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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS 2010 ROUND 1 (FOR FUNDING TO COMMENCE IN 2011) – PRELIMINARY NOTICE
As advertised in Research Update 3, the ARC have advised that in 2010 they will continue to offer two project funding rounds per year for Linkage Projects. ORD will shortly be advertising for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for ARC Linkage Projects 2010 Round 1 (to commence in 2011). Potential applicants are advised to be ready to put together an EOI in the coming weeks. A proforma for the EOI will be provided, along with details of deadlines. Faculty Deans of Research will review the EOIs and provide feedback to potential applicants.

2. FUNDING FOR COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH WITH GERMANY
The Australian Academy of Science is pleased to invite applications for two new bilateral funding initiatives to support researcher mobility and collaborative research projects between Australia and Germany in key priority fields of research in FY 2010-2011.

Applications are now open for the following calls.

Australia-Germany Researcher Mobility Call
The Australia-Germany Researcher Mobility Call 2010/11 (‘mobility call’) is a one-off funding source to facilitate bilateral research. Travel funding is provided for Australian researchers to visit Germany (up to three months per trip) between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011 to work on collaborative research projects with German counterparts. Funding supports international travel and living expenses only; not direct research costs.

The Australian and German Governments have identified a number of areas of priority for bilateral collaboration. Proposals in the fields of nanotechnology; environmental research and technologies; information and communication technologies; and geosciences and marine sciences, will be considered.


Australia-Germany Solar Photovoltaics Research Call
The Australia-Germany Solar Photovoltaics Research Call 2010/11 (‘Solar PV call’) is a one-off funding source to facilitate bilateral research projects in this field. Funding is provided in the initial stages of a collaborative research project (between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011) to support international travel and living expenses and research costs.

This is a bilateral call, and the lead organisation from each country must submit an application to their respective Government. The Australian and German assessment processes will be consistent and coordinated. The weblink below applies to Australian applicants only. German project partners should contact the International Bureau of the Federal Government Ministry for Education and Research for further information on how to apply.


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 19th March 2010.

This project is supported by the Australian Government Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research International Science Linkages program in 2010-11, to be matched by the German Government.

3. INTERNATIONAL FULBRIGHT SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PhD SCHOLARSHIP
The Australian-American Fulbright Commission would like to draw your attention to this exciting new Scholarship opportunity for an Australian graduate to apply for an International Science and Technology Scholarship to study for a PhD at a US university, fully funded for up to three years, at up to Aus $300,000.

The scholarship covers full tuition; return airfare, monthly stipend, allowances for books, health and accident insurance, support and enrichment seminars.
Online applications close on **Sunday 1 May 2010**. They do not need to be submitted via ORD.


**ALL ENQUIRIES TO FULBRIGHT PLEASE:** fulbright@fulbright.com.au

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### 4. POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW (EARLY CAREER) - CSIRO MINERALS DOWN UNDER FLAGSHIP CLUSTER – MINERALS FUTURES: REGIONS IN TRANSITION

Applications are being sought from appropriately qualified individuals for a position as a postdoctoral research fellow (early career) to work on the CSIRO Minerals Down Under Flagship Cluster – Minerals Futures: Regions in Transition project.

The Research Fellow will participate in a research study funded by the CSIRO Minerals Down Under Flagship. ‘Minerals Futures’ is the overarching project and involves a cluster of five universities including University of Queensland, Curtin University of Technology, University of Technology Sydney, Australian National University and Central Queensland University. The specific cluster project related to this research position is entitled “Regions in Transition”. The study involves a research synthesis of the social impacts of mining and landuse change, particularised to designated case sites within regional Western Australia. This includes both qualitative and quantitative research and analysis, involving stakeholder and community groups.

For the full Position Description, selection criteria and contact details please click [here](#).  

Applications close on **Monday 15th March 2010**.

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### 5. AINSE POST GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS

Applications for AINSE 2010 Post Graduate Research Awards (PGRA) are now open. These top-up scholarships are for doctoral candidates holding an APRA or equivalent scholarship at an AINSE member university. Applicants will have a research project associated with nuclear science, or its applications, and require access to the unique national facilities at ANSTO.

The scholarships provide a supplement stipend of up to $7,500 pa as well as a travel and accommodation allowance to enable students to work at Lucas Heights.

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 **Thursday 15 April 2010**.

The application form can be found at [http://www.ainse.edu.au/ainse/for_graduate_students/post_graduate_awards.html](http://www.ainse.edu.au/ainse/for_graduate_students/post_graduate_awards.html)

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### HEALTH SPECIFIC

#### 1. NHMRC CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 2011 - REMINDER

The Career Development Awards funding scheme aims to further develop Australian health and medical researchers early in their career.

**This is a reminder that NHMRC Career Development Award applications are due in the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 12th March 2010.**

Applications are to be submitted along with a completed **Certification form** signed by all investigators. The Certification form is available at - [http://research.curtin.edu.au/forms/grantsforms.cfm](http://research.curtin.edu.au/forms/grantsforms.cfm)

Further information on the Career Development Award scheme can be found on the [NHMRC website](http://research.curtin.edu.au/forms/grantsforms.cfm).
2. NHMRC PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS
The second call for funding under the NHMRC Partnership Projects initiative (Partnership Projects 2009) was announced in the 2009 - 2010 Funding Calendar. Applications for this call will be submitted online through the NHMRC's Research Grants Management System (RGMS).

NHMRC Partnerships represent a major new focus for the NHMRC. They aim to lead to more effective connections between decision makers who design policy and researchers, and to improve the availability and quality of research evidence to help inform the policy process. NHMRC Partnership Projects will support collaborations between researchers and policy or practice agencies. Applications for these awards will be a joint effort by researchers and agencies and the NHMRC will ensure that parties have appropriate formal agreements regarding matters such as intellectual property and publication of findings.

A hard copy of your snapshot report (generated via RGMS) and any relevant attachments are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, no later than Friday 9th April 2010.

Information about the grants is provided in the Advice and Instructions to Applicants and Funding Policy documents available from http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/partnerships/index.htm.

3. SYLVIA AND CHARLES VIERTEL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION HEALTH GRANTS
The Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation are pleased to invite applications for the foundation’s medical program. There are two categories:

Senior Medical Research Fellowships
Applications are invited for five-year Senior Medical Research Fellowships valued at $195,000 per annum to be held in Australia to commence in 2011. The Fellowship is an integral part of a scheme that is intended to provide both salary and project grant support for outstanding medical researchers. The total value of the award is $975,000.

Researchers who are medically qualified or graduates of another scientific discipline, with recognised postdoctoral achievements seeking to establish a research career in Australia and undertake research in an Australian academic institution, are eligible to apply whether they are currently working in Australia or not. Only Australian nationals or permanent residents are eligible for the awards.

Clinical Investigatorships
Applications are also invited for “Clinical Investigator” awards of $60,000, given on a once only basis. The Foundation hopes to offer five awards in this category.

Eligible applicants will be medical graduates or graduates of other clinical disciplines who have completed both their clinical and research training which will normally be at doctoral level and are commencing their first definitive clinical position, or have been in such a post for no more than 24 months on 1st May 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 23rd April 2010.

Further application and application forms are available at – http://www.anz.com/personal/private-bank-trustees/trustees/apply-grant/named-charitable-trusts/
These processes are currently undergoing user acceptance testing and it is expected that this will be completed by mid February 2010. Subject to successful testing, the migration of all active grants from RMIS to RGMS, will take place. The migration includes grants ending in 2008, 2009 and those in receipt of funds for 2010 and beyond.

**Changes to Annual and Final Reporting**

With the implementation of RGMS and the significant impact it will have on the method of submission of both financial and scientific reports, consideration has been given to rescheduling these. It has therefore been decided by the NHMRC that for 2010 only, the due date for submission of the following reports is to be deferred by three months as follows:

- Annual Financial Statements and scientific reports deferred from 31 March to 30 June 2010
- Final reports and Acquittals to have a due date of 30 September 2010

It is hoped that by deferring the due dates Institutions will be able to submit their reports, online, through RGMS. While the financial acquittal template will largely remain the same, the progress report format will vary and there will be additional requirements to those in the current reporting template.

The Office of Research and Development has been impressed by the number of researchers who started their report preparation early in order to meet the internal deadline of March 12th, which was based on original NHMRC timelines. For those researchers who have completed their progress and financial reports ORD will endeavour to transfer as much of this information as possible onto RGMS on your behalf. Unfortunately the new reports do not mirror the old reports and there is additional information that will need to be inputted prior to electronic submission.

ORD will provide updated deadlines as soon as the reports are available on RGMS.

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**2. CURTIN UNIVERSITY’S ANNUAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**

The University’s annual Research Symposium is scheduled for Monday 30 August 2010, 8.00am – 5.00pm. The symposium will be held on campus. The guest speaker for this year is Dr Thomas Barlow whose address is titled ‘Research at Curtin - An Outsider’s Perspective’

Dr Barlow will examine some of the trends challenging Australian universities over the past ten years and the impact of these trends on strategies to build research capacity. He will offer an outsider's assessment of Curtin's research portfolio and offer observations about our competitive environment. Dr Barlow will explore whether there are things we might consider doing differently in the future.

Dr Barlow is a prominent thinker and speaker, who provides imaginative and rational advice on R&D strategy to universities, high-tech companies, and governments. He publishes a major study on *The State of Research in Australian Universities,* the second edition of which was released in late 2009. He has been a columnist with the Financial Times newspaper in London, a science advisor to a former federal Minister for Education, Science and Training, and a research fellow at Oxford University and MIT. He is also the author of *The Australian Miracle,* published by Picador, an influential book about Australian innovation.

*Please put this date in your diaries, more information will be available in the near future.*

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**3. CURTIN WOMEN’S RESEARCH – MAKING A DIFFERENCE - SEMINAR**

In celebration of International Women’s Day Curtin University of Technology is pleased to invite you to “Curtin Women’s Research – Making a Difference.” Hosted by Professor Linda Kristjanson, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Development, this lunch seminar will feature presentations by four leading Curtin researchers followed by a Q&A session.

- **Monday 8 March 2010 Council Chamber, Level 3, Building 100**
  - 12.00pm - Light lunch served
  - 12.15-1.30pm - Presentations

Presenters include:

- **Professor Linda Briskman,** Chair in Human Rights Education, Centre for Human Rights Education, presenting “Pushing research boundaries through academic activism”.

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website [www.research.curtin.edu.au](http://www.research.curtin.edu.au)
• **Professor Alexandra McManus**, Director, Centre of Excellence for Seafood, Science and Health, presenting “Developing nutritional resources to help consumers make informed choices about their health: from paper to web (and everything in between)”.

• **Dr Christine Storer**, Agribusiness Discipline Leader and Acting Muresk Campus Manager, presenting “A potted tour of research projects from food consumers to farmers and back again”.

• **Professor Kate Wright**, Dean of Research and Development, Faculty of Science and Engineering, presenting “Getting into deep water”.

As seating is limited, please RSVP to 9266 2563 or email events@curtin.edu.au by Thursday, 4 March 2010.

### 4. CONFERENCE - GREENING HUMAN CAPITAL

A two-day International Conference on Developing Human Capital for Sustainable Economies will be held from May 27th to 28th, 2010 in the “green” city of Karlsruhe, Germany. This event will bring together academia, senior executives of public and private organisations, chief human capital officers, business executives and corporate advisors, economists, policy makers, environmental management experts, sustainable development practitioners, representatives of international development agencies and other relevant stakeholders to discuss key emerging issues including: global warming and the emergence of the green economy; how is the transformation from high to low carbon and sustainable economy impacting human capital management; and effective initiatives needed to develop and manage human capital for the next economies – the green economies.

Further to the knowledge sharing on greening human capital; the upcoming event also provides an excellent networking opportunity with members of international agencies, governmental and non-governmental institutions, senior corporate and hr executives, academia, economists, sustainable development practitioners and other relevant stakeholders in Europe and beyond.

For further information, please see the event details: [http://www.etechgermany.com/HCConference.pdf](http://www.etechgermany.com/HCConference.pdf)

### 5. INTELLIGENT GRID INDUSTRY FORUM – “TOWARDS AN AUSTRALIAN DISTRIBUTED ENERGY ROADMAP” - 11 MARCH 2010

The next Intelligent Grid Industry Forum, *Towards an Australian Distributed Energy Roadmap*, will be held at the Technology Park Function Centre, Bentley, Perth on Thursday 11 March, 2010. Please click [here](http://surveys.uts.edu.au/index.cfm?surveyid=5088) to view the brochure which contains the program.

Hosted by Curtin University of Technology, this forum will explore the benefits, costs, barriers and policy tools associated with advancing low emission distributed energy technologies. It will examine the potential of distributed energy (distributed generation, demand management and energy efficiency), within the context of social, environmental and economic factors to deliver a secure and flexible energy supply for Australia. The Forum brings together representatives from electricity utilities, distributed energy technology providers, energy customers, regulators, academics, policy makers and other key stakeholders.

The Intelligent Grid Research Program is major three-year research collaboration between CSIRO and five of Australia's leading universities, under the CSIRO's Energy Transformed Flagship. Launched in August 2008, the program aims to facilitate major greenhouse gas emission reduction by integrating distributed energy technology with a smart electricity network. For more detail, please see igrid.net.au.

To ensure that our research is relevant to key stakeholders we are holding a series of free “Industry Forums” across Australia. This upcoming Forum in Perth is the fourth in a series of six stakeholder consultation forums over 18 months, focused on the development of an Australian Distributed Energy Roadmap. The Roadmap is intended to provide a concise and practical blueprint for accelerating the deployment of energy efficiency, load management, distributed generation and smart metering in Australia.

Spaces are limited, so if you have not already registered please click the below link by: [http://surveys.uts.edu.au/index.cfm?surveyid=5088](http://surveys.uts.edu.au/index.cfm?surveyid=5088)

For inquiries please contact: Louise.Boronyak@uts.edu.au. For further information regarding the Intelligent Grid Research Program see: igrid.net.au.
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**USEFUL WEBSITES**

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


**Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)**
