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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. AUSTRALIAN LEADERSHIP AWARDS (ALA) - FELLOWSHIPS
Please note that this is not exclusively a research funding opportunity.

The Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Fellowships fall under the Australia Awards initiative which was announced by the Australian Government in November 2009. The ALA Fellowships program aims to develop leadership, address priority regional issues and build partnerships and linkages with developing countries.

The ALA Fellowships program is a global program that complements AusAID’s scholarship program. ALA Fellowships do not lead to academic qualifications. They are designed to provide short term opportunities for study, research and professional attachment programs in Australia delivered by Australian organisations.

Through the ALA Fellowships program, Australian organisations can apply for funding to support a range of activities that will develop expertise and leadership capacity in eligible countries.

The goal of the ALA Fellowships program is to develop appropriately trained current and aspiring leaders in priority areas, who, in the short to medium term, will be in a position to advance key regional policy objectives and increase institutional capacity of partner countries. ALA Fellowships are designed to complement individual bilateral country programs by offering flexible fellowship placements which address current and emerging needs at the country, sub-regional and regional levels.

A maximum of $35,000 per Fellow is available which can include:
- return economy airfare from/to home country’s international hub
- in-Australia transport in respect of approved activities
- short course/tuition/training course costs
- accommodation and living expenses
- medical insurance costs when in Australia
- special assistance/assistive devices (to support people with disability)
- program overhead fee

Any applications for RESEARCH 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 13th June 2011.

Any non-research applications should be submitted through your Faculty.


2. IAN POTTER FOUNDATION GRANTS
The Ian Potter Foundation provides a number of grants that can be relevant to research.
The foundation makes grants for general charitable purposes in Australia that advance knowledge and benefit the community in the areas of the arts, community well-being, education, environment and conservation, healthy communities, medical research, science, and travel and conference attendance.

For more information on the grant opportunities available please see - http://foundation.ianpotter.org.au/how_to_apply.html

In some cases applications can be submitted up to three times per year. In other cases there is only an annual call for proposals.

Applications for the current round 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 23rd May 2011.
HEALTH
1. 2012 ARTHRITIS AUSTRALIA NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM
The objectives of the research and professional education program are:

- To support specific research projects into arthritis and other musculoskeletal disorders
- To support and foster the career development of scientists and clinical investigators committed to research into arthritis and allied disorders

There are three categories
- Fellowships
- Scholarships
- Grants in Aid and Project Grants

Awards are available to clinical, scientific and allied health professionals who work in universities, hospitals or recognised research institutes.

There is currently a call open for the following:

Fellowships
The AFA-ARA Heald Fellowship - $50,000
The AFA-ARA Heald Fellowship is available for research programs both overseas and in Australia. Please note that this is for one year only and there will be no renewals, except in rare circumstances e.g. part-time research. (preference for research overseas but Australian-based research will be considered).

Project Grants & Grants in Aid
Grants are typically for short-term projects with well defined aims that can be achieved within a 12 month period. In some cases these grants address particular questions and may complement larger established programs of research. The amount_allocated is generally in the range of $10,000 - $15,000 per grant for new investigator grants (defined as within 6 years of receiving their PhD). A maximum of four project grants valued up to $50,000 will be available, including grants focusing on specific arthritic conditions such as rheumatoid arthritis.

ARA Project Grant - $75,000
Two project grants ($50,000 & $25,000). These grants are available to members of the ARA who wish to come into research and aims to facilitate entry back into research. The track record of applicant is not a pre-requisite but the applicant will have to have an innovative, feasible and well designed research project undertaken in collaboration with an established research unit.

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 1st July 2011.


2. MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH AUSTRALIA (MSRA) RESEARCH PROGRAM
MS Research Australia offers a range of grants, fellowships and scholarships to support research into finding better treatments and a cure for MS. One is highlighted below:

Incubator Grants
The Incubator Grant Request to submit (RTS) application is a very short form of the Incubator Grant. It qualifies applicants who may later be invited to submit a full Incubator Grant. A successful RTS application will demonstrate at a high level, that the research has the potential to realise the benefits of an Incubator Grant which will allow the applicant to gain expertise, create preliminary data and lead to a grant application to MSRA, NHMRC, ARC or NMSS at a later stage.

To be considered applicants must have experience in MS research and been through the Incubator Grant Request Submit (RTS) application process. There are two more RTS rounds in 2011 closing in July and September.
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 8th July 2011 for the next round or Friday 16th September 2011 for the last round of the year.

For more information on these grants please see - http://www.msra.org.au/project-grants

For more information on the full range of funding opportunities available please see - http://www.msra.org.au/annual-funding-opportunities

3. HEART FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND TRAVEL GRANTS

Scholarships
The Heart Foundation is offering funding to support researchers to undertake PhD studies in the area of cardiovascular disease and related disorders. The research may be pursued as an investigation in biomedical, clinical or public health research (including health services research).

Postgraduate Scholarships are offered to medical, science, allied health, nursing graduates or other relevant postgraduates seeking support for full-time or part-time studies leading to a PhD at an Australian university or institution. Postgraduate Scholarships are normally awarded for three years.

Stroke Foundation co-funded Postgraduate Scholarships
The Heart Foundation and the National Stroke Foundation are partnering to offer funding for Postgraduate Scholarships for research into the prevention, causes, diagnosis, treatment and long term support for stroke.

Scholarships are only awarded to postgraduate students to support study towards a PhD. Part-time applicants will also be considered. A separate application is not required for part-time awards.

Applications are to be submitted to the Scholarships Office with ORD no later than Friday 17th June 2011.

For more information, click here

Travel Grants
Travel Grants valued at up to $2,000 are available to support Australian early career researchers travelling to present their cardiovascular research at an overseas conference. They are also available for Indigenous health researchers travelling to present their research within Australia.

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 August 2011.

For more information, click here.

4. ALZHEIMER’S AUSTRALIA RESEARCH (AAR) SCHOLARSHIPS

AAR is pleased to offer a number of postgraduate scholarships in 2011:

Postgraduate Scholarships
- 3 AAR Postgraduate Research Scholarships in Dementia ($30,000 per year for 3 years)
- 1 Resthaven Inc. Postgraduate Scholarship - Quality in Dementia Care ($30,000 per year for 3 years with the possibility of 6 months extension)
- 1 Viertel Foundation Postgraduate Scholarship in Dementia ($30,000 per year for 3 years)

Applications are to be submitted to the Scholarships Office with ORD no later than Monday 24th October 2011.

Applications for postgraduate scholarships will open early September 2011.

Further information can be found at: http://www.alzheimers.org.au/research-publications/dementia-grants-program.aspx
SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. STATUS OF CURTIN INTERNAL GRANT SCHEMES
To support the continued growth of Curtin's research activity, the Office of Research and Development is investing strategic research funds to support applications to schemes such as targeted Australian Research Council (ARC) initiatives and prestigious schemes aligned with Curtin's research objectives, which will be announced through the Research Updates and/or communicated through Faculty Deans of Research. Investment in targeted schemes is expected to increase the University's success rates and further strengthen Curtin's research reputation. Given this approach, the Internal Research Grants Scheme and the Curtin Linkage Grants Scheme have been discontinued. Current holders of grants under both IRG and CLG are required to meet their commitments as per the conditions of grant.

2. RESEARCH OPERATIONS STAFF MEMBER NAME CHANGE – FELICITY LONSDALE
Please be advised that Felicity Lonsdale has changed her name to Felicity Kamid. Her email address has now changed to Felicity.Kamid@curtin.edu.au. While her old email address will still work for a while, please update your records to the new name.
### HELP, TOOLS, CONTACTS and TIPS

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### USEFUL WEBLINKS

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