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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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1. LINKAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES (LIEF) FUNDING RULES AND APPLICATION FORM NOW AVAILABLE
The Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2010 are now available on the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/LIEF/LIEF_fundingrules.htm

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

Other LIEF Proposal submission documentation is available at: http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/LIEF/LIEF_default.htm


An information session on using RMS will be provided on Wednesday 22nd April. For more information and registration please see - http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82

Applications need to be completed on RMS and sent to ORD for checking no later than Thursday 7th May 2009.

Applicants who submitted an Expressions of Interest will be notified in the next week or so whether to proceed with a full application.

2. AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE’S INTERNATIONAL GRANTS: SCIENTIFIC VISITS TO ASIA, EUROPE & NORTH AMERICA
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. http://www.science.org.au/internat/programs.htm

Applications are to be submitted via the Office of Research and Development, accompanied by a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably created via SCRIPT, no later than Friday May 8th 2009.

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. AUSTRALIAN PARTICIPATION IN EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH (COST) TRAVEL GRANTS
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 in Europe during the 2009/2010 financial year.

To become an official member of a COST Action, Australian researchers need to contact the Chair of the relevant COST Action Management Committee. http://www.cost.esf.org/library/newsroom/About-COST-2008-Now-Available

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 is available to support up to twelve visits in FY 2009-2010 for Australian researchers to participate in COST Actions. Australian researchers need to be official members of a COST Action to be eligible for funding. This program does not fund students.
Australian researchers travelling to Europe may receive a grant in aid of up to A$5,000 for a STSM, covering 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.

Researchers are only eligible to receive one grant in a financial year.

All STSMs must be for five days minimum and three months maximum duration.

**Priority areas**

Priority areas of interest to Australia in COST Actions fall under the six broad themes of medical and health research; agriculture, biotechnology and food; nanotechnology; information and communications technology; environment and climate change; and social sciences and humanities.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents residing in Australia at the time of application and must be official members of a COST Action.

Applications are assessed on a first-come first–serve basis.

**What is COST?**

COST does not fund research activities, but provides resources to cover the extra cost of doing research at a European level. The goal of COST is to boost cooperation between nationally-funded research. COST stimulates research by bringing researchers together in “Actions” they proposed on a particular subject in all disciplines, with no specifically targeted research themes. Funded activities for each action include science management meetings, scientific workshops and seminars, short term scientific missions, training schools and research conferences, evaluations and studies and dissemination.

Further information can be found at: http://www.science.org.au/internat/cost.htm

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**4. CANINE RESEARCH FOUNDATION GRANTS**

The Canine Research Foundation is seeking applications for grants for research to commence in the year 2010. The Foundation is an independent public trust for the purposes of funding research directed at improving canine health, which it does through a program of annual research grants.

Grants may be made by the Foundation for research projects relating to canine health where the research is conducted by an Australian university. Grants per project will normally be in the order of $5,000 to $20,000 in any one year. Projects may extend beyond one year, but funding each year will be dependent upon satisfactory progress as given in interim reports. Please note that funds are not usually provided for salaries, stipends or significant capital equipment.

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 Tuesday 23rd June 2009.

For more information please see the attached application form.

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**5. ACCESS TO MAJOR RESEARCH FACILITIES PROGRAMME (AMRFP)**

The Access to Major Research Facilities Program (AMRFP) supports access by Australian researchers from industry, private and public research organisations and universities to major international research facilities that are not available in Australia or to attend overseas strategic planning meetings to secure access to a major research facility. AMRFP is administered by ANSTO and is proudly supported by the International Science Linkages (ISL) program, which is a part of Government's Innovation Statement: Backing Australia’s Ability - Building Our Future through Science and Innovation.

AMRFP support is limited to the facilities listed in the linked table. Access to synchrotron beamlines at the Photon Factory, Japan; the National Synchrotron Radiation Research Center, Taiwan; and BioCARS, ChemMatCARS and XOR-CAT at the Advanced Photon Source, USA, will be managed by the Australian Synchrotron.
This program primarily supports travel where time has been granted on an overseas major facility following peer review. Collaboration visits will not be supported unless time has already been granted at an eligible facility. Applications are ranked according to the following criteria:
1. Applications that form a critical part of a graduate thesis
2. Applications from early career researchers
3. Applicants that did not apply for funding in previous funding round
4. Chronological receipt date of application

Two six-month funding rounds are held each year (in January-June and July-December), but applications can be submitted at any time. Applications that meet the application conditions are approved and funded in chronological order of receipt until a set portion of the funds for a funding round have been committed.

Key close off dates are May 1 for January-June and November 1 for July-December.

Applications are to be submitted via the Office of R&D, and accompanied with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) well prior to the close off dates.

For more information please see - http://www.ansto.gov.au/research/user_access/amrfp

6. RESEARCHERS IN BUSINESS

Researchers in Business
The Australian Government has committed $10 million within Enterprise Connect to support the placement of researchers from universities or public research agencies into businesses where it is identified that such a placement would help to develop and implement a new idea with commercial potential.

A factsheet on Researchers in Business can be found at the following link.

What does Researchers in Business offer?
Funding for up to 50 per cent of salary costs, to a maximum of $50,000, will be provided for each placement. Placements can be for a period of 2 to 12 months.
The program aims to:
• help break down the cultural divide between business and the research sector (the researcher may be from a university or research agency),
• speed the dissemination of expertise,
• accelerate the adoption of new ideas and technologies, and
• increase competitiveness of firms.

How do applicants apply?
Application forms for Researchers in Business funding are available at the following link. The application must include the details of the three parties involved in the project – the firm, the research organisation and the researcher. Applications can be submitted throughout the year.

Further information is available at – http://www.enterpriseconnect.gov.au/Manufacturing/AssistancetoImplementChange/Pages/ResearchersinBusinessGrant.aspx

HEALTH SPECIFIC OPPORTUNITIES

1. NHMRC PROGRAM GRANTS – APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
Applications are now open for teams wishing to apply for NHMRC Program Grants to commence in 2011.

The aim of the Program Grants scheme is to provide support for teams of high calibre researchers to pursue broad based, multi-disciplinary and collaborative research activities. Teams will be expected to contribute to new knowledge at a leading international level in important areas of health and medical research. The scheme is available for all research approaches relevant to better health (ie biomedical, clinical, public health or health services research) and is typically for 5 years.

Please discuss any application plans with your Dean of Research.
Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, no later than Wednesday 17th June 2009.


Any enquiries about this call for applications should be directed to: program.grants.preaward@nhmrc.gov.au

2. CORRECTIONS ON NHMRC TRAINING FELLOWSHIPS APPLICATION FORM
Several corrections have been made to the NHMRC Training Fellowships application form and a new version of the application form is on the NHMRC website.

Applicants and Research Administration Officers should ensure that they are using version 1.0.2.1 of the application form. The version number can be found at the bottom left hand corner of each page of the form.

Data from a previous version of the form can be imported into the new version using the Export Data/Import Data tabs at the top of the form.

As previously advertised, applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, no later than Friday 17th April 2009.

3. VIERTEL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS AND CLINICAL INVESTIGATORSHIPS

Senior Medical Research Fellowship
The Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation invites applications annually for a five-year Senior Medical Research Fellowship valued at $195,000 per annum.

Outstanding researchers who are medically qualified or graduates of another scientific discipline, with recognised postdoctoral achievements seeking to establish a research career in Australia and undertake research in an Australian academic institution, are eligible to apply whether they are currently working in Australia or not. Only Australian nationals or permanent residents are eligible for the awards.

Clinical Investigatorship
Eligible applicants will be medical graduates or graduates of other clinical disciplines who have completed both their clinical and research training which will normally be at doctoral level and are commencing their first definitive clinical position, or have been in such a post for no more than 24 months on 1 May 2008. $60,000 Will offer 5 of these.

Applications are to be submitted via the Office of Research and Development, accompanied by a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably created via SCRIPT, no later than Friday 24th April 2009.

More information is available at - http://www.anz.com/aus/Invest-And-Insure/Product-And-Services/ANZ-Trustees/Apply-For-A-Grant/Named-Charitable-Trusts.asp#Viertel

THESE ARE NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE GRANTS

4. CALL FOR NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION PILOT STUDY GRANTS / NOVEL CONCEPT AWARDS
Applications are now open for the NBCF Pilot Study Grants / Novel Concept Awards.

It is anticipated that research completed through a NBCF Novel Concept Award / Pilot Study Grant will provide sufficient preliminary data to enable the investigator to prepare a proposal for future research funding. It is not expected that researchers applying for these awards will present preliminary data with their application.
These awards will provide investigators with the opportunity to pursue serendipitous observations and/or explore new, untested ideas relevant to breast cancer. Successful applicants will demonstrate the potential for advancing scientific knowledge and/or breaking new theoretical ground and/or challenge existing understandings. These proposals are not intended to fund small Projects that continue established lines of investigation. They are intended to initiate new Projects that develop new ideas.

Who should apply?
Applications are invited from the entire continuum of breast cancer research, from basic science to prevention, treatment and care, insofar as the proposed idea has the potential to help prevent breast cancer, improve survival and enhance quality of life.

Applicants with less research experience or with research experience which is outside breast cancer, but with conceptually valid proposals, are encouraged to apply providing they can demonstrate adequate scientific support from experienced researchers in the area and the necessary administrative support of their 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 15th May 2009.


THIS IS A NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE GRANT

5. NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE BREAST CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM
The National Collaborative Breast Cancer Research Grant Program is designed to foster wide collaboration between groups of investigators and pooling of knowledge, expertise and resources to enable larger scale or accelerated research programs into the prevention, causes, treatment or management of breast cancer.

In order to facilitate high-quality integrated proposals, the program development and application process will be conducted in two phases.

Phase 1
The first step in the process will involve funding of think-tanks to bring together groups of investigators, recognised experts in their respective fields, with complementary abilities to formulate convincing plans for specific, collaborative projects, to allocate research roles and tasks, and to identify necessary resources. As an example, an interdisciplinary group with a focus on imaging could include radiologists, physicists with imaging expertise, cell biologists, clinicians, and computer engineering and programming experts.

The basis for submitting a proposal for a Phase 1 think-tank is to facilitate development of strategic research partnerships and the research program and to encourage identification of critical infrastructure and external financial support for competitive applications to be submitted in Phase 2.

Phase 2 – Now open
Following the think-tanks, detailed research proposals are to be submitted to the NBCF for consideration for program funding. It is not necessary to have received funding for Phase 1 to apply for funding at Phase 2.

Applicants need to be aware that changes have been made to pages 6 & 8 of the Guidelines and pages 2 & 3 of the Application Form. These changes are highlighted in yellow. All applications must be submitted with the correct documentation so please ensure your application contains the updated pages.

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 24th July 2009.


THIS IS A NATIONALLY COMPETITIVE GRANT
6. NATIONAL BREAST CANCER FOUNDATION EARLY CAREER FELLOWSHIPS AND DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications for Early Career Fellowships and Doctoral Scholarships will open on 30th April 2009. Application forms and guidelines documents for these schemes are currently under review and will be posted on the website shortly:


Applications for SCHOLARSHIPS should be submitted via the Scholarships Office in ORD and applications for FELLOWSHIPS should 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 5th June 2009

7. AUSTRALIAN CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION (ACRF)
Grant applications for amounts from $1.5 million to $5 million are sought. ACRF has a commitment to achieving the best possible clinical outcomes through high quality basic and translational research. Grant applications in support of this general philosophy are encouraged. The ACRF funds cancer research under the categories of 1. Capital Works and Facilities and, 2. National Enterprises. If ACRF is unable to fully fund applications, opportunities to leverage ACRF's funds should be sought. ACRF, as a 'seed' funding body, seeks applications for projects and/or programmes which require funds over and above the amount sought directly from ACRF. Applicants are therefore requested to include, within their submissions, demonstrable evidence of how grant funds from ACRF will be leveraged to achieve additional funds, should their application be successful.

Applications for the first stage of the process should 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 1st May 2009

A committee will select from these applications a short-list on the basis of eligibility and scientific merit. A final short-list of no more than five applicants will then be invited to submit a second stage application containing additional prescribed information for further detailed consideration.

The closing date for second stage applications will be early to mid July 2009.

The foundation's approach to supporting cancer research has been based on the following principles:

1. The foundation seeks to support all aspects of cancer research (this includes, but is not limited to, cell or molecular biology, epidemiology, prevention and drug development)
2. As there are already sources of funding for supporting ongoing research projects education and training (through other established cancer agencies and NHMRC), the ACRF is focussed on providing capital grants for the establishment of national facilities and enterprises
3. The foundation exists to support research groups of outstanding potential in new and sustainable enterprises that will promote synergies, provide unique platforms, and provide opportunities for leverage of funding (besides excellence of research, it is also important to demonstrate clarity of vision and planning, strong committed leadership, and experienced management)
4. There will be circumstances in which the pooling of the efforts of teams of researchers may lead to synergistic and/or integrated output in research

Applications featuring multi-disciplinary teams working collaboratively are encouraged.

2. INVITATION TO COMMENT - DRAFT RESEARCH ROAD MAP II: A STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR THE HEALTH OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE THROUGH RESEARCH
The NHMRC has evaluated the 2003 NHMRC Road Map: A Strategic Framework for Improving the Health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through Research with the report to be available on the NHMRC website shortly. Following this evaluation, the NHMRC is developing Road Map II and the draft will be placed on the NHMRC website and comments are invited.

3. AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM EUREKA PRIZES
Entries in the 2009 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes are NOW open. Presented annually by the Australian Museum, the Australian Museum Eureka Prizes reward excellence in the categories of:
- Research & Innovation
- Science Leadership
- School Science
- Science Communication & Journalism

This year there are 10 prizes worth over $100,000 in the category of Research & Innovation:
- Early Career Species Discovery sponsored by the Australian Biological Resources Study
- Environmental Research sponsored by the Sherman Foundation
- Excellence in Research by an Interdisciplinary Team sponsored by the Australian Research Council
- Innovative Solutions to Climate Change sponsored by the NSW Department of Environment Climate & Change
- Medical Research into the Health Impacts of Climate Change sponsored by the NSW Office of Science and Medical Research
- Outstanding Science in Support of Defence or National Security sponsored by the Defence Science and Technology Organisation
- Research in Ethics sponsored by the Australian Catholic University
- Scientific Research sponsored by the University of New South Wales
- Scientific Research that Contributes to Animal Protection sponsored by Voiceless
- Water Research and Innovation sponsored by Land & Water Australia

Entries close midnight AEST 1 May 2009

For further information on the prizes and how to enter:
Go to australianmuseum.net.au/eureka or email eureka@austmus.gov.au

4. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE
The Cooperative Research Centres Association's annual conference that is being held in Canberra on 26-27 May 2009 at the National Convention Centre.

The conference is entitled "Pathfinders - the Innovators Conference" and is focusing predominantly on how investment in innovation is a necessity if we are to prepare our economy for a strong future beyond this (and future) global financial shocks. The conference is a collaboration between the CRC Association, the Australian Science Festival, and Questacon (the National Science and Technology Centre).

You can visit www.crca.asn.au/conference if you need more information or to register.

5. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CONFERENCE ORGANISERS
The Perth Convention Bureau provides financial support for people bidding to host, or simply organising, a national or international conference in Perth. There are no restrictions on who organises the conference, the minimum size for the conference or the venue or the conference.

This support is primarily in the attraction process – eg to bring key note speakers - but does extend to sponsorship of the event. In order to maximise opportunities it is imperative that the Bureau be involved at an early stage of conference planning.

If you would like to discuss this opportunity please contact Tony Tate (T.Tate@curtin.edu.au)
6. 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 using RMS – the Australian Research Council (ARC)'s new online application system
Date: Wednesday 22nd April 2009
Time: 2pm to 4:00pm
Venue and Registration: http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#
Target Audience: This session is designed for researchers and research administrators who will be preparing ARC applications in the upcoming rounds of Linkage Projects, LIEF and Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development (DIRD) schemes. The session will run through how to prepare an application using the new system. Please note that additional RMS sessions will be offered during the year.

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 information on 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
Date: Thursday 7th May 2009
Time: 11:00am to 12:45pm
Target Audience: Researchers and Research Administrators
Synopsis: 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.

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.
### HELPS, TOOLS and TIPS

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### TOOLS AND TIPS

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

### New Research Codes
The codes can be found on the [ABS website](http://www.abs.gov.au). You may also find the University of New England’s [Conversion Tool](http://www.conversiontool.com) useful.

### TIP OF THE WEEK

**New to Research at Curtin?**

See our ‘New to Research at Curtin?” website for information and links to the key things you need to know about to conduct research at Curtin:

Canine Research Foundation

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

1. Organisation:

2. Department:

3. Location:

4. Project Title:

5. Research Team:
   (a) Project Leader:
   (b) Other Research Staff:
   (Give qualifications and appointment of Project Leader and other research staff)

6. Estimate of days per month required for project:
   (a) Project leader:
   (b) Other research staff:

7. Timing:
   (a) Commencement date:
   (b) Estimated completion date:

8. Summary of funds required:

      Year 1     Year 2

Total salaries            $________     $________
Maintenance costs        $________     $________
Capital costs             $________     $________
Other costs               $________     $________
Total costs               $________     $________

9. Estimated income: $________     $________  (If any)

10. Is it proposed that any person whose work is supported by this grant will enroll for a higher degree? If so, please give details.

11. Are any funds being sought or provided from other sources for this or related projects? If so, please provide details.
12. Description of project:

Please attach a description of the proposed project including the following:-

(a) Clearly stated aims and methods.
(b) Current state of knowledge.
(c) Likely state of knowledge at completion of the project.
(d) The relevance to canine health.
(e) Review of stages of the project.
(f) Dissemination of the results of the project.
(g) Verification of expenditure.
(h) A list of relevant publications by members of the Research Team.

13. Certification:

(a) I certify that this project has been approved by the relevant institutional ethics committee.

(b) I certify that this work will be conducted in accordance with the NHMRC/CSIRO Code of Practice for the Care and Use of Animals in Research in Australia.

Signature of Project Leader ______________________
Date ______________________

14. Agreement by Head of Department and/or other authorised persons that facilities are available and that he/she is agreeable to the location of this project under his/her jurisdiction.

Signature ______________ Date ______________

Signature ______________ Date ______________