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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. GAMBLING RESEARCH GRANTS
Researchers are encouraged to apply for grants through the Submission Based Grants System for Gambling Research 2010. Further information about the grants is included in a letter from the Executive Director, Office of Gaming and Racing to the Vice Chancellor dated 20 January 2010.

The grants system provides individual project funding of up to $100,000 per annum for a maximum of three years for research related to gambling or problem gambling.

The department is currently seeking applications for the 2010 round of grants. Previous grant recipients are eligible to apply for the 2010 grants.

This round of grants focuses on the themes of:
- Effective treatment and interventions for problem gambling
- Electronic gaming machines and their effects on recreational and problem gamblers
- Risk factors and patterns of safe-level gambling
- Gambling consumption and behaviour

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 25th February 2010.

Information about the grants is provided in the Applicant Information Pack which can be accessed at www.tenders.vic.gov.au.

2. AMERICAN AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION EDUCATION FUND
The AAAD Fund is now accepting applications for 2010 Australia to US Fellowships. The Association offers Fellowships of up to US$25,000 to Australian researchers wishing to undertake advanced research (graduate or postgraduate) in the U.S. Through these Fellowships, the Association encourages intellectual collaboration and innovation, building on the strong economic and social partnerships between Australia and the United States.

Fields of research supported by the Fellowships:
- Biology (biopharmaceuticals)
- Engineering
- Medicine
- Science
- Business
- Geology/Geophysics
- Pediatrics
- Technology

General Requirements:
- Applicant's research or study must be at a postgraduate or postdoctoral level
- Proof of acceptance into a U.S. educational institution
- Applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
- The Fellowships are intended to support part of the costs of one year of research/study in the U.S. (applicants must submit a proposed budget)
- Applicants should devote full time to their research or study

The Association is pleased to announce the creation of three new Fellowships to be offered as part of the 2010 program:
- Amgen Fellowship – offered in biology with a focus on biopharmaceutical research.
- Chevron Fellowship – available in geology, geophysics or reservoir engineering.
- Morgan Stanley Pediatrics Fellowship – for post-doctoral research in medicine with a focus on early childhood.

Applications 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 8th April 2010.

Further Information: www.americanaustralian.org/australian_to_usa_apps/
3. GRANTS FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL: INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE LINKAGES—SCIENCE ACADEMIES PROGRAM

The Australian Academy of Science is inviting applications from professional scientists to visit Europe, North America (Canada, USA and Mexico) and North East Asia (China, Korea and Taiwan) between 1 July 2010 and 31 March 2011 to collaborate with researchers in those countries.

Proposals in any field of natural science, basic and applied, including mathematics and engineering science, will be considered.

Applicants must propose a collaborative research project, or a specific activity, which has been developed in consultation with host scientists. Under this scheme applicants can request travel support to access international leading-edge small to medium research facilities and equipment.

Support will not be provided for costs associated with the use of these facilities or when the purpose if the visit is to attend a conference. The duration of the visits must be between 14 and 40 days.

This project is supported by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research’s International Science Linkages – Science Academies Program.

Applications 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 19th February 2010.

Information and application forms are available on the web site: http://www.science.org.au/internat/programs.htm

4. AUSTRALIAN FLORA FOUNDATION

Research Grants from the Australian Flora Foundation are now open. The grants are for research into the biology and cultivation of the Australian Flora.

The Foundation expects to support between two and four projects at $5000 - $12,000 each in 2011 with possible extension into 2012. Preliminary applications (2 A4 pages) will be accepted until 22nd March 2010. Short listed applicants will be asked to submit a full application.

Preliminary applications 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 15th March 2010.

For more information and application forms please see - http://www.aff.org.au/AFF2_Call_for_applications.htm

5. THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY - TRAVEL GRANTS

The grant sponsors Australian microbiologists, especially those in the formative stages of their careers, to undertake professional development in appropriate laboratories in Australia or New Zealand.

This grant provides funding to assist in financing
- short postgraduate refresher courses in Australia on aspects of microbiology;
- visits by international or Australian specialist microbiologists to and within Australia for specific purposes that would benefit many members;

- visits by Australian specialist microbiologists to international symposia or advances courses, with the prime object of the knowledge gained being disseminated to other Australian microbiologists upon return of the specialist;
- visits by Australian specialist microbiologists overseas on lecture exchange programs with other learned societies;
- ASM scholarships for postgraduate training of members; and
- other purposes recommended by the Foundation Committee and deemed by National Council to be consistent with the aims of the foundation

The Foundation Travel Grant normally provides from several hundred to a maximum of $2000 per scholarship. Applicants who have secured significant support (ca. 50%) from other sources will be assessed more favourably than those who have not.
Applications 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 23rd July 2010.

For more information please see - http://www.theasm.org.au/awards/national

6. AUSTRALIAN MARINE SCIENCES AUSTRALIA - ANNUAL CONFERENCE - STUDENT TRAVEL SUBSIDY
AMSA will provide travel grants to subsidise travel by students to the Annual Conference.
The grants will be met by a pool of funding from various sources, including the Council and donations from industry and government.

Each subsidy shall be determined by dividing this pool of funds, as decided by Council, between applicants, pro-rated for distance between the student's institution and the conference location, or other method as decided by Council.

No late applications for travel subsidy (i.e. after the close of abstract submission) will be considered.

Please check eligibility criteria and download the necessary forms from that page.

7. COMMERCIALISATION AUSTRALIA ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS
Commercialisation Australia – the Rudd Government’s $196 million new support initiative for home-grown innovation – is now open to receive applications.

The first step for potential applicants is to visit the new Commercialisation Australia website and fill-in a pre-application checklist. There is no deadline for submitting an application to Commercialisation Australia.

Commercialisation Australia is a merit-based, competitive assistance program and will support applications with the strongest commercial potential. It has a broad national reach with case managers based in states and territories across Australia offering tailored advice to successful applicants.

Commercialisation Australia will assist researchers, entrepreneurs and innovative firms to commercialise their ideas, offering grants on a co-contribution basis including:

- Up to $50,000 to pay for specialist advice and services;
- Up to $200,000 over two years to engage experienced executives;
- Proof of Concept grants up to $250,000 to test the commercial viability of a new product, process or service; and
- Early Stage Commercialisation repayable grants up to $2 million to develop a new product, process or service to the stage where it can be taken to market.

The pre-application checklist, details on eligibility and merit criteria can be found at www.commercialisationaustralia.gov.au or by calling the Commercialisation Australia Hotline on 13 22 56.


HEALTH SPECIFIC

1. NHMRC TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO PRACTICE TRIP FELLOWSHIP SCHEME
Translating Research Into Practice (TRIP) is a new early-to-mid career fellowship scheme to support the translation of research findings into clinical practice.

The NHMRC TRIP Fellowship awards provide support and training for future leaders in translating important research findings into clinical practice. The award supports protected-time for clinicians in researching approaches to applying evidence to improve care, and develop the range of skills needed for leadership in research translation.

Fellows gain practical hands-on implementation experience by proposing and undertaking an implementation research project. This is supported through training in implementing evidence, influencing and managing change and communicating research findings. Fellows also receive mentoring to assist in the development of leadership and project management skills.
The two-year half-time award is open to early-to-mid career medical practitioners, nurses, allied health professionals and other health professionals. It is expected that the Fellow's employing institution will support the remainder of the Fellow's time in a clinical role.

Information teleconferences
Information teleconferences will be held for potential applicants on Monday 1 February and Tuesday 2 February 2010, applicants are to register for one date only.

- Teleconference time for Monday 1 February is 4:30 - 5:15pm: Western Australian time
- Teleconference time for Tuesday 2 February is 10:30 - 11:15am: Western Australian time

Applicants must email TRIPfellowships@nhmrc.gov.au to register for the teleconference and to obtain an access PIN.

Applications
Please note that the TRIP Fellowship scheme does not currently use the NHMRC Research Grants Management System (RGMS)

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, no later than Monday 15th February 2010.


2. NHMRC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT GRANTS
Applications for the second call for funding under the NHMRC Partnership Projects initiative will be available from 5th February 2010. Applicants will be required to submit their application via the NHMRC’s new online applications system, RGMS.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Certification form signed by all investigators, no later than Friday 9th April 2010. The Certification form will soon be available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/forms/grantsforms.cfm

The Funding Policy will be accessible on the NHMRC website.

3. NHMRC CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 2011
NHMRC Career Development Awards are now open.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Certification form signed by all investigators, preferably generated via SCRIPT, no later than Friday 12th March 2010. The Certification form will soon be available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/forms/grantsforms.cfm

The Career Development Awards funding scheme aims to further develop Australian health and medical researchers early in their career.

Further information on the Career Development Award scheme can be found on the NHMRC website.

Typical characteristics of successful Career Development Award applications – A guide for researchers
To help researchers in deciding whether they are competitive for Career Development Awards they should view the guide on typical successful CDA applicants in the last 5 years on the NHMRC website.

4. NHMRC ENCOURAGES PROJECT GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH INTO SERVICES STRUCTURES FOR SEVERE AND PERSISTENT MENTAL ILLNESS
‘Effective health care’ is identified as a major health issue in the NHMRC Strategic Plan 2006-2009. NHMRC’s previous National Health Committee indicated that there was a need for research to inform health policy development for people with chronic and persistent mental illness.
To address this need, *Mental illness - Services for severe and persistent mental illness* has been included as a Strategic Plan Initiative in the 2010 Project Grant application round. NHMRC hopes that high quality research will lead to:

- identifying which service structures best support optimal client outcomes (across the domains of welfare, rehabilitation, housing, physical health and mental health) for people with chronic and persistent mental illness;
- promoting change in practitioner practices in line with research outcomes; and
- trialling of new and innovative systems of care based on evidence of "what works".

Project Grant applications in the following areas are particularly encouraged:

- evaluation of systems of care that encourage cooperation and coordination of services across relevant areas of health, vocational rehabilitation and disability support;
- improving knowledge about the capacity within service systems to achieve effective outcome measurements and monitoring of individuals in the system; and
- mechanisms to prevent system failure in health, rehabilitation and disability support.

Further information on NHMRC’s Priority research area of Indigenous health, the NHMRC Strategic Plan Initiatives and Special Initiatives (externally funded), can be found in the *Project Grants funding Policy for funding commencing in 2011* on the [NHMRC website](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au).

## 5. HAEMOPHILIA RESEARCH GRANTS

Grants are now available for medical, scientific or social research which will improve outcomes for people with haemophilia, von Willebrand disorder or related inherited bleeding disorders, and/or medically acquired blood borne viruses.

An amount of $15,000 is available for one or more projects to be undertaken over the next year.

**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 Wednesday 24th March 2010.**

Application form/conditions of funding are attached or may be downloaded from Haemophilia Foundation Australia web site at [www.haemophilia.org.au](http://www.haemophilia.org.au).

## 6. HEART FOUNDATION GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Please see below for the calendar of closing dates for Heart Foundation Grants and Fellowships:

**ORD Closing dates for 2010:**

- Travel Grants - Round 1: 29th January 2010
- Grant-in-Aid - 24th February 2010 (via the NHMRC Project Grant process)
- Travel Grants - Round 2: 2nd April 2010
- Fellowships: 5th April 2010
- Scholarships: 21st August 2010
- Travel Grants - Round 3: 27th August 2010
- Summer Scholarships: 14 September 2010

**With the exception of Grant-in-Aid and scholarships, 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 the specified ORD closing date.**

For more information and application forms please see - [click here](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au).

## 7. PFIZER AUSTRALIA RESEARCH GRANTS

Please see below for information regarding the Pfizer Australia Research Grants programs that Pfizer Australia will be supporting in 2010.

The Research Grant programs aim to support medical graduates who have recently commenced their careers in the following four areas:

1. Cardiovascular and Lipid Research
2. Neuroscience Research
3. Cancer Research
4. Paediatric Endocrine Care Research
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 one week before the Pfizer closing date.

Please visit https://www.pfizergrants.com.au for further information about the research partnerships and grant programs on offer in 2010.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ARC CONSULTATION PAPER ON ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS
ARC has recently released a consultation paper on ARC Linkage Projects (see http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_consultation.htm).

Currently, we can apply for Linkage Project grants twice a year. This paper proposed to change this to once a year for project funding. Also, the Australian Post-Graduate Australia Industry (APAI) scholarship component of project funding will be separated out such that Curtin will have to apply for these scholarships through a different process.

Prof Roland de Marco has kindly agreed to coordinate our response to the document.

Would you please provide him with feedback by 1 February 2010 so that he can collate the responses into a coordinated response by the University.

2. ADVICE ON WHETHER TO APPLY TO THE ARC OR NHMRC
In some instances, applicants may not be clear about whether their application is more appropriately considered by the NHMRC or the Australian Research Council (ARC). In 2010 the arrangements have been modified and applicants should note that the ARC has developed a clarified expanded definition of medical and dental research, which is available from the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_default.htm. At the time of certifying an ARC Discovery Project submission, Administering Institutions are to ensure that the submission is not medical and dental research according to that definition.

3. CALL FOR RESEARCHERS TO SERVE ON THE NHMRC PROJECT GRANT REVIEW PANELS IN 2010
NHMRC is currently identifying researchers to serve on the Project Grant Review Panels in 2010. Researchers can express their interest by email to grp.membership@nhmrc.gov.au. Appointments will be made after reviewing the availability of the researchers approached and the range of specific skills and expertise required to assess the applications.

NHMRC grant holders are reminded of their obligations to assist the NHMRC by participating in peer review. NHMRC relies upon the cooperation of the Australian and international research community to assist with peer review and we greatly appreciate your ongoing support.

4. RESEARCH PERFORMANCE INDEX (RPI) ROUND OPEN SOON
The 2010 Round of the Research Performance Index (RPI) will open 8th February.

The Specifications are available from the RPI Website.

Please note there are some substantial changes planned for RPI to align with external drivers such as the Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative of the Federal Government. Since RPI is retrospective, some of these changes will be implemented progressively over 2010 and 2011 to allow researchers time to respond. A transition matrix highlighting the current changes and the proposed changes for the 2011 RPI Round can be found on the RPI Website.

If you are new to Curtin or new to Research please see the latest RPI Update for information on what RPI is and how to participate.
5. BEHAVIOURAL RESEARCH IN CANCER CONTROL (BRCC) CONFERENCE
Please see important information attached regarding pre-conference events being held on Tuesday 13 April 2010 prior to the BRCC conference. More details including venue information will be available soon at www.cancerwa.asn.au/research/brcc2010

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/
The slides and lectures of previous sessions can be found at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm

We wish to highlight the following sessions coming up:

**Using RMS to submit an ARC Discovery application**
ORD is running two seminars on using RMS, the new online submission system for Australian Research Council (ARC) grant applications. These sessions will focus on the upcoming research funding rounds, with a particular focus on Discovery Project applications.

**Date:** Wednesday 27th January 2010
**Time:** 11:00am to 1:00pm
**Venue details and to Register:** http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#

**SCRIPT Research Project module training** (it is only necessary to attend one session)
At this session 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.

**Date:** Thursday 28th January 2010
**Time:** 10:00am to 12:00pm

**Repeat session**
**Date:** Wednesday 10th February 2010
**Time:** 11:00am to 1:00pm
**Venue details and to Register for either session:** http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=83

**SCRIPT Research Groups (RPI) module training – for RPI Administrators**
These sessions are designed for RPI administrators who will be responsible for managing RPI claims in the SCRIPT database on behalf of an RPI group. The Beginners sessions are designed for new RPI administrators and the Advanced sessions are for experienced administrators who would like a refresher and to go through what has changed from last year. Please ensure that you attend the appropriate session. It is suggested that attendees make themselves familiar with the [RPI Specifications](http://research.curtin.edu.au/rpi/rpi.cfm) before attending. More information on RPI is available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/rpi/rpi.cfm

**Beginner RPI Administrator sessions** (it is only necessary to attend one session):
**Date:** Thursday 4th February 2010
**Time:** 10:30am to 11:30am

**Repeat session**
**Date:** Monday 8th February
**Time:** 2:00pm to 3:00pm

**Experienced RPI Administrator sessions** (it is only necessary to attend one session):
**Date:** Friday 5th February
**Time:** 2:00pm to 3:00pm

**Repeat session**
**Date:** Tuesday 9th February
**Time:** 10:30am to 11:30am
**Venue details and to Register for any of the above sessions:** http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=83
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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
**Preparing for RPI**

In preparation for RPI next year, it is important to ensure that all of your 2009 publications and research funding has been entered into the SCRIPT database. By entering them in before the end of 2009 the amount of work that needs to be done in the lead up to RPI claims will be reduced.

For more information on RPI please see - [http://research.curtin.edu.au/rpi/rpi.cfm](http://research.curtin.edu.au/rpi/rpi.cfm)

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