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Research Update

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SPECIAL ISSUE

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For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. ARC LINKAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES (LIEF) - CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOIs) FOR FUNDING IN 2010

The Australian Research Council’s (ARC) Linkage–Infrastructure Equipment & Facilities (LIEF) scheme is part of the National Competitive Grants Programme (NCGP) and has the following four objectives:

- Encourage eligible organisations to develop collaborative arrangements in the higher education sector and with organisations outside the sector, in order to develop research infrastructure;
- Support large-scale cooperative initiatives, thereby allowing expensive infrastructure, equipment and facilities to be shared;
- Enhance support for areas of research strength; and
- Ensure that researchers in fields of recognised research potential have access to the support necessary to carry out high-quality research.

The minimum grant under LIEF is expected to be $100,000 (net of GST, based on 2008 Guidelines), with a total of approximately $31 million funded in 2009. Funding is normally for one year only. However, applications for multiple years of funding may be considered in the case of subscriptions or other payments in respect of major international facilities where up to 5 years of funding may be provided.

Generally, applications should involve two or more eligible higher education institutions and individual researchers may not be named as Chief Investigator on more than two LIEF applications in a year.

Internal Process

Following agreement between Curtin, UWA, Murdoch and Edith Cowan Universities, the following 2008 timetable has been established for proposals involving Curtin (including proposals that involve universities from outside of Western Australia):

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<td>Friday, 27 March 2009</td>
<td>Electronic copy of Expression of Interest (copy attached) to be emailed to Richard Pokonski, Research and Development Officer (<a href="mailto:r.pokonski@curtin.edu.au">r.pokonski@curtin.edu.au</a>)</td>
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<td>1st week of April 2009</td>
<td>Meeting of the D/PVC(R)s of the four universities (or their nominees) to discuss the Expressions of Interest and to provide feedback to applicants.</td>
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<td>TBA</td>
<td>Electronic copy of full draft application to be submitted to Richard Pokonski, Research and Development Officer (<a href="mailto:r.pokonski@curtin.edu.au">r.pokonski@curtin.edu.au</a>)</td>
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<td>The final application to be submitted on-line via Research Management System (RMS) for the final stage of submission by the ORD. Prior to the final stage of submission, approval by the Director, Research &amp; Development will be sought.</td>
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<td>Late May 2009</td>
<td>Closing date in Canberra.</td>
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Applicants who do not meet the internal deadline at each stage in the process may be required to defer their applications until next year. Late applications will only proceed at the discretion of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development.

The LIEF scheme will fund up to a maximum of 75% of the direct cost of purchasing the equipment or creating the facility (net of GST). The remaining 25% should be obtained from the collaborating institutions, and from other sources where possible. Within Curtin sources of funds might include faculties, departments, schools and centres and the Office of Research and Development.

Following the EoI process those applicants asked to submit a full application will also be required to complete the attached Curtin Cash Commitment Form setting out the source of Curtin’s commitment to the proposed LIEF project.
**Application Material**


Applications under LIEF consist of the new on-line submission process. The application form is to be completed and submitted on-line in the ARC's Research Management System (RMS). Researchers will need a RMS ID and password. If you do not already have these they are available upon request from Ms Jenni Gaugg in the Office of Research and Development ([J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au](mailto:J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au)).

The ARC training session on RMS will be provided for LIEF09 late in March 2009 (details TBA).

Inquiries of strategic and financial nature should be directed to Mr Tony Tate, Director, Research and Development 9266 48544366 email: [T.Tate@curtin.edu.au](mailto:T.Tate@curtin.edu.au)

This is an Australian Competitive Grant.
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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://www.unex.edu.au) 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:  
EXPRESSİON OF INTEREST

1. Project/Equipment Title

2. Host/Lead Institution

3. Chief Investigator(s) – add rows as required.

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4. Funding Summary – add rows as required.

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5. Project Summary briefly describing the equipment/facility and proposed research – Expand test box as required

6. Budget Justification (include as much information as possible) – Expand test box as required

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OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT
2009-ARC LINKAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES
FOR FUNDING IN 2010

CURTIN CASH COMMITMENT SCHEDULE

To confirm Curtin’s participation in any LIEF application that requires funding support from the Office of Research and Development, the following schedule must be completed.

Application Title: ______________________________________________________

Curtin Chief Investigator(s): _____________________________________________

Host/Lead Institution: ___________________________________________________

Collaborating Institution(s) or Organisation(s):________________________________________________________

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Funding Summary:

Note: If project approved the Office of Research and Development (ORD) will distribute agreed matching funds to the nominated cost centre upon request of the Curtin Chief Investigator who is also responsible for payment of agreed Curtin contributions to Collaborating Institutions.

Total cost of the project: $ __________ Funding requested from the ARC:$ __________

Total provided by Curtin: $ __________, Comprising contributions from:

Centre/Institute/etc: $ __________, Director’s signature: ______________________

Department/School: $ __________, Head’s signature: ______________________

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Department/School: $ __________, Head’s signature: ______________________

Faculty: $ __________, Pro Vice-Chancellor’s signature: ______________________

Date: __________________________

ONCE COMPLETED TO THIS POINT THIS FORM MUST BE LODGED WITH THE DIRECTOR, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Office of R&D: $ __________, Director, R&D signature: ______________________

(Please note that the Office of R&D may match up to the sum of the new cash contributions from Departments, Schools, Faculties and the Division. The Office of R&D will not match funds processed through Curtin from Centres or external agencies)