cfm?infopageid=2553

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA STUDENT PRIZE FOR THE HISTORY OF AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE OR AUSTRALIAN ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY
Applications are now open for the National Museum of Australia Student Prize for the History of Australian Science or Australian Environmental History. This prize is open to essays based on original unpublished research undertaken whilst enrolled as a student (postgraduate or undergraduate) at any tertiary educational institution in the world.

The deadline for entries is 26 February, 2010. This notice is also available on the Academy’s website at http://www.science.org.au/natcoms/nc-hps/hps-award-hasaeh.html. Please pass this notice to anyone you believe would be interested in the prize.

2. FUNDING TO STAGE SIR MARK OLIPHANT CONFERENCES IN AUSTRALIA
Applications for funding to hold Sir Mark Oliphant International Frontiers of Science and Technology conferences in Australia between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 are now open.

The closing date for applications is 12 March 2010.

More information is available at the links below:
3. RESEARCH FORUM - ‘CANADIAN RESEARCH GRANTS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUSTRALIAN RESEARCHERS’

Presentation by:
Mr Tony McKittrick
Manager, Academic Relations
High Commission of Canada

Date: Wednesday 28 April 2010
Time: 3.00pm – 5.00pm
Venue: Council Chamber, Curtin University

Mr Tony McKittrick will address issues covering the Government of Canada’s Understanding Canada program as well as funding available from Canada’s three major federal research councils:
- the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)
- the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC)
- the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

He will also provide information on grants offered by some of the provinces and other non-government organisations as well as information postdoctoral fellowships and graduate travel scholarships will also be covered.

This information session would be of value to academic staff members who are interested in collaborative research funding opportunities in Canada.

Please RSVP by email to j.clements@curtin.edu.au by 12 April 2010.
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## TOOLS AND TIPS

### USEFUL WEBLINKS

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


Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)  