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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR ROUND 1 ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS ARE DUE TO YOUR FACULTY DEAN OF RESEARCH BY FRIDAY 9TH APRIL 2010

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
1. **ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS FUNDING RULES FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 2011**


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

If you are planning to apply under Round 1 please ensure that you have lodged your Expression of Interest with your Faculty Dean of Research as outlined in [Research Update 5](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_default.htm).

**Please note that ARC Linkage Eligibility Exemption Requests need to be completed in RMS (the ARC’s online application system) by **Monday 29th March**. More information on eligibility exemption requests can be found in Section 10.1 of the Funding Rules. If you need to lodge an Eligibility Exemption Request please contact ORD as soon as possible.**

2. **ARC DISCOVERY INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS DEVELOPMENT FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 2011**

The Australian Research Council has issued a call for applications under the Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development Scheme (DIRD).

Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development provides support for Indigenous Researchers to undertake research projects which may lead to an advance in the understanding of a subject or contribute to the solution of an important practical problem. The scheme also provides funding for research projects undertaken by Indigenous Researchers as part of the requirements of their postgraduate research degrees.

The objectives of Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development are to:

- develop the research expertise of Indigenous Researchers who have not participated as a Chief Investigator on a project funded under any of the ARC’s other funding schemes or previously been awarded an ARC Fellowship;
- support fundamental research and research training by Indigenous Australian individuals and teams;
- provide Indigenous Researchers with experience in the preparation of research funding Proposals;
- attract and retain established Indigenous Researchers; and
- expand Australia’s knowledge base and research capability.

Please contact [Stuart Clarke](mailto:Stuart.Clarke@curtin.edu.au) (ext 4248) as soon as possible if you intend to submit a proposal under this scheme so that ORD can provide advice and assistance in the preparation and submission of a proposal.

Applicants should provide the Office of Research and Development [ORD] with a copy of their proposal for review by no later than **Monday 3rd May 2010**. ORD will review the proposal to ensure that it fulfils the requirements of the Funding Rules and Instructions to Applicants. Applicants should also provide a copy of their proposal for review by the Curtin College of Experts lead by Professor Roland De Marco, Executive Dean, Strategic Projects R&D. This review will provide advice to enhance the competitiveness of proposals. The Curtin College of Experts review will be done in parallel with the ORD review.

Further information regarding the *Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development* scheme, including the *Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development* Funding Rules is available at [www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dird/dird_default.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dird/dird_default.htm).

3. **CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH COUNCIL (CRC) – CALL FOR GRANTS**


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 Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), preferably generated via SCRIPT, no later than Friday 13 August 2010.

If you require further assistance after reading the application kit, please contact the CRC.

HEALTH SPECIFIC

1. NHMRC CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS – EXTENDED DEADLINE
An extension has been granted to the closing date for Career Development Awards to assist researchers in the first year of the new NHMRC Research Grants Management System (RGMS) to complete their administrative processes. The changes are as follows;

Old NHMRC closing date/time: Wednesday 31 March 2010, Midnight AEST
New NHMRC closing date/time: Monday 12 April 2010, 5 pm AEST
Old ORD Internal Deadline: Friday March 12
New ORD Internal Deadline: Friday March 19

By this date you will need to provide a hard copy of your Snapshot report (generated via RGMS) and PDF attachment to ORD. Further information on the Career Development Award scheme can be found on the NHMRC website.

2. NHMRC PROGRAM GRANTS - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS
Please note the following with regards to NHMRC Program Grant applications:

• The Program Grants Funding Policy and Advice and Instructions to Applicants is now available at - http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/programs/index.htm
• Applications will open in Research Grants Management System (RGMS) on Wednesday 24 March 2010.
• Applications are to be submitted to ORD Friday 14th May 2010.
• Potential applicants should discuss any plans with their Faculty Dean of Research prior to submission.

3. NHMRC TRAINING (POSTDOCTORAL) FELLOWSHIPS
The NHMRC Training (Postdoctoral) Fellowships applications for funding in 2011 have now opened.

The purpose of the 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 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.
Awards are available for four year training fellowships, for more information and to download the Advice and Instructions to Applicants and the Funding Policy please go to [http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/training/index.htm](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/training/index.htm)

Applications (Made up of your Combination Snapshot report generated via RGMS and “Proposed Research” PDF Attachment) are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, no later than Friday 16th April 2010.

4. CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - STATE HEALTH RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHRAC) RESEARCH TRANSLATION PROJECTS 2010/11
The Health Department of WA have advised that applications are now invited for the fourth round of the Research Translation Projects grant program developed by the State Health Research Advisory Council (SHRAC). Funding is available for short-term projects that will investigate and evaluate efficiencies and cost savings that research can deliver to WA Health in the process of health care. Projects will be selected on competitive merit. The maximum that can be requested is $200,000. Details can be found at [http://www.shrac.health.wa.gov.au/funding/index.cfm](http://www.shrac.health.wa.gov.au/funding/index.cfm)

Please note that SHRAC applications have been granted a reduction in cost recovery to 10%. This means that when completing your RPAT you may drop the cost recovery for the University and Faculty to 5% each.

One hard copy of your application is to be submitted to the Office of R&D, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), preferably generated via SCRIPT, for review no later than Friday 16th April 2010.

5. HEART FOUNDATION - TRAVEL GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS
Travel Grants - Round Two
For travel in June 01 - September 30 2010.
The Heart Foundation offers funding to support researchers working in the area of cardiovascular disease and related disorders. We are now calling for applications for the second round of Travel Grants in 2010.

Travel Grants are available to support Australian researchers travelling to present their cardiovascular research at a conference overseas. They are also available to Indigenous health researchers travelling to present their research in Australia.

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 1st April 2010. (Please note, date amended due to easter break)

For more information on Travel Grants, click [here](http://www.research.curtin.edu.au)

Heart Foundation Fellowships
The Heart Foundation is offering funding to support researchers working in the area of cardiovascular disease and related disorders. We are now calling for applications for fellowships to commence in 2011.

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 1st April 2010. (Please note, date amended due to easter break)

Postdoctoral Fellowships (Biomedical, Clinical, Public Health)
These fellowships are available to medical and science graduates who have completed an MD or PhD award within the last five years and who are seeking support to become independent researchers. Postdoctoral Fellowships are tenable for up to two years. They may be full or part-time. Click [here](http://www.research.curtin.edu.au) for more information.

Overseas Research Fellowships
Overseas Research Fellowships are available to medical and science graduates who have completed a PhD or MD award within the last 24 months. Click [here](http://www.research.curtin.edu.au) for more information.
Career Development Fellowship
The purpose of the Career Development Fellowship is to develop the career of Australian citizens or permanent residents, who are 2-12 years postdoctoral (2-7 and 7-12 years). These awards are the most prestigious offered by the program. Career Development Fellowships are tenable for four years. They may be full or part time. Click here for more information.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. THE 2ND WORLD CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH INTEGRITY
The 2nd World Conference on Research Integrity will be held at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Singapore 21-24 July 2010.

This meeting is an opportunity to:
- Explore research integrity issues in depth
- Demonstrate the global research community’s commitment to the highest standards of behaviour in research
- Develop the global networks and understandings needed to maintain public confidence in research in whatever field and wherever it is undertaken

This conference will be of interest to:
- Leaders and key decision makers in research funding organisations
- Presidents, Directors and Provosts of research performing organisations
- Research faculty of research performing organisations
- Research Publishers
- Researchers, Educators and Policy Experts
- Those responsible for research integrity in Ministries and agencies specifically dealing with such matters.

More on this Conference can be found at http://www.wcri2010.org/.

2. ACADEMY OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES IN AUSTRALIAN (ASSA) AND INTERNAL SCIENCE LINKAGE (ISL) WORKSHOPS – CALL FOR PROPOSALS
ASSA ISL International Workshops
As part of the Academy’s International Science Linkage Program, funded by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, the ASSA Workshops Committee is calling for proposals for a one-off round of workshops with an international focus. Up to $20 000 will be available for individual workshops.

Workshops must be held between July 2010 and 29 April 2011.

Applications must be received via email by close of business on Friday, 30 April 2010.

Please visit the ASSA website for more information, including conditions of funding and application procedures: http://www.assa.edu.au/programs/workshop/ISL_international_workshops.php

ASSA Workshops Program
The workshop program of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia funds several workshops each year. We now call for proposals for workshops to be held during the financial year 2011 - 2012.

Successful applicants will need to focus on addressing significant issues and ideas in the social sciences. ASSA Workshops are interdisciplinary and participants should be drawn from a range of social science disciplines. Up to $7500 will be available for individual Workshops.

Please visit the ASSA website for more information, including conditions of funding and application procedures: http://www.assa.edu.au/programs/workshop/

Applications must reach the Secretariat via email by close of business on Friday 29th October 2010. The Workshop Committee will meet in November 2010 to consider proposals and applicants will be informed of the outcome soon after.

All enquires should be directed to Sarah Tynan - Phone: 02 62491788 or email at tynan.assa@anu.edu.au
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### USEFUL WEBSITES
- **Community of Science (COS)** [www.cos.com](http://www.cos.com) – for funding opportunities