RESEARCH UPDATE 9-2008

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1. DON CHIPP FOUNDATION 2008 SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Applications are now being called for the Don Chipp Foundation Small Grants Program; this program offers up to four small grants of up to $5,000 each.

The Don Chipp Foundation is an independent research body affiliated with the Australian Democrats that seeks to challenge as well as inform current mainstream views on issues of great importance to the Australian community. The Foundation’s mission is to promote the values of a civil society through active engagement in public policy debates on issues which impact on the Australian community.

The Foundation is seeking expressions of interest for small grants of up to $5,000 to investigate one of the following contemporary issues:

- Environmental sustainability and topics related to the social impact of global warming and climate change
- Protecting human rights
- Privatisation — costs and benefits
- Corporate governance and corporate responsibility — what does it entail?
- Needs of regional Australia
- Impact of government policies on family and work
- Education
- Animal welfare
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues
- The role of minor parties in the Australian Senate
- Other research area consistent with the mission and vision of the Don Chipp Foundation.

Further information may be found at: www.donchippfoundation.org.au

Completed applications together with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) should be received by the Office of Research and Development by no later than Thursday, 10th April 2008.

2. SYLVIA AND CHARLES VIERTEL CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SNR MEDICAL RESEARCH 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.

**Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Thursday 24th April 2008.**

More information and application forms are available at: http://www.anz.com/aus/fin/Trustees/guNamed.asp#Viertel

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**3. SPECIAL RESEARCH INITIATIVES - ARC/NWC CO-FUNDED CENTRE FOR GROUNDWATER RESEARCH AND TRAINING – APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE**  
This opportunity was previously advertised. We can now advise that the Application Form and Certification Form for ARC/NWC Co-funded Centre for Groundwater Research and Training are now available on the ARC’s web site http://www.arc.gov.au.

One hard copy of the full application is to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 16th May 2008.

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**4. MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS RESEARCH AUSTRALIA (MSRA) GRANTS**  
**Investigator-Initiated Project Grants**  
Investigator-Initiated Projects require fully developed proposals inclusive of budget estimates. In addition, each application will be reviewed with a high degree of weight placed on its relevance to advancing MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS research. Please note that if you wish to apply for NMSSA (USA) funding, we have been advised that it is advantageous to attain MSRA prior support.

**Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 23rd May 2008.**

Please see below for application documents:
- Application Form
- Nomination of Assessors Form
- Conditions of Award

**Incubator Grants**  
Applications are invited for small grants (up to $25,000 plus GST for one year only) to 'seed' the earliest stages of new research efforts. Applications are accepted all year round. **Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT).**

Please see below for application documents:
- Application Form

For further information please see: http://www.msra.org.au/research/research-support.php

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**5. AAG’S R.M.GIBSON AGEING RESEARCH GRANTS**  
A central aim of the AAG is to encourage and support ageing research. One practical way this occurs is through the awarding of several RM Gibson Research Fund grants each year. Designed specifically to support emerging researchers in all fields of ageing, interested applicants are encouraged to visit the website and download an application form (application guidelines are available here).
Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Monday 23rd June 2008.

For more information please see:  http://www.aag.asn.au/rm_gibson.php

6. J.O. & J.R. WICKING TRUST
The JO & JR Wicking Trust was established in 2003. The Trust provides funding to provide benefits for the blind or visually impaired, the aged or for persons suffering from Alzheimer's disease and includes funding research into problems associated with the above. There are four categories of Grants.

- General Grants Major Strategic Initiatives
- General Grants Incubation Initiative
- Support Grants for Rural Communities
- Medical & Scientific grants for research into better diagnosis therapeutic intervention care or treatment of Alzheimer's disease and research into cures

For more information and application forms please see -

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Tuesday 24th June for Medical and Scientific Grants and Tuesday 8th July 2008 for General Grants.

7. GERMAN ACADEMIC EXCHANGE SERVICE (DEUTSCHER AKADEMISCHER AUSTAUSCH DIENST - DAAD) RESEARCH GRANTS FOR DOCTORAL CANDIDATES, YOUNG ACADEMICS AND SCIENTISTS
Are you looking for possibilities to fund a study or research stay in Germany?

The DAAD is Germany's largest scholarship-awarding organisation and runs several programs to support academic exchange between Germany and all parts of the world. These programs range from short-term exchanges for research or teaching purposes through to doctoral scholarships lasting several years. The scholarships offered by the DAAD are awarded to younger university graduates from all academic disciplines as well as from the fields of music and art. Support is also available for young academics and scientists, university teachers and groups completing study visits under the guidance of a university teacher. This support is largely financed from public funds made available by the German Federal Foreign Office.

The scholarship programs presented on the DAAD website (http://ic.daad.de/sydney/) were designed especially for Australian students and academics.

- Applicants are generally expected to be Australian nationals; foreign nationals may be eligible if they are permanent residents of Australia. Temporary residents need to prove that they have been long-term residents of Australia for at least six years and that they intend to remain in Australia for the foreseeable future. If you are not an Australian national or if you have lived in Australia for less than six years, please click here for a list of addresses of DAAD Representatives in your region.

- As a rule, the age limit for most programmes is 32. Study beginners cannot be considered for support.

- Applicants who have been resident in Germany for more than one year at the time of application cannot be considered.

You will find more detailed information on scholarships and funding on the DAAD website: www.funding-guide.de, and especially for Australians in the DAAD leaflet.

Detailed information on what application papers need to be submitted can be found on the application form which can be obtained from the DAAD download site.
Applications for undergraduate scholarships should be discussed with the Scholarships Office with ORD. For any post doctoral applications please contact your Research and Development Officer for application deadline details.

8. AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (AINSE) - 2008 POST-GRADUATE RESEARCH AWARDS (PGRA) APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

The Institute offers awards for postgraduate students whose research projects are associated with nuclear science, or its applications, and require access to the unique national facilities at the Lucas Heights Science & Technology Centre.

Post-graduate Research Awards are offered by AINSE for suitably qualified persons wishing to undertake studies in AINSE's field of interest for a higher degree at a member university of AINSE. Applications for PGRAs will also be considered, as in past years, where the research aligns with the broad spectrum of research foci supported by AINSE. A full list of over 100 major and minor facilities is available on request from AINSE (email: ainse@ansto.gov.au).

Applications are particularly encouraged in fields which are related to the research activities of the Australian Nuclear Science & Technology Organisation (ANSTO) at Lucas Heights, Australia.

Research Supplements are the principal form of award and are offered to scholars who are (or will be) in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or equivalent scholarship. Supplement Stipend: $7,500 pa. The award also provides $5,500 pa for costs involved in using the facilities and services at Lucas Heights. Certain travel and accommodation costs to enable students to work at Lucas Heights are also provided.

Responsibility for establishing taxation liability lies with the recipient.

Candidates for an AINSE Postgraduate Research Supplement must be nominated by the Australian or New Zealand university where PhD enrolment is held or proposed for tenure commencing before 30 June of the year of application. The university must be a member of AINSE.

Further information may be found at:
http://www.ainse.edu.au/ainse/for_graduate_students/post_graduate_awards.html

While this is an on-line submission process hard copies of the application are still required to be submitted to AINSE and must be signed by the candidate and the Director, Office of Research and Development. 10 hard copies are required (original + 9 copies) and these must be submitted to the Office of Research and Development by no later than Thursday, 10 April 2008.

9. SEAFOOD CRC – PhD SCHOLARSHIPS

The Australian Seafood CRC is seeking PhD scholarship proposals for Round 2 of its PhD program.

As detailed when the results of Round 1 were announced, this round is specifically for those applications that have been developed with strong industry input. The CRC seeks to fund a small number of PhD scholarships on a competitive basis. Hence there is a short time line.

Please note that Round 3 will be a major recruitment of PhD students to start February 2009 and will be advertised later in the year. It is emphasised that the PhD proposed must be:

1. Supported in writing by CRC industry participants;
2. On a topic that relates to specific CRC milestones; and
3. Led by a CRC participant university.

The PhD scholarships will be judged according to the attached criteria, all of which must be addressed on the proposal. It is suggested that you discuss any ideas with the relevant Program Leader.
The value of a CRC Scholarship is $25,000 stipend for 3 years plus a maximum of $5,000 pa for up to three years for research and $300 for thesis binding. There are also many benefits of being within a CRC, such as access to training and travel funds. The CRC also offers $6,000 pa top-up scholarships that are the same as the full scholarships in all other aspects.

All applications must be received by no later than **5pm EST on 15 April 2008**. They should be sent to Rebecca Wilson, Seafood CRC Office Manager (rebecca.wilson@seafoodcrc.com) as an electronic file. Applicants of successful proposals will be notified by 10 May 2008 and will be required to enter the proposal onto FishNET (http://www.fishnet.gov.au/fishnet/)
If you have any queries, please contact Professor Chris Carter on either chris.carter@seafoodcrc.com or 03 6324 3823.

Please find the proposal format attached. Further documentation on the NEW website very shortly at www.seafoodcrc.com.

Regards


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Seafood CRC PhD scholarships
Call for second round applications

The Australian Seafood CRC is seeking PhD scholarship proposals for Round 2 of its PhD program.

As detailed when the results of Round 1 were announced, this round is specifically for those applications that have been developed with strong industry input. The CRC seeks to fund a small number of PhD scholarships on a competitive basis. Hence there is a short time line. Please note that Round 3 will be a major recruitment of PhD students to start February 2009 and will be advertised later in the year.

It is emphasised that the PhD proposed must be:

1. Supported in writing by CRC industry participants;
2. On a topic that relates to specific CRC milestones; and
3. Led by a CRC participant university.

Please find attached the CRC PhD Project Proposal for completion by applicants. Also attached are the selection criteria that the CRC Research Advisory Committee (RAC) will use to rank the proposals. Copies of these documents will also be on our website www.seafoodcrc.com.

The PhD scholarships will be judged according to the attached criteria, all of which must be addressed on the proposal. It is suggested that you discuss any ideas with the relevant Program Leader.

The value of a CRC Scholarship is $25,000 stipend for 3 years plus a maximum of $5,000 pa for up to three years for research and $300 for thesis binding. There are also many benefits of being within a CRC, such as access to training and travel funds.

The CRC also offers $6,000 pa top-up scholarships that are the same as the full scholarships in all other aspects.

The CRC discourages submission of speculative proposals from participants and proposals that do not address all selection criteria will be rejected immediately.

Unsuccessful scholarships may be discussed with the Education and Training Program Leader, Professor Chris Carter and other CRC Program Leaders for further development and resubmission.

All applications must be received by no later than 5pm EST on 15 April 2008. They should be sent to Rebecca Wilson, Seafood CRC Office Manager (rebecca.wilson@seafoodcrc.com) as an electronic file. Applicants of successful proposals will be notified by 10 May 2008 and will be required to enter the proposal onto FishNET (http://www.fishnet.gov.au/fishnet/)

If you have any queries, please contact Professor Chris Carter on either chris.carter@seafoodcrc.com or 03 6324 3823.