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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. ARC INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS DEVELOPMENT SCHEME – FUNDING RULES OUT NOW FOR ENHANCED SCHEME


A number of enhancements to the scheme have been made after consultation with the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS). These changes were announced by the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research on Monday 16 February and are summarised in Section 5 of the Funding Rules. The media release is available at http://www.arc.gov.au/media/releases/media_16Feb09.htm.

One of the major reforms to the scheme is the introduction of a new fellowship—the Australian Research Fellowship Indigenous (ARF Indigenous). The new fellowship will exist in addition to the current Indigenous Researcher Fellowships, but as a senior position. Other reforms to the scheme include an increase in maximum funding for successful proposals—including a request for the new fellowship—and a new objective of attracting and retaining established Indigenous researchers.

Indigenous researchers form an intrinsic part of the Australian research community and strengthen the diversity of Australia's research capacity and capabilities through their unique experiences, skills and knowledge,” Senator Carr said.

“The Australian Government is committed to enhancing support for Indigenous researchers and research to ensure that all talented Australian academics are given a fair-go and the wider community have the opportunity to benefit from their endeavours.

Applications are due in the Office of Research and Development no later than Wednesday 29th April 2009.

We will provide further notification when Online Application Forms and other relevant documentation that will assist applicants in submitting Proposals become available.

If you have any questions, please email ARC-DiscoveryProjects@arc.gov.au or phone 02 6287 6600.

2. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - STATE HEALTH RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SCHRAC) RESEARCH TRANSLATION PROJECTS 2009/10

The Health Department of WA have advised that applications are now invited for the third round of the Research Translation Projects grant program developed by the State Health Research Advisory Council (SCHRAC). Funding is available for short-term projects that will investigate and evaluate efficiencies and cost savings that research can deliver to WA Health in the process of health care. Projects will be selected on competitive merit. The maximum that can be requested is $200,000.

Details can be found at http://www.shrac.health.wa.gov.au/funding/index.cfm

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT, no later than Friday 13th March 2009.

3. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – NEW INDEPENDENT RESEARCHER INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT (NIRIS) APPLICATIONS 2009

The Department of Health is now inviting applications for “New Independent Researcher Infrastructure Support (NIRIS) Awards” to recognise outstanding new independent medical and health researchers in WA.

NIRIS Awards of up to $10,000 each are available on competitive merit. These awards are for infrastructure costs associated with research programs over a period of 12 months commencing in calendar year 2009. Applicants must meet several eligibility criteria.
Further information and application forms are available online at www.shrac.health.wa.gov.au/funding or by contacting the Research Development Unit at shrac@health.wa.gov.au

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT, no later than Friday 13th March 2009. Please note that this is the same date as the State Health Research Advisory Council (SHRAC) Research Translation grants.

4. DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION, INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND RESEARCH - AUSTRALIA-CHINA SPECIAL FUND FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2009
The Australian Government and the Government of the People’s Republic of China jointly manage the Australia-China Special Fund for Scientific and Technological Cooperation. The Fund is designed to promote and support scientific and technological cooperation between Australian and Chinese researchers in both public and private sectors. The Fund will provide financial assistance, on a competitive basis, for participation in international collaborative scientific and research projects.

The 2009 Australian call for proposals will open on Monday 2 March 2009.

Each partner must submit an application to their respective Government (Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research for the Australian applicants, Ministry of Science and Technology or the National Natural Science Foundation of China for the Chinese applicants).

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT, no later than Thursday 2nd April 2009.

Australian applicants should refer to the Australia-China Special Fund Guidelines and other program information available at https://grants.innovation.gov.au/ISL/Pages/Home.aspx, before commencing their application.

Australian applicants requiring more information can direct questions by email to: isl@innovation.gov.au

5. PAPUA NEW GUINEA HIV RESEARCH
The Papua New Guinea National AIDS Council Secretariat, in partnership with the AusAID, is seeking to attract high quality, innovative and relevant research proposals which aim to address the priorities identified in the PNG National Research Agenda for HIV and AIDS.

Funding is available from $50,000 to $300,000 per year for 3 years.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT, no later than Monday 9th March 2009.


For inquiries please email: ResearchAwards@nacs.org.pg

6. NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
The Heart Foundation is offering funding to support researchers working in the area of cardiovascular disease and related disorders. We are now calling for applications for fellowships to commence in 2010.

Postdoctoral Fellowships
- These fellowships are available to medical and science graduates who have completed an MD or PhD award within the last five years and who are seeking support to become independent researchers. Postdoctoral Fellowships are tenable for up to two years. They may be full or part-time. Click here for more information.
Overseas Research Fellowships
Overseas Research Fellowships are available to medical and science graduates who have completed a PhD or MD award within the last 24 months. Click here for more information.

Career Development Fellowship
The purpose of the Career Development Fellowship is to develop the career of Australian citizens or permanent residents, who are 2-12 years postdoctoral (2-7 and 7-12 years). These awards are the most prestigious offered by the program. Career Development Fellowships are tenable for four years. They may be full or part time. Click here for more information.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably completed via SCRIPT, no later than Thursday 2nd April 2009.

For further information, please call 03 9321 1581 or email research@heartfoundation.org.au

7. AUSTRALIA JAPAN MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM
Australia and Japan have recently committed to jointly fund and administer a Marine Science program under the auspices of Australia's International Science Linkages (ISL) Program and Japan's Strategic International Cooperative Program (SICP).

The co-ordinating agencies responsible for this collaborative effort will be DIISR on behalf of the Australian Government and the Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) on behalf of the Government of Japan.

DIISR and JST will jointly choose a maximum of three collaborative projects before the end of June 2009. Total funding for the Australian partner of up to AUD70,000 (GST exclusive) per project is available for two years, 2009/10 and 2010/11 (AUD35,000 per year).

A call for proposals has been released for the Japanese partners by JST for submission by 19 March 2009. Please note that these applications must be sent to JST and not DIISR.

The definition of "Marine Science" for the purpose of these collaborative projects is that the research is expected to be done near the coast (including coral reefs, mud flats and seaweed beds and excluding the deep sea) or in Antarctic waters. Example areas of research include Biodiversity, Bioinformatics (e.g. drug discovery, creation of enzymes, etc), Environmental Pollution / Biological Concentration, Water Quality & Ecosystem Health, Climate Change Impacts, and Understanding Marine Microbes and Symbioses.

More information can be found at the attached URL: http://www.jst.go.jp/sicp/Guideline_au1.pdf

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. STAFF CHANGES IN ORD
We are pleased to advise that Felicity Longman has joined the team as the Health Sciences Research and Development Officer. Felicity replaces Glenn Jones as the Research and Development Officer for the Health Sciences faculty. Felicity can be contacted on 08 9266 1013 or via email at F.Londsdale@curtin.edu.au.

Please note, however, that Dianne Jeffery will be handling the current NHMRC, Healthway, ARC Discovery applications.

2. AUSTRALASIAN COLLEGE OF ROAD SAFETY CONFERENCE – PERTH – 5-6 NOVEMBER 2009
The Australasian College of Road Safety is pleased to invite abstracts for both papers and posters for its annual conference to be held in Perth 5-6 November 2009.

Guidelines and further information are available from www.acrs.org.au/activitiesevents/

The closing date for abstracts is 29 May 2009. Any queries may be sent to eo@acrs.org.au or phone 02 62902509.
3. HEART FOUNDATION CONFERENCE – BRISBANE - 14TH -16TH MAY 2009
Registrations for the Heart Foundation Conference 2009 are now OPEN.

Please visit www.heartfoundation2009.com to register online. Be quick - early bird registration closes 23 March 2009. As an added incentive to register early, all full early bird registrations include a ticket to the Heart Foundation 50th Anniversary gala Ball to be held during the conference.

This conference deals with prevention, early intervention, treatment and rehabilitation in one forum. Topics will be extensive and include healthy lifestyles, managing risk, acute coronary syndrome, lipids, women and heart disease, cardiomyopathies and heart failure and technological advances.

Cardiologists, cardiac surgeons, cardiac technicians, general practitioners, nurses, public health professionals, dieticians, nutritionists, researchers and allied health professionals should not miss this opportunity to discuss, debate and decide on the future of cardiovascular health in the Asia pacific region and indeed, the world.

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 an 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 that 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.
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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://www.abs.gov.au). 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: