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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS ON ROTTNEST ISLAND – 2009 AND BEYOND
The Rottnest Island Authority is inviting proposals from interested parties to conduct research within the Rottnest Island Marine and Terrestrial Reserve. Priority will be given to research which is in line with the current RIA Research Strategy, and which will assist the RIA in making informed decisions on its management of an ‘A’ Class Reserve.

Proposals are welcomed for potential projects, including Honours and Postgraduate student projects. Support offered by RIA for proposed projects may be both financial and in-kind (e.g. RIA staff time, terrestrial / marine transport, accommodation), up to the value of $5000.

Priority topics of interest to the RIA include but are not limited to:
- Environmental Planning – Effects of climate change on RIA assets, climate change adaptability,
- Ecotourism – Investigate current status, and opportunities for, Ecotourism and Ecotourism products.
- Visitor impacts on Rottnest Terrestrial / Marine Reserve
- Visitor risk management, fire management.
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS) – Investigation, mapping and recommendations for track and trail management within the RI Terrestrial Reserve.
- Park Services – Increase understanding of diversity of user / stakeholder groups, review / audit access and facility requirements in bays with a high concentration of moorings, develop an ecological asset management and works system.
- Habitat Protection
  1. Terrestrial – woodland restoration and effects on ground water recharge, native vegetation / weed distribution, re-establishment of damaged ecological processes.
  2. Inland Aquatic – wetland rehabilitation, effects of climate change on aquatic systems.
- Flora / fauna – fauna population dynamics, fauna / flora relationships.
- Volunteer and Community Contribution
- Historic and Cultural Heritage Conservation.

Expressions of Interest 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 29th May 2009 for a mid year start or by Friday 23rd October 2009 for a start in 2010.

If you would like more information and EOI forms please contact Rosie Smith, Volunteer Coordinator (08 9372 9736 or 0408 920801 or via email at rosie.smith@rottnestisland.com) for an informal discussion regarding your proposed research area of interest.

2. PFIZER AUSTRALIA RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
Applications are now open for the Pfizer Australia Research Fellowship program. The Program aims to encourage leaders in biomedical research to establish a career in Australia; fostering the continued development of Australia as a source of world-class scientific innovation and ideas.

The Fellowships are awarded to scientists with significant potential to attain leadership in their chosen field of research. These fellowships ($1m over 5 years) will allow the successful applicant to continue their research career at an Australian university or research institution.

Each Fellowship allows the successful applicant to continue their program of research at an Australian university or research institution, by providing a 5-year grant covering salary, travel and other establishment costs. Each Fellowship is valued at up to AUD$1million.

As an indicative guide, the grant offers support to the individual at the level of Senior Lecturer, or occasionally, Reader salary range, with remaining funds used for other research related costs.
The Fellowships are designed to support a specific research program to be conducted by the applicant, primarily within an Australian research centre.

To be eligible to apply for a Fellowship, applicants should have a research-based doctoral degree in a scientific or medically related discipline, together with recognized post-doctoral achievements. A commitment to the establishment of a research career in Australia should be demonstrated by appropriate acknowledgement and support from a University or recognized local research institute. Ideally the applicant should have less than 10 year’s post doctoral experience.

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 12th June 2009.

For more information please see – www.research.curtin.edu.au

3. MND RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF AUSTRALIA – RESEARCH GRANTS FOR 2010

The MND Research Institute of Australia (MNDRIA) is a national organisation, receiving funds from donors in all Australian states, and encourages researchers from all states to apply for funding.

MNDRIA has been listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register for 2009.

The MND Research Institute encourages young researchers to focus their research career on MND through doctoral scholarships and post doctoral fellowships, and also encourages established researchers to focus their research on MND through grants-in-aid with seed funding for start-up projects.

The Bill Gole MND Postdoctoral Fellowship will be offered for a period of three years with salary funded at $72,500 p.a. with the following conditions:

- The applicant must be an Australian citizen or have permanent residential status.
- At 28 August 2009, applicants must have no more than three years research experience from the date their doctoral thesis was passed.
- Applicants who will submit their completed doctoral thesis before the end of 2009 will be considered, but the Fellowship cannot be taken up by the applicant until the thesis has been passed.

Grants-in-aid usually range from $15,000 to $35,000 (average $25,000). These grants are intended as seed funding for projects that may expand to become eligible for more significant funding from other sources.

The Zo-ee Research Grant and the MND Victoria Research Grant are both offered again with a requirement to attend the International ALS/MND Symposium in 2010 (Date (usually December) and venue still to be advised). Other sponsored grants are also offered.

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A three-year PhD Scholarship for research in MND will be offered in partnership with NHMRC. Application for these scholarships should be made through NHMRC. PhD applications should be submitted via the Scholarships Office of ORD by Friday 24th July 2009.

More details are available at www.mndresearch.asn.au.

4. CURTIN FACULTY OF HEALTH POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

The Faculty Post Doctoral Development Fellowships aim to support newly graduated doctoral students or individuals in the final stages of their PhD with an opportunity to build a research career pathway within the five research portfolios of the Curtin Health Innovation Research Institute.

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- A commitment to build existing strength & capacity to deliver a competitive advantage across defined core themes,
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5. The application will provide a report from their primary supervisor or research mentor, supporting the application.
6. The application will identify the research group and lead researcher who will be supervising and mentoring the research project/researcher.
7. Applicants will be interviewed by a panel of academics from within the Faculty.

Applications close May 30th 2009. Interviews will be convened in June.

Applications to Sucy Leong Research & Graduate Studies Office, Building 400, Room 417

All inquiries to Professor Barbara Horner Dean R&GS - 9266 2993

Please see the attached documentation for more information and the application form.

5. ARTHRITIS AUSTRALIA 2010 RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATIONS
Arthritis Australia 2010 research grant applications are now open to clinical, scientific and allied health professionals who work in universities, hospitals and recognised research institutes.

Grants valued between $10,000 and $50,000 for one year are available in the following categories:

• Fellowships
• Scholarships
• Grants In Aid and Project Grants

Applications are to be submitted via email.

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 3rd July 2009.

6. AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE – 2010 AWARDS AND GRANTS

The Australian Academy of Science’s Honorific Awards for scientific excellence are made to early-career researchers under 40 and to career researchers for life-long achievements. The Academy also supports research through the sponsorship of conferences that focus on rapidly developing fields of research, the award of travelling fellowships for the exchange of scientific ideas, and awards to support research.

The Academy is inviting nominations for:
• applications for research support for the conservation of endangered Australian vertebrate species
• nominations for the 2010 Rudi Lemberg Travelling Fellowship and 2010 Selby Fellowship
• applications for the 2010 Graeme Caughley Travelling Fellowship for Australian ecologists to travel overseas

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 Monday 21st August 2009.
Website: http://www.science.org.au/awards/research.htm

The Academy is also inviting:
• Medals and prizes for early career and career researchers
Closing date – 31 July 2009
Website: http://www.science.org.au/awards/index.htm

The Academy is calling for Expressions of Intent for:
• support for research conferences for 2010/11
Closing date – 31 August 2009
Website: http://www.science.org.au/awards/research.htm

Email: awards@science.org.au

7. ARC SUPER SCIENCE AND INDIGENOUS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED IN THE FEDERAL BUDGET

Super Science Fellowships
In Tuesday’s federal budget it was announced that the ARC will be alloated $27.2 million over four years to run two rounds of threeyear Super Science fellowships, to ensure our most promising young researchers continue to have opportunities to work in scientific areas of national significance during the global recession.

Fellowships will be offered in three areas where there is capacity to build on Australia’s strengths in:
• Super Science – Space and Astronomy;
• Super Science – Marine and Climate; and
• Super Science – Future Industries.

The scheme will offer 100 fellowships in total (50 fellowships per round), each worth up to $72,500 per annum plus on costs. The first round of fellowships to commence funding in 2010, with applications called in the second half of 2009.

The new fellowships will be administered by the Australian Research Council under the existing Discovery program of the National Competitive Grants Program and will be available to researchers in universities and publicly funded research agencies within the targeted science fields.

Indigenous Fellowships
In February, the Government announced additional opportunities for Indigenous researchers under reforms made the Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development scheme for funding commencing in 2010. One of the major reforms is the introduction of a new fellowship for more senior Indigenous researchers – the Australian Research Fellowship Indigenous. Funding for this scheme was confirmed in Tuesday’s budget.

These two new fellowship schemes are in addition to the Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme announced in September 2008 and the Future Fellowship scheme announced in last year’s budget.

As more information becomes available we will advise staff.
SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. EARLY REMINDER - 2009 ARC LINKAGE ROUND 2 APPLICATIONS
This is an early reminder to applicants intending to apply for 2009 ARC Linkage Projects Round 2 that they should be developing their proposals now. We will issue advice on the Expressions of interest process in the coming weeks.


For those of you who are waiting on the outcome of 2008 Round 2, we anticipate that the outcomes will be known in the next couple of weeks.

Please also note that applications will be submitted via the new ARC online submission process – RMS. An important lesson learnt from using this system for the current ARC rounds is that it is crucial to start the online application process early. Particularly when it comes to adding Partner Investigators. ORD will be providing training on using the RMS in the coming months. Some steps, such as obtaining log ons and updating personal details can be done well in advance of the closing date.

2. EARLY NOTICE - 2010 ARC DISCOVERY APPLICATIONS – NEW CURTIN PROCESSES
A revised Expression of Interest (EOI) process will be introduced to manage 2010 ARC Discovery Project applications (for funding in 2011). The call for Expressions of Interest will be earlier than in previous years and applicants will be required to submit more information.

We will provide you with more information on the revised process and timelines in due course. Potential applicants are encouraged to start working on their research proposal ideas now so that they are sufficiently developed come EOI time.

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3. NHMRC PROJECT GRANT ASSESSMENTS
The NHMRC has recently begun approaching the research community to seek the participation of researchers in providing external assessments as part of the peer review of applications for the 2009 Project Grants scheme. NHMRC relies upon the cooperation of the research community to assist with peer review and we must emphasise it is a voluntary process.

They recognise that researchers have many demands on their time, but we are wholly dependent on the research community to provide reviews of Project Grant applications. In 2009, NHMRC has received over 3,100 Project Grant applications, each requiring two external assessors.

They have requested that ORD communicate that appointed members of a Grant Review Panel (GRP) in 2009 are not precluded from reviewing Project Grant applications (in addition to their GRP workload). Where possible, NHMRC will not approach GRP members regarding applications on their own GRP. GRP members should decline any such applications received in error.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the NHMRC.
4. CONSULTATION – NHMRC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS SCHEME
NHMRC is conducting a public consultation on its Research Fellowships scheme.

This highly successful scheme underwent major changes most recently around a decade ago. The NHMRC’s Research Committee has been considering whether any refinements or changes should now be made. Submissions from all interested stakeholders are invited.

The Consultation Paper and submission form will be available on the NHMRC website on 25 May, 2009.

Submissions will close on Monday 29 June.

5. 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:

Building Your Research Career
Date: Thursday 14th May
Time: 2:30pm to 4:15pm
Venue and Registration: http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#
Synopsis: Three senior researchers will talk about their experiences in building their research careers, covering topics such as pitfalls they have come across and strategies that they have found useful along the way. There will be time for questions/discussion.

Human Ethics Committee – Reviewer training
Date: Wednesday 3rd June 2009
Time: 10:30am to 12:30pm
Venue and Registration: http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=55#
Target Audience: Reviewers and people interested in reviewing ethics applications
Synopsis: This session is designed specifically for Reviewers of Ethics applications and staff interested in becoming Ethics application reviewers. This session will cover topics such as:
- legislation and regulations;
- the role of the reviewer;
- how to review applications;
- committee processes

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training
Date: Tuesday 2nd June 2009
Time: 2:00pm to 4:00pm
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. Please note that in order to gain access to the Research Project module it is necessary to attend a training session. See below for arrangements for non-Bentley based staff.

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training
Date: Friday 12th June 2009
Time: 10:00am to 11:45am
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. Please note that in order to gain access to the Research Project module it is necessary to attend a training session. See below for arrangements for non-Bentley based staff.
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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.

Preparing ARC Rejoiners
Date: Thursday 4th June 2009
Time: 2:30pm to 4:00pm
Venue and Registration: http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82
Target Audience: Researchers and Research Administrators involved in ARC applications
Synopsis: The session is designed to assist ARC applicants prepare their rejoinders. The session will cover the following topics: The assessment process; Interpretting assessor comments and how to use them effectively; What to write: how best to address the issues, or what to write if the review is glowing; Dealing with conflicting assessments; Common pitfalls and things to watch out for and the project of submitting a rejoinder

Preparing NHMRC Rejoiners
Date: Wednesday 10th June 2009
Time: 10:30am to 12:00pm
Venue and Registration: http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82
Target Audience: Researchers who have submitted applications via the NHMRC Project Grant process
Synopsis: This session is for staff who have submitted an application via the NHMRC Project Grants process. It may also be of relevance to applicants of other NHMRC grant schemes. The session will cover topics such as: The assessment process and its implications on how to read and respond to your assessor comments; Finding the right tone for your rejoinder; What to write: how best to address the issues, or what to write if the review is glowing; Dealing with conflicting assessments; Pitfalls and tips.
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### TOOLS AND TIPS

#### LINKS

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

- Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)  

#### 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.newengland.edu.au) useful.

### TIP OF THE WEEK

**New to Research at Curtin?**

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**CHIRI Post Doctoral Development Fellowships 2009: Application Form**
1. APPLICANT DETAILS (print clearly)

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*Gender and date of birth are used only for statistical and identification purposes.*

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2. PROPOSED RESEARCH PROGRAM
Please provide the following information in the required format (maximum 5 pages in a 12 point font), not including references.

PROJECT TITLE (20 words)

PROJECT SUMMARY (100 words of plain language that summarises the aims, significance and expected outcomes)

BACKGROUND
Describe the background to the project. Include information about recent international progress in the field of the research, and the relationship of this proposal to work in the field generally. Refer only to refereed papers that are widely available to national and international research communities.

SIGNIFICANCE AND INNOVATION
Describe how the research is significant and whether the research addresses an important problem. Describe how the anticipated outcomes advance the knowledge base of the discipline and why the project aims and concepts are novel and innovative. Detail what new methodologies or technologies will be developed, and how the research activities will help to advance the work of researchers or programmes within CHIRI.

APPROACH
Outline the conceptual framework, design and methods and demonstrate that these are adequately developed, well integrated and appropriate to the aims of the project.

NATIONAL BENEFIT RELEVANT TO CHRONIC DISEASE
Describe the expected outcomes and the likely impact of the proposed research. Include how this research will be used to prepare a competitive grant application in the future.

COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS
Outline plans for communicating the research results.

REFERENCES
Include a list of all references (this is in addition to the five page limit).

ATTACH YOUR CV (limit of 6 pages)
This should highlight your track record and include Publications, Grant Income, HDR supervision (if any), Awards and Conference presentations
Research Area or School | Verify support for the application. How will this build the program area
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Mentor/Supervisor (if different) | Verify support for the applicant. How will this build the program area.
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CERTIFICATION BY APPLICANT

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that:

i) all the details contained in this application form are true and complete;

ii) I have complied with the guidelines and if I am successful I will accept the conditions stated therein; and

iii) I understand and agree that all statutory requirements must be met before the proposed research can commence.

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CERTIFICATION BY HEAD OF RESEARCH PROGRAM

i) I am prepared to have the project carried out in my Area under the circumstances set out by the applicant.

ii) I agree to provide basic facilities that include but are not limited to:

   (a) adequate working space;

   (b) for any laboratory-based project, adequate access to workshop services

   (c) access to a basic library collection, standard references and funds for abstracting services;

   (d) access to basic computer facilities, including word processing and access to the Internet;

   (e) adequate computing time (excluding access to high performance computers unless specified in the Project Application),

   (f) photocopying, telephone facilities; and

   (g) time for the Applicant to do the Project.

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