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CLOSING DATE FOR ARC (LIEF) EOI’s
Monday 7th April 2008
EOIs are to be emailed to Stuart Clarke. Please refer to Update 7-2008 for more information.
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. ARC LINKAGE INTERNATIONAL GRANTS - FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 2009 – FUNDING RULES NOW AVAILABLE

The Linkage International Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2009 are now available on the ARC’s web site (www.arc.gov.au).

The main changes to the Linkage International Funding Rules from the previous year (proposals submitted in 2007) are summarised at Section 5 of the rules. The ARC will provide further notification advising when Application Forms and other relevant documentation become available.

PLEASE NOTE THAT LINKAGE INTERNATIONAL AWARDS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE

One hard copy of applications for ARC International Fellowships (ARCIFs) are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than 5pm Friday 9th May 2008.

One hard copy of applications for Linkage International Social Sciences Collaboration proposals are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than 5pm Wednesday 21st May 2008.

2. NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF AUSTRALIA RESEARCH GRANTS

Fredrick Watson Fellowship ($15,000)
A key function of the National Archives is to promote archival research in Australia and encourage scholarly use of the National Archives collection. Frederick Watson Fellowships commemorate the life and work of Dr Frederick Watson. The fellowships are designed to help established scholars complete an innovative and quality research project that:

- is significant for Australian audiences
- makes substantial use of our collection

Successful applicants will have scholarly credentials, preferably with a doctorate related to their intended area of research.

Completed applications must be received by the Office of Research and Development by no later than 5:00 pm Friday 20th June 2008 and must be accompanied by a competed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT).

Margaret George Award ($10,000)
A key function of the National Archives is to promote archival research in Australia and encourage scholarly use of the National Archives collection. Margaret George Awards commemorate the life and work of Margaret George. They are designed to help talented, emerging scholars complete an innovative and quality research project that:

- is significant for Australian audiences
- makes substantial use of our collection

Applicants could be emergent historians, academics, independent researchers or journalists with a talent for research. It is desirable that applicants have a record of achievement in their chosen field and the potential to excel further.

The award is not granted to support current postgraduate or doctoral projects. The award can be granted to international applicants provided their research focus is the National Archives of Australia's collection.
Completed applications must be received by the Office of Research and Development by no later than 5:00 pm Friday 20th June 2008 and must be accompanied by a competed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT).

3. EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH THE CHINESE ACADEMY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES
The Academy of Social Sciences in Australia supports an exchange program with the People’s Republic of China in cooperation with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) in Beijing. Research scholars in the social sciences, who are Australian citizens, are eligible to apply to participate in this program.

The applicant should be a junior faculty member (including those who had recently completed their doctorate). The aims of the program include collaboration between Australian and Chinese scholars, the opportunity for access to research and research materials not easily accessible outside the countries concerned, and the development of networks of scholars with related interests both within the between the two countries.

The Academy facilitates visits by scholars to specific research institutes and/or conferences in the China, preferably for a period of two weeks. The sending country pays international excursion fares to the capital city of the host country, and the host provides transport and accommodation. Applicants need to propose a program for the approval of the host Academy. A reciprocal agreement covers the cost of visits by Chinese scholars to Australia. The Academies welcome suggestions for such visits.

For more information please see - http://www.assa.edu.au/International/china.htm

Completed applications must be received by the Office of Research and Development by no later than 5:00 pm Thursday 24th July 2008 and must be accompanied by a competed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT).

4. CRIMINOLOGY RESEARCH GRANTS
The 2008 round of Criminology Research Grants is now open for submissions:

Grants are to support research on the causes, correction and prevention of criminal behaviour, and related matters. Criteria used to assess the policy relevance of submissions for funding include their:

- contribution to knowledge of crime trends which could be used for planning and resource allocation by government agencies
- examination of an under-researched topic
- relevance to a current or emerging serious criminal justice issue
- benefit in developing new policies or procedures for dealing with the crime problem in question
- benefit in devising crime reduction strategies
- assistance in developing police policies or practices
- benefit in devising legislative reform proposals
- support and assistance in the development of existing work by government agencies
- ability to inform training activities for criminal justice personnel
- assistance to victim support activities or services
- assistance in offender support activities or services
- contribution to statistical data holdings

The application kit and further information may be found at: http://www.criminologyresearchcouncil.gov.au/applications/
Completed applications must be received by the Office of Research and Development by no later than 5:00 pm Wednesday, 13 August 2008 and must be accompanied by a completed Research Project Application Tool.

This is a Nationally Competitive Grant

PRIZES AND AWARDS

1. 2008 PRIME MINISTER’S PRIZES FOR SCIENCE – NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN
The 2008 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science nomination round is now open. The Australian Government awards five prizes annually for outstanding achievements in science and science teaching:

- Prime Minister's Prize for Science;
- Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year;
- Science Minister's Prize for Life Scientist of the Year;
- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools; and
- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools.

Please note that self-nominations will not be considered, but a Nominator must ensure the Nominee is willing to be nominated and to provide evidence necessary to support the nomination (for example, proof of Australian citizenship or permanent residency, CV, publications list). Each nomination is also to be supported by two Supporter references.

Nominations are to be submitted via an online process. However, please contact Dianne Jeffery (D.Jeffery@curtin.edu.au) no later than Friday 28th April 2008 if you intend to nominate a Curtin researcher for the Prime Minister’s Prize for Science, the Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year or the Science Minister’s Prize for Life Scientist of the Year.

For more information please see - https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/SciencePrize/Pages/Home.aspx

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES AND INFORMATION SESSIONS

1. EXTERNAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES – RESEARCH METHODS
The Australian Consortium for Social and Political Research Inc. (ACSPRI) will be holding its 2008 Winter Program of courses from 23 June to 4 July at The University of Queensland, St.Lucia campus. The program consists of two sets of 5-day courses, Monday to Friday, on both qualitative and quantitative research methods, with levels varying from introductory to advanced.

As Curtin is a member of the ACSPRI organization, staff and students will receive a reduction in fees. There is a further “early bird” reduction in fees if these are paid in full before 12 May, 2008. For more detail about the courses offered, associated costs and registration and payment details please go to the Program website: http://www.acspri.org.au/winterprogram2008.

2. REVIEW OF THE NHMRC ROAD MAP FOR ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER HEALTH RESEARCH
The NHMRC Road Map: A Strategic Framework for Improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health through Research, is being reviewed.
The review is being undertaken by NHMRC in consultation with its key advisory committee on Indigenous health issues, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Research Advisory Committee (ATSIIHRAC), which is chaired by Professor Cindy Shannon.

The Committee intends to have consultation workshops in 2008 in Townsville, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne and Alice Springs. Details of these workshops will be publicised on the NHMRC website. For those unable to attend the workshops, NHMRC is offering an opportunity to have input through written submissions. More information on how to participate is available on the website.

3. OPEN ACCESS AND RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2008 (Previously advertised)
Wednesday 24 September-Thursday 25 September 2008
Post-Conference Workshops on Friday 26 September
Stamford Plaza, Brisbane, Australia
www.oar2008.qut.edu.au

Open access to knowledge is one of the most critical issues of our age as we move to deal with global issues from climate change to community health. Anyone with interests and expertise in open access that recognises the need to remain current in this highly progressive field should attend this exciting international conference. Attendees will benefit from encountering new ideas, forming research networks and taking part in stimulating discussion that aims to inspire and inform.

In the last ten years the way knowledge is created and disseminated has undergone significant change. The capacity of ICT and the rise of a rich text, highly interactive, user generated and socially active Internet (Web 2.0) have seen linear models of knowledge production replaced by more diffuse open ended and serendipitous knowledge processes.

As a result there has been a worldwide move towards establishing frameworks which can optimise access to research as well as the reuse of research, especially that which is publicly funded. This has been supported by the development of open access repositories, new publishing tools, new publishing models and a more strategic management of copyright at the individual and institutional level.

The Queensland University of Technology (QUT) along with many other institutions throughout the world has pioneered the establishment of management practices and the necessary infrastructure to promote access and innovation. This landmark conference will bring together experts from Australia and around the world to speak on a range of topics such as:

- Evolving publishing models
- eResearch
- Data access and reuse
- Repository management
- Policy development
- Legal and technical issues

For more information and online registration visit www.oar2008.qut.edu.au or email.

4. COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE – MAY 2008
The Cooperative Research Centres Association’s annual conference that is being held in Sydney on 21-23 May 2008 at the Australian Technology Park.

The theme is "Cooperative Research - The Engine of Innovation". Speakers from Australia and overseas will explore the concept of cooperative research and its role in driving innovation. Please see the attached flyer or view the website www.crca.asn.au/conference if you need more information.

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
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TOOLS AND TIPS

USEFUL LINKS
Community of Science (COS)
www.cos.com – For funding opportunities

Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)
http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/tools.cfm

TIP OF THE WEEK
Welcome to Tip of the Week. Each Update we will include an item of interest or tip for researchers.

Are you receiving Australian Competitive Grant (ACG) funding via another University? That is, the other University administers the grant, but a portion of the funds will come to Curtin.

If so, make sure you contact ORD to register this funding as grant income on the SCRIPT database and so that you can claim the funds for RPI purposes. It will be counted as funding from an Australian Competitive Grant fund source.

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For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
Cooperative Research Centres Association (CRCA)  
13th Annual Conference 21-23 May, 2008  
Australian Technology Park, Sydney

Invitation to Attend

*Cooperative Research: The Engine of Innovation* will take its participants on a journey through the trials and tribulations of research and development by exploring key factors and future developments of collaborative projects.

Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs) are proud participants in one of the most successful collaborative innovation programmes in the world. The CRC Association extends an open invitation to representatives from the Science, Research and Industry communities to join us at the Conference and explore the elements of Cooperative Research and its role in driving innovation in Australia.

International and local speakers will explore the theme from their own perspectives to identify opportunities where cooperation between key players can further drive and enhance the opportunity for world-leading innovation.

Held at the site of the old Sydney Locomotive Workshops, the conference will incorporate the ambience of the venue in the theme.

**Keynote Speakers Include:**

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<td>Mr Peter Ungaro, CEO &amp; President, Cray Inc. USA</td>
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<td>The Engine to Success – Once you have the fuel, how do you use it efficiently?</td>
<td>Dr Andrew West, Director, ANZ Capital, Corporate Finance, Australia</td>
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<td>Dr Amelia Hill, Director, Investment Banking, Alternative Capital Group, UBS Investment Bank, Australia</td>
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<td>Mr Teng Chye Khoo, Chief Executive, PUB Singapore (Public Utilities Board), Singapore</td>
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<td>Gaining Momentum – Building your resources to continue the journey</td>
<td>Dr Ray Shaw, General Manager, Technology Support, Rio Tinto, Australia</td>
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<td>Early Career Scientists – Showcasing the value of education within the operating environment of a CRC</td>
<td>8 Early Career Scientists are chosen from submissions to present at the conference</td>
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<td>Read the Signals &amp; Keep on Track – Is the light at the end of the tunnel a train coming the other way?</td>
<td>Dr Rowan Gilmore, CEO, Australian Institute for Commercialisation, Australia</td>
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Delivering the Goods – What was achieved and how did innovation benefit from cooperative research?

The Hon. Verity Firth, BA, LLB, MP, Minister for Science and Medical Research  
Mr James Kellaway, CEO, Australian Egg Corporation Limited, Australia  
Ms Jo Staines, General Manager, Programme Management, Hawker de Havilland, Australia

Where’s the next stop? – What are the future opportunities for cooperative research?

Professor Mary O’Kane, Chair, CRC Programme Review Committee, Australia

Who Should Attend?

Anyone interested in how R&D and Innovation will benefit their business. Industry Managers and Researchers, Government Representatives, University Staff, those interested in establishing a CRC, as well as CRC partners and representatives from Australia’s 58 CRCs.

Workshops

A series of 20 workshops has been put in place for the 2008 conference. You can find the programme on the conference website – click here.

Social Functions

Networking Reception
Wed 21 May  
ATP  
5.45pm – 6.45pm  
Business Attire

Awards for Excellence in Innovation
Thurs 22 May  
ATP  
7.00 for 7.30pm – 11.00pm  
Business Attire

Networking Dinners
Wed 21 May  
Venues: see below  
7.15pm – 10.30pm  
Transport by bus from ATP to Restaurants, with bus transfer back to hotel. All dinners are at Darling Harbour. click here.

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Transfers

Bus transfers have been arranged from the contracted hotels to the ATP each day. Full details are available on the conference website.

RSS Feeds – Website Updates

This year you can subscribe via the conference website - http://www.crca.asn.au/conference/rss.html. This means that anytime the website is updated you are notified automatically.
Registration

On-line registration will go live from 3rd March, 2008. You will receive notification when this happens.

**Early Bird Registration:** $850.00 by Monday 31 March 2008

**Standard Registration:** $950.00 from Tuesday 1 April 2008

For full information please visit the conference website at [http://www.crca.asn.au/conference](http://www.crca.asn.au/conference)

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