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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. ARC LINKAGE PROJECT GRANTS – FUNDING RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS NOW AVAILABLE
The Linkage Projects Funding Rules and Instructions to Applicants for funding commencing in 2010 are now available on the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_fundingrules.htm

The main changes to the Linkage Projects scheme from the previous year are summarised in Section 5 of the new Funding Rules.

Applications for 2010 funding under the Linkage Projects scheme (Round 1) are now open. If you intend to apply and have not already submitted an Expression of Interest please discuss this with your Dean of Research and complete the EOI form and provide it to ORD as soon as possible. Applicants who have submitted an EOI will receive advice shortly as to whether to proceed with a full application or not.

The internal closing date for eligibility exemption requests is Monday 6th April 2009. Please note that they are to be prepared via RMS. For more information - http://www.arc.gov.au/pdf/LP10_Instructions.pdf

The internal closing date for submission of the proposal to ORD for checking is Tuesday 28th April 2009.

The ARC will provide further notification when the scheme opens and the on-line Proposal Form and other relevant documentation become available. Please note that applications will be submitted via the ARC’s new system – RMS. The ARC are providing an information session on RMS for a limited number of people on Friday 27th March. More information is available in the RMS item of this Update.


2. THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC VISIT
The Australian Academy of Science is inviting applications for grants for short-term scientific visits (14 – 40 days) to Europe, North America (USA, Canada and Mexico) and Asia (Japan, China, Korea and Taiwan) in 2010, to foster collaborations between Australian and overseas researchers.

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 8th May 2009.

For more information please see - http://www.science.org.au/internat/programs.htm

This project is supported by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research’s International Science Linkages – Science Academies Program.

All enquiries to Charis Tyrrel on 02 6201 9412 or charis.tyrrel@science.org.au.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR USE OF MARINE NATIONAL FACILITY’S RESEARCH VESSEL – RV SOUTHERN SURVEYOR
Each year grants of time aboard the Marine National Facility’s research vessel RV Southern Surveyor are made available to Australian scientists for research in Australia’s regional seas and oceans. Each day’s grant of time is equivalent to approximately $45,000.

The Marine National Facility’s Steering Committee is now calling for applications for use of RV Southern Surveyor in the 2010/2011 research year.
Grants of time are typically of 6 to 28 days duration. The vessel's equipment and outfit particularly suit it to support multi-disciplinary research in oceanography and climatology, fisheries, biology, ecosystem studies and marine geoscience.

Since its commissioning as the Marine National Facility research vessel Southern Surveyor has supported a wide range of research that has been recognised internationally for fundamental contributions to science. This research places Australian science at the forefront in:

- Sustainable management of marine resources
- Innovative, non-invasive technologies to survey and monitor the environment
- Modelling climate variability and change
- Models for exploration of deep earth resources
- Policy and procedure for responsible marine resource extraction.

During the application period Captain Frederick R Stein, Director, Research Vessels, is available to visit Universities and research organisations considering the submission of an application to discuss the vessel and its capabilities, the application process and grant criteria.

Applications close on Friday 15th May 2009.

More information on the vessel, her capabilities and the application process is available on our website at: http://www.marine.csiro.au/nationalfacility/

HEALTH SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES

1. NHMRC TRAINING (POSTDOCTORAL) FELLOWSHIPS – APPLICATIONS OPEN
The NHMRC have advised that applications are now open for their Training (Postdoctoral) Fellowships. The purpose of NHMRC Training (Postdoctoral) Fellowships is to provide opportunities for Australian researchers to undertake research that is both of major importance in its field and of benefit to Australian health. Training (Postdoctoral) Fellowships provide a vehicle for training in basic research either in Australia or overseas (where appropriate), to enable Fellows to work on research projects with nominated advisers. Awards are offered to a limited number of persons of outstanding ability who wish to make research a significant component of their career.

For more information please see the NHMRC website - http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/training/index.htm

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 17th April 2009.

2. NHMRC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – EARLY NOTIFICATION
A Development Grant provides funding support to individual researchers, research teams, or a HMR company in partnership with a researcher/s to undertake research at the early proof-of-principle or pre-seed stage

The Scheme supports the commercial development of a product, process, procedure or service that if applied, would result in improved health care, disease prevention or provide health cost savings.

Applications must demonstrate a basic understanding of the process and steps required to move from research to outcomes that can be commercialised, including:

- the process and steps to a market, the nature of the market;
- the milestones and risks of the venture; and
- an understanding of possible means of handling intellectual property connected with the project.

Applications will open on 24 April 2009, with the release of Funding Rules, application form etc made available from this date.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday, 22nd June 2009.

In the meantime, more information is available at - http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/development/index.htm
3. NHMRC PROGRAM GRANTS 2009 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – EARLY NOTICE OF APPLICATION DATES
The NHMRC is planning to open its 2009 call for Program Grants applications for funding commencing in 2011 on Saturday 4 April 2009 and to close it COB on Wednesday 1 July 2009. Confirmation of the call’s opening and closing will be notified in a Tracker announcement just prior to the opening, and also on the NHMRC’s website.

Information on NHMRC Program Grants can be found on the NHMRC website.

4. CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH GRANTS
The 2009 round of Criminology Research Grants is now open for submissions:

Grants are to support research on the causes, correction and prevention of criminal behaviour, and related matters. Criteria used to assess the policy relevance of submissions for funding include:

- contribution to knowledge of crime trends which could be used for planning and resource allocation by government agencies;
- examination of an under-researched topic;
- relevance to a current or emerging serious criminal justice issue;
- benefit in developing new policies or procedures for dealing with the crime problem in question;
- benefit in devising crime reduction strategies;
- assistance in developing police policies or practices;
- benefit in devising legislative reform proposals;
- support and assistance in the development of existing work by government agencies;
- ability to inform training activities for criminal justice personnel;
- assistance to victim support activities or services;
- assistance in offender support activities or services; or their contribution to statistical data holdings.

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 14th August 2009.

For more information please see - http://www.criminologyresearchcouncil.gov.au/applications/

5. INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE INDIGENOUS HEALTH RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP (ICIHRP) GRANTS – REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS
The International Collaborative Indigenous Health Research Partnership (ICIHRP) Grants is a joint initiative of between NHMRC, the New Zealand Health Research Council and the Canadian Institutes for Health Research. ICIHRP aims to support research in the area of Indigenous peoples’ health.

This new funding round is focussed on reducing the burden of disease and inequalities in health arising from chronic disease in Indigenous people.

Joint proposals are sought from multi-disciplinary, multi-sectoral research teams bringing together Australian, New Zealander and Canadian researchers.

The three partner countries have each committed funds of $5 million (in their respective currencies) over five years to this program.

Applications will be a three-stage process:
- a Registration of Interest
- an Expression of Interest
- a full application stage (full applications will be by invitation only).

Registrations of Interest in this call must be submitted to the NZ Health Research Council via ORD. Registrations of Interest are to be submitted to ORD no later than Monday 6th April 2009.

Click here for information on how to apply.
ALZHEIMER’S AUSTRALIA RESEARCH’S 2009 DEMENTIA GRANTS PROGRAM

AAR is happy to be offering a wide range of research grants in 2009 including travel grants, grants focusing on dementia care and grants for new researchers as well as postdoctoral fellowships and is encouraging quality applications from all around Australia:

**Research Grants**
- 4 AAR Dementia Research Grants for new researchers of $20,000
- 2 Hazel Hawke Research Grant in Dementia Care of $20,000

**Travel Grants**
- Rosemary Foundation Travel Grant of $15,000

**Postdoctoral Fellowships**
- 3 AAR Post-doctoral Fellowship ($45,000 per year for 2 years with payments matched by applicants’ institution)

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 17th April 2009.


SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ARC’s NEW APPLICATION SUBMISSION SYSTEM – RESEARCH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS)

As previously advertised, the ARC are moving to a new system for the submission of applications. This new system - Research Management System (RMS) - is now live.

Researchers can access RMS at [http://rms.arc.gov.au](http://rms.arc.gov.au)

RMS is used by:
- researchers to complete pre-submission eligibility issues and proposals, and submit them to the relevant administering organisation
- administering organisations (Research Offices) to check pre-submission eligibility issues and proposals, and submit them to the ARC
- administering organisations (Research Offices) to maintain internal user account records, and
- ARC administrators.

RMS is currently open for the submission of *Linkage Projects* (LP) 2010 Round One and *Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development* (DIRD) Eligibility Exemption and Eligibility Advice Requests using the RMS pre-submission issue functionality.

For detailed instructions on how to complete LP Eligibility Exemption and Eligibility Advice Requests, please see [http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_eligibility.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_eligibility.htm)

For detailed instructions on how to complete DIRD Eligibility Exemption and Eligibility Advice Requests, please see [http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dird/dird_eligibility.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dird/dird_eligibility.htm)

Additional information on RMS is available at the ARC website: [www.arc.gov.au/applicants/system_default.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/system_default.htm)

Existing GAMS Users

If you had a GAMS user account prior to January 2009, your GAMS ID and profile have been copied to RMS. Your RMS User ID will be the **same as your GAMS ID with all letters capitalised**, but you will need to reset your password before you can access RMS. Please follow the instructions below to change your password and update your details.

**Changing your password**

Go to the log on screen ([http://rms.arc.gov.au](http://rms.arc.gov.au)) and click the ‘Reset Password’ link on the RMS login page and follow the prompts. You will be asked for your user name. You user name is the same as your GAMS ID, but with all letters capitalised.
Once you have entered a valid user name you will receive an email with a link to reset your Password. Follow the instructions in the email and you will be able to login. If you do not receive your password-reset email please check your spam email box, or contact rms@arc.gov.au for assistance. Please note that password reset requests expire within a couple of hours. Once you are logged in you can change your password through the ‘RMS User Account Details’ link on your home page.

Lost user IDs
If you cannot remember or have lost your user name you can request a reminder email be sent from the RMS login page. Simply click on ‘Retrieve User Name’ and enter your email address. A reminder email will then be sent to the email address recorded in ARC systems. If you no longer have access to your email address or have changed email addresses please contact rms@arc.gov.au for assistance.

Updating your personal details
When you first log in to RMS, please check and update your client details using the links under ‘My Details’ on your home page. Up-to-date contact details, particularly email address, are critical to ensure you can continue to use RMS.

In addition these links enable you to update employment, classification, and qualification information, all of which is used to pre-populate sections of your proposals.
Please verify that your administering organisation details are correct (personal details, organisation details tab) and use the ‘Request Transfer’ link to update if required.
Yesterday we emailed you to announce that the ARC’s Research Management System (RMS) is now available. While the link appeared correct, it did not link to the RMS login screen.

ARC RMS TRAINING SESSION
The ARC will be in Perth to provide a training session on Friday 27th March 2009 (details below). The main purpose of this exercise is to provide opportunities for training for both Research Office staff and the broader research community.

Date: Friday 27th March 2009
Time: 9am to 1pm
Venue: UWA, The Blue Room, Currie Hall (residential college). Currie Hall is across the road from the main UWA entrance on the corner of Winthrop Avenue and Mounts Bay Road. Map reference: K3
http://www.uwa.edu.au/campus_map
RSVP*: ORD-Grants@curtin.edu.au

*Only limited spaces are available for Curtin staff and preference will be given to those who are applying for:
- Linkage Projects Round 1
- Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF)
- Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development (DIRD)
Please indicate in your email which scheme you are involved in applying under.

ORD will provide further training sessions over the coming months.

2. NHMRC - NEW RESEARCH GRANTS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RGMS): IMPLEMENTATION COMMENCED
Like the ARC, the NHMRC have also commenced implementation of a new Research Grants Management System to assist researchers and RAOs by supporting the full grants management process from application through to grant acquittal. RGMS features a significant on-line component allowing:

1. Researchers to maintain their profile and CV (which will automatically upload into applications).
2. Applicants, review panel members and external assessors to submit information directly into the system.
3. Grant holders and RAOs to manage grants (ethics approvals, progress and financial reports, transfers, variation requests, acquittal and final reporting).

The new RGMS is planned to be fully operational by December 2009 following a staged implementation. Development Grants, which will open in April 2009, will be piloted in the RGMS.

Further information can be found at the RGMS webpage.
3. THE AUSTRALIA-CHINA NANOTECH BULLETIN

At the recent 2009 annual meeting of the Australian Technology Network (ATN) its Chair, Professor Margaret Gardner joined with the Chair of International Strategic Technology Alliance (ISTA), Dr Lui, in signing an ATN-ISTA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing the ATN-ISTA NanoNetwork.

Under the agreement, Australian researchers from across the five member network will partner those at Chinese universities in the field of nanotechnology. During 2007-8 nanoscience technology researchers from all ATN member universities have met with researchers from the 20+ strong ISTA member base of Chinese universities. The aim of these discussions was to begin to build professional and personal networks whilst gaining further understandings how their various research capabilities in nanoscience might be harnessed via a collaborative research network.

The ATN/ISTA NanoNetwork MOU provides an operational framework through which ATN and ISTA researchers can build multi-university research teams and seek endorsement for their proposed projects. Key elements of the MOU are:

- priority research themes as health diagnostics, environment and renewable energy;
- researcher exchanges between ATN and ISTA member universities;
- encouragement for the joint supervision of research students between ATN and ISTA universities;
- co-ordination support and assistance for Research Grant Applications for NanoNetwork projects from the ATN/ISTA secretariats;
- bi-annual NanoNetwork research workshops (in Australia and China).

The ATN-ISTA NanoNetwork is currently developing an interactive website through which researchers from across the ATN can share information around their nanoscience related capabilities and seek to enhance their research profile and productivity through the NanoNetwork members. In this way it is expected that the NanoNetwork will provide an invaluable asset to all ATN and ISTA nanoresearchers.

Dr Bill Richmond, of the Nanochemistry Research Institute (NRI), is the Curtin contact but for formal enquires please contact Ms Vicki Thomson, Executive Director (ATN), vicki.thomson@atn.edu.au.

4. “COLLABORATION BOOTCAMP” SEMINAR

Collaboration is the new competition! How to create & sustain healthy research alliances, partnerships, and collaborations.

This seminar is relevant to: Researchers, administrators and managers involved with the establishment and management of research collaborations.

Collaboration is a means to an end, not an end in itself. It is always important to focus on what the ‘end’ is, because that will drive the rationale to collaborate.

Collaboration is a broad term. For the purposes of this workshop, three forms of collaboration are distinguished, in order of increasing depths of relational intimacy:

- Communication
- Coordination
- Co-investment

Each of these options will involve progressively greater amounts of transaction costs and resource commitment to maintain the relationships necessary to facilitate an effective partnership.

Participants will be given the opportunity for first hand experience at using tools that will help you strike better collaborative agreements, diagnose the cause of existing problems, and screen potential opportunities for optimum outcomes.

Cost: Half-day collaboration bootcamp program $50 per person for ARMS members (incl Curtin)

Date: Wednesday 25 March. (See attached registration form)

Time: 1.00 – 5.00pm (afternoon tea & post-workshop drinks provided)

Venue: UWA University Club (http://www.universityclub.uwa.edu.au/uniclub/the_club/location)

Presenter: Dr. Lewis Atkinson
Lewis is a unique innovation professional. He likes people and people like him. Lewis has been a core member of many high performance teams. He has a solid technical and financial grounding which, combined with his strong creative side, enables him to see patterns, pathways, and solutions that others don’t. He is used to making the most of limited resources. Lewis’s learning journey has yielded many practical commercial outcomes and that’s the way he likes it. You won’t find another like him.

http://www.nationalspeakers.asn.au/members/LewisAtkinson

5. 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:

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 a 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 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 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. For details and online registration please see - http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=83

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training for non-Bentley based staff
Non-Bentley staff who 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.
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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://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm)  
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:

WA ARMS Collaboration Bootcamp!
Wednesday 25th March 2009, 1.00 – 5.00pm

University Club
University of Western Australia
Seminar Room 3
(location details: http://www.universityclub.uwa.edu.au/uniclub/the_club/location)

Credit card payment

Please email this form to Melina Wood Melina.Wood@uwa.edu.au
Or fax on 6488 1004 by Monday 16th March 2009

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