

## RESEARCH UPDATE 6-2008

The following information may be of use to you, your research teams and students:

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### **1. REMINDER – ARC LINKAGE PROJECT INFORMATION SESSION**

An information session for prospective applicants will be held on Monday March 17<sup>th</sup>. At the session, Linkage Grant awardees and ORD staff will talk through the application process. Topics to be covered include: the planning process, how to find your partners, managing those partners, the application process, partner contributions, assessment, tips and pitfalls. The session will be useful to anyone considering submitting an ARC Linkage application in 2008.

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008

**Time:** 10am to 12pm

**Venue:** Seminar Room 312:222 (Applied Geology)

**RSVP To:** [J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au](mailto:J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au)

### **2. SPECIAL RESEARCH INITIATIVES - ARC/NWC CO-FUNDED CENTRE FOR GROUNDWATER RESEARCH AND TRAINING - CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

In 2008 the Australian Research Council (ARC) and the National Water Commission (NWC) will fund a new collaborative research initiative to address the National Research Priority Area of 'An Environmentally Sustainable Australia' through the funding of an *ARC/NWC Co-funded Centre for Groundwater Research and Training* to be awarded under the ARC's *Special Research Initiatives* (SRI) scheme.

The aim of this funding initiative is to support novel, innovative and cross-disciplinary research and training in the field of groundwater. The proposed Centre will provide scale and focus to Australia's groundwater research, building research capacity and providing outcomes of significant national benefit. It will undertake research in all aspects of groundwater and will lead the training of a new generation of hydrogeologists, groundwater engineers and groundwater managers.

Documents relating to this initiative are now available on the ARC website <http://www.arc.gov.au>.

Proposals for the new Centre must be drafted in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Special Research Initiatives Funding Rules for Funding commencing in 2008-2009 or 2009-2010 and the Call for Proposals for the initiative. An application form will be available shortly.

**One hard copy of the Proposal must be submitted to the Office of Research and Development Friday 16th May 2008.**

### **3. DISCOVERY INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS DEVELOPMENT - GAMS APPLICATION FORM AVAILABLE**

Application Forms for Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development for funding commencing are now available in GAMS via the ARC's web site at: <http://www.arc.gov.au>. **Applications are due to the Office of Research and Development by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008.**

To assist applicants to prepare proposals, an "Instructions to Applicants" document is available on the ARC's web site at: [http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dird/dird\\_instructions.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dird/dird_instructions.htm).

If you require an Eligibility Exemption/Ruling request, please contact the Office of Research and Development before Friday 28th March 2008.

#### **4. NHMRC CLOSING DATES**

The NHMRC have announced a number of funding scheme dates:

##### **Centres of Clinical Research Excellence (CCRE)**

- A call for full applications for Centres of Clinical Research Excellence for funding in 2009 will be advertised on 31 May 2008. **Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday 14 July 2008.**

##### **Development Grants**

- The next round of Development Grants for funding in 2009 will open on 5 April 2008. **Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008.**
- The scheme will operate on a similar basis to previous rounds. Further changes to the scheme will be implemented in the future.

##### **Capacity Building Grants in Population Health Research**

- A call for full applications will open on 12 April 2008. **Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2008.**
- The scheme will operate on a similar basis to previous rounds. Specific funding will be set aside within the funding scheme's allocation for **Health Services Research**.

##### **Enabling Grants Scheme**

- There is no funding announcement as Research Committee has endorsed recommendations for a new approach to providing Enabling Grants and infrastructure support for health and medical research. Further details will be released shortly and current grant holders will be contacted in the coming weeks.

##### **Short Term Exchange**

- Further details will be released shortly on the Short Term Exchange study grants.

The full list of NHMRC closing dates will shortly be available on the ORD website at – <http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/deadlines.cfm>

Or on the NHMRC website - <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/calendar/grant.htm>

#### **5. AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL NANOTECHNOLOGY NETWORK (ARCNN) TRAVEL GRANTS**

ARCNN supports the nanotechnology community by making funding support available to **postgraduate students** and **early career researchers** (within 5 years of award of PhD degree) for travel and accommodation expenses associated with [Short term visits](#) and [Long Term Visits](#), within Australia. ARCNN also offers **postgraduate students** and **early career researchers** (within 5 years of award of PhD degree) [Overseas Travel Fellowships](#) to support for travel and accommodation expenses associated with research visits of up to 3 months duration at collaborating research institutions overseas.

Sponsorship is available for [Conferences, Workshops, Summer and Winter Schools, and Short courses](#) that are held in Australia, organised by ARCNN members, and are of benefit to the broader nanotechnology community. ARCNN requires that sponsorship funding be used to support postgraduate students and early career researchers (within 5 years of award of PhD degree) through free or reduced registration fees, and/or for invited speaker travel expenses. ARCNN also requires applications for event sponsorship to be submitted at least 3 months prior to the event, and preferably 6 months prior to the event.

Applications can be submitted at any time during the year provided they are received by ARCNN at least 3 months prior to the visit/conference. **Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than 14 weeks prior to the travel.**

More information is available at: [http://www.ausnano.net/content/funding\\_and\\_sponsorship](http://www.ausnano.net/content/funding_and_sponsorship)

## **6. AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND – PHD SCHOLARSHIP IN BOWEL CANCER**

Applications for a PhD Scholarship investigating Bowel Cancer are being called by the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. The value of the scholarship is \$25,000 per year for a maximum of three years. The funds will be provided through the ARHRF Funding Partners Program and International Rotary District 9650. Applicants must be eligible to undertake a PhD program at a University or research institute in Australia.

**Applications are to be lodged with the Scholarships Office no later than Friday 2nd May 2008.**

Application forms are available from the Fund or can be downloaded from the ARHRF website [www.arhrf.org.au](http://www.arhrf.org.au)

## **7. ENHANCEMENTS TO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SECTION OF COMMUNITY OF SCIENCES (COS)**

Enhancements have been made to the Funding Opportunities screens in COS to make it faster and easier for users to identify potential grant opportunities. In addition to being more visually appealing, the new interface takes advantage of the latest technologies to make navigating the screens very intuitive, thus making your search process more efficient.

The changes are apparent throughout key portions of COS Funding Opportunities:

### **New Advanced Search features**

- Compact form with the most important and popular fields at the top
- Additional fields that users can choose with just a click
- The Search Exclusion field has returned, by popular request
- Overall cleaner look that makes it easier to see more information with just a glance

### **New Search Results features**

- Compact view to scan results quickly
- Mouse-over pop ups to show key record information without clicking in to the full record
- Faceted searching to help analyze results and refine your search with a quick click
- Save a search to the COS Workbench easily, without leaving the Results page

### **New Record View features**

- Compact view to allow you to easily scan more information up front
- Key information is highlighted
- Track a Record on the Workbench and tag it, without leaving the record page
- Overall Cleaner look that makes records easier to review

Plus, they've added a new link on the default Simple Search page to find **Funding Opportunities with Deadlines in the Next 6 Weeks**.

For more information on COS please refer to the ORD website – <http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/community.cfm> or directly to COS at [www.cos.com](http://www.cos.com)

## **Regards**

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