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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. APPLICATIONS FOR 2012 AINSE RESEARCH AWARDS ARE NOW OPEN.

This is the link to the AINSE Research Awards 2012 application login page.

If you have difficulties with your existing PIN and password please send an email to ainse@ainse.edu.au with “PIN and Password” as the subject.

Read the 2012 AINSE Research Awards Guidelines before starting your application.

Use the AINSE Researchers’ Guides to identify facilities, expertise and research fields appropriate to your proposal.

Supervisors should apply now under the AINSE Research Awards scheme for access to AINSE-supported facilities likely to be required by their research students (including Honours students) in the first half of 2012. You must indicate (in the student section of your application) that the proposal is to support an honours or postgraduate student. AINSE will contact applicants in early December requesting supporting documentation on Honours students, including name and undergraduate transcript.

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 8th September 2011.

2. AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE HAS OPENED THE CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE PROJECT AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH (COST).

The Australian Academy of Science has opened the call for applications for the project Australian participation in European Cooperation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST).

In order to deliver the project, the Academy and COST have signed a reciprocal agreement for Australian and European scientists to participate in COST Actions (www.cost.esf.org/about_cost). Under the terms of the agreement and COST guidelines, Australia is regarded as a country with reciprocal arrangements.

Financial Assistance is available for Australian professional researchers who are official members of a COST Action to undertake Short Term Scientific Missions (STSM) of COST and/or attend a workshop/meeting of COST.

Non-COST country participation in COST Actions as at June 2010

Missions are aimed at strengthening existing networks by allowing scientists to visit an institution or laboratory in another COST country to foster collaboration, to learn a new technique or to make measurements using instruments and/or methods not available in their own institution/laboratory.

Funding of $135,000 is available to support visits in FY 2011-2012 for Australian researchers to participate in COST Actions. Australian researchers need to be official members of a COST Action to be eligible for funding.

Australian researchers travelling to Europe may receive a grant in aid of up to A$5,000 for a STSM or attendance at a workshop or seminar. The aid covers a return airfare of up to A$2,500 and daily living allowances. Daily living allowances, covering accommodation and meals are provided at the rate of A$200 per day or a maximum of A$2,500 per month, whichever is the smaller amount.

All STSMs must be for five days minimum and three months maximum duration and need to be conducted by 30 June 2012. Visits to attend a workshop or seminar must be for five days minimum and can include site visits.

Please note there is no closing date for this grant as applications are assessed on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are no longer available.
3. ROUND OPEN - 2012-13 ABRS Research and Capacity-Building Grants, Bush Blitz PhD Research Supplements

The Australian Biological Resources Study provides grants to Honours, Masters and PhD students for taxonomic research. The ABRS also provides research grants to established researchers for taxonomic research.

The 2012-13 round for ABRS Research and Capacity-Building Grant applications and Bush Blitz PhD Research Supplement applications are now open.

Please find attached a flier for both the ABRS Grants and Bush Blitz Grants containing details for distribution amongst prospective applicants, early career and established researchers. We would be grateful if you could please place this on Departmental notice boards and in institution newsletters.

All applications close on 28 October 2011.

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact me or check out our websites:


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 21st October 2011.

4. EARLY NOTIFICATION FOR NHMRC URGENT RESEARCH INTO HENDRA VIRUS

The NHMRC’s Research Committee will shortly be calling for urgent research into Hendra, concentrating on learning more about the virus and its means of infecting humans, and on better ways of treating patients who have contracted the virus. They have agreed to allocate up to $3M for such research.

An Urgent Call for Applications will be released soon by the NHMRC.

5. 2011 RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING RESEARCH GRANTS PROGRAM

The Queensland Government are seeking applications for the 2011 Responsible Gambling Research Grants Program. Please find attached an application package that contains relevant information for prospective applicants. This year, applicants are invited to submit a research proposal that answers or provides significant new knowledge towards six key research questions.

Applications close 9 September 2011.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the Research and Statistics Unit, Office of Regulatory Policy:


Email: researchgrants@deedi.qld.gov.au

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 2nd September 2011.
6. CURTIN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

The call for applications in 2011, for commencement in 2012, refers to a targeted research-only Fellowship with two streams:

**Early Career Research Fellowships** (for suitably qualified applicants who received their PhD within the last five years*) and **Senior Research Fellowships**. Prospective Fellows must be able to demonstrate an exceptionally strong record of research, according to opportunity.

Fellowships will be for a period of up to four years as a research-only appointment. With the support of a School/Department in the University (i.e. an Enrolling Area), the Fellowships may be awarded for five years on the basis of an 80% research and 20% teaching appointment.

Applications are invited from excellent researchers in all disciplines. The Fellowships are not restricted to Australian citizens. Applicants must have completed a research doctoral degree.

Guidelines, Instructions to Applicants and access to the Online Application System are available from [http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/fellowships.cfm](http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/fellowships.cfm).

Enquiries should be directed to: ord-fellowships@curtin.edu.au or by calling us on + 61 8 9266 3286.

**Completed applications must be received by Monday 5th September 2011**

* ECR are defined as being within five years of award of their PhD – taking into account career interruptions such as parental/carer responsibilities, and careers outside of academe.

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HEALTH SPECIFIC

1. VISIT TO NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH IN THE USA FOR A JUNIOR SCIENTIST FOR 2012.

Deadline for Expressions of Interest: 30 September 2011 for travel in 2012

The Australian Academy of Science invites **Expressions of Interest** from junior scientists who are **no more than 30 years of age at the time of application**, to visit the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the United States of America. Proposals in any health-related field of natural science will be considered. Only Australian citizens and permanent residents of Australia living in Australia at the time of application are eligible to apply. At the time of application, applicants should be either:

- in the first two years of a PhD degree or equivalent, or
- have completed a Masters or a Bachelors with Honours degree, or
- be in the first semester of a Masters of a Bachelors with Honours degree.

Under this scheme applicants are expected to be undertaking PhD study in an Australian institution or have an intent to enrol in PhD study in an Australian institution. Applicants can request travel support to access the international leading-edge research facilities and staff of the NIH. The proposed visit should initiate long-term collaborations and facilitate the development of the applicant's career.
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 September 2011.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE CONSTRUCTED ENVIRONMENT

29-30 October 2011
University Center, Chicago, USA

The Constructed Environment Conference is a place to explore the forms and functions of the constructed environment during a time of dramatic and at times disruptive change. The conference is a cross-disciplinary forum that brings together researchers, teachers and practitioners to discuss the past character and future shape of the built environment. The resulting conversations weave between the theoretical and the empirical, research and application, market pragmatics and social idealism. In professional and disciplinary terms, the conference traverses a broad sweep to generate a transdisciplinary dialogue which encompasses the perspectives and practices of: architecture, anthropology, business, design, economics, education, engineering, environmental design, industrial design, interior design, landscape architecture, sociology, town and regional planning, and transportation.

This year's conference features the following plenary speakers:
* Robert Bruegmann, Professor Emeritus, Art History, Architecture and Urban Planning, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, USA
* Erik M. Hemingway, hemingway+a/studio and School of Architecture, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, USA
* Aaron Levy, Executive Director and Chief Curator, Slought Foundation and University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, USA
* Ryan E. Smith, Director, Integrated Technology in Architecture Center (ITAC) and College of Architecture and Planning, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, USA
HELP, TOOLS, CONTACTS and TIPS

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

