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1. Australia and Pacific Science Foundation
Typically the APSF provides project grants up to A$15,000 per year for up to three years. Grants are awarded to institutions within Australia or other countries of the South West Pacific region for activities within those countries or within the region.

Grants are made in annual instalments, and payments are dependent upon the receipt of satisfactory annual reports and financial statements. An additional progress report is required six months after the start of the project. Salaries of technicians and research assistants may be supported, but normally grants do not cover the salaries of scientific research staff or stipends of students. Administrative overheads are not funded.

The next round of applications will close at 5.00pm on Friday March 9, 2012 for new grants beginning in July 2012.

Please click on the below link for more information regarding this grant http://www.apscience.org.au/guidelines.html

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 1th March 2012.

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Curtin-led Project Applications

The first step is to complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) form and submit this to your Faculty Dean of Research between 9 December 2011 and 16 January 2012. Your Dean of Research will provide you with feedback on your proposed project. Once you have the green light for submission of your proposal, familiarise yourself with the Funding Rules and other relevant documents and commence preparation of your application.

Applications are entered directly into the ARC’s web-based application system called RMS. You will need to obtain an RMS user account in order to access the system.

The internal Timeline will be updated soon, subject to the availability of information from the ARC.

Project applications led by other Universities

If you are going to be named on an application that will be led by another institution, then please make sure you Head of Area is aware of the application and ORD is provided with a copy of final application submitted to the ARC.

HEALTH

1. APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN FOR NHMRC MENTAL HEALTH TARGETED CALL FOR RESEARCH

The NHMRC have just advertised that the Mental Health Targeted Call for Research is now open for applications.

NHMRC has allocated a total of up to $13 million to support a small number of funded projects in response to this Mental Health Targeted Call for Research. Research grants of up to 5 years duration will be offered under this and the period requested must be justified within the application.
Applications must be submitted via Research Grants Management System (RGMS); please contact the Research Help Centre on help@nhmrc.gov.au for more information in registering new users onto RGMS or if any assistance is required with the system.

All Mental Health Targeted Call for Research applications must be commenced in RGMS by 5pm (AESDT) 8 February 2012 and must contain the following minimum information to be eligible to apply:

- Part A Home (specifically the Administering Institution and Application Title)
- A-RT Research Team and Commitment
- A-A2 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research

The following timeline for the call for funding of NHMRC is proposed:

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Please be advised that the deadline for submitting full applications to ORD for review is 21 March 2012. By this date, Applicants are to provide:

- A hard copy of your completed snapshot reports generated via RGMS to ORD
- A soft copy of your completed snapshot report emailed to Chermain.cheong@curtin.edu.au

It is the Applicant’s responsibility to ensure a draft of your Detailed Background and Research Plan is brought to the attention of your Faculty Dean of Research for solicitation of feedback before the draft applications is provided to ORD for review.

Subsequent to ORD providing feedback on the Application, further requests for information and documents will be provided at this later stage.

The Application pack and funding rules can be found on the NHMRC website: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply-funding/mental-health-targeted-call-research

RGMS can be accessed via the link: https://www.rgms.nhmrc.gov.au

2. NHMRC Partnerships for Better Health–Projects (Partnership Projects) - Delayed

The opening date for the next round of NHMRC Partnerships for Better Health – Projects (Partnership Projects) has been delayed until April 2012 to allow for the implementation of a rolling peer review process rather than the annual application round.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. 2011 End of Financial Year Instructions

Please be advised that the 2011 year end guideline is now available at: http://finance.curtin.edu.au/global/forms.cfm
USEFUL WEBLINKS

Community of Science (COS) [www.cos.com] – for funding opportunities

SCRIPT Database - [http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/script.cfm]

Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) - [http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/forms/grantsforms.cfm#RPAT]