

## RESEARCH UPDATE 7-2008

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

### **ARC LINKAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES (LIEF) - CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOIs) FOR FUNDING IN 2009**

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 \$100,000 (net of GST), with a total of approximately \$33 million funded in 2008. 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):

Monday, 7 April 2008	Electronic copy of Expression of Interest (copy attached) to be emailed to the Stuart Clarke, Research and Development Officer ( <a href="mailto:S.Clarke@curtin.edu.au">S.Clarke@curtin.edu.au</a> )
2nd week of April 2008	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.
Friday 2 May 2008	Five (5) backed copies of the full draft application to be submitted to the Director, Research and Development. The draft proposal must consist of the completed application form and supporting text plus attachments.
Wednesday 14 May 2008	Original plus two identical single-sided signed copies of the final application, clipped with NAL-clips, to be lodged with the Director, Research Services.
Friday 16 May 2008	Closing date in Canberra.

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 Cash Commitment Form setting out the source of Curtin's commitment to the proposed LIEF project.

## **Application Material**

The ARC guidelines, instructions to applicants and application form are available electronically from: [http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lief/lief\\_default.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lief/lief_default.htm).

Applications under LIEF consist of two parts:

1. The application form is to be completed in the ARC's Grant Application Management System (GAMS). Researchers will need a GAMS 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)).
2. Additional text, which includes supporting documentation and applicants' curricula vitae, are to be provided to the ARC as a paper copy behind the associated application form. The pages of the application, including the additional text and supporting documentation, must be numbered consecutively starting from page one of the additional text.

Inquiries should be directed to Mr Charlie Thorn, Associate Director, Research and Development 9266 4854 email: [C.Thorn@curtin.edu.au](mailto:C.Thorn@curtin.edu.au)

This is an Australian Competitive Grant.

## **Regards**

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**Curtin University of Technology**

**2009 ARC LINKAGE-INFRASTRUCTURE (Equipment and Facilities)**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**  
**(due Monday, 7 April 2008)**

**1. Project/Equipment Title**

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**2. Chief Investigator(s)**

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**3. Host/Lead Institution**

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**4. Collaborating Institutions or Organisations**

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**5. Project Summary briefly describing the equipment/facility and proposed research**

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**6. Funding Summary**

Total Cost \$ Cash	Total Partner Contributions (by Institution)		Funding Requested from ARC
	\$ Cash	\$ In-Kind	\$ Cash

**7. Budget Justification**

Electronic copy of Expression of Interest to be emailed to the Stuart Clarke, Research and Development Officer (S.Clarke@curtin.edu.au)

# CURTIN UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

## OFFICE OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

### 2008 ARC LINKAGE INFRASTRUCTURE – EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES (FOR FUNDING IN 2009) CASH COMMITMENT SCHEDULE

To confirm Curtin's participation in any LIEF application and/or 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): \_\_\_\_\_

#### Funding Summary:

**Note: If project funded by the ARC 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ PVC'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 and Faculties. The Office of R&D will not match funds processed through Curtin from Centres or external agencies)