

# Research Update

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ARC Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development (DIRD) Grants are due Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Please provide one hard copy of the application to ORD.

For more information see [www.arc.gov.au](http://www.arc.gov.au)

# **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

## **1. ARC LINKAGE PROJECT APPLICATIONS – REVISED FUNDING RULES AND DEADLINE FOR ROUND 1**

The ARC have issued revised Funding Rules for Linkage Projects to be submitted in 2008 for funding to commence in 2009. They can be accessed from the ARC's website ([http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp\\_fundingrules.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_fundingrules.htm))

Changes include the following:

- The citizenship and residency requirements for APAI students have been relaxed (Appendix 3, A3.1.2); and
- Preference may be given to award APDIs to candidates who have the potential to enhance international collaboration (subsection 11.1.2.1).

Please refer to section 5 of the varied Funding Rules for a complete list of the changes from last year.

The GAMS form and the Instructions to Applicants are expected to be out soon.

**Please note, the new internal closing date for Round 1 proposals is Noon, Monday, 28th April 2008.**

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## **2. GAMS APPLICATION FORM NOW AVAILABLE FOR LINKAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES (LIEF) (FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 2009)**

The 2009 Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) Application Form is now available in GAMS. GAMS can be accessed via the ARC's web site (<http://www.arc.gov.au/>).

Funding Rules, Instructions to Applicants, Certification pro formas and Request not to Assess forms are also available on the ARC's Web Site at [http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lief/lief\\_default.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lief/lief_default.htm)

Please refer to [Research Update 7](#) for the timeline for LIEF applications.

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## **3. NHMRC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR 2008**

The NHMRC are now calling for Development Grant applications.

The Scheme supports the development of health or medical research that has commercial potential and that may benefit the Australian community by providing funding for research commercialisation at the early proof-of-concept stage.

The Funding Policy and application process documentation is now available from the NHMRC website at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/apply/granttype/development/index.htm>

Please note that applicants are required to use the Informed Filler software application form to submit their application.

**Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2008.**

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## **4. NATIONAL CENTRE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION RESEARCH (NCVER) GRANTS**

The National Centre for Vocational Education Research (NCVER), on behalf of the Department of Education, Science and Training, invites interested researchers to submit proposals for funding in an open category. This category offers researchers the opportunity to put forward any proposals that are national in scope and focus on research that will test and make a difference to the way in which the vocational education and training (VET) sector currently operates. NCVER invites proposals from suitably qualified and experienced researchers. NCVER is keen to encourage collaborative proposals involving researchers from a wide range of disciplines and from both within and outside the VET sector.

Researchers are encouraged to involve new researchers and providers/practitioners in their research and provide appropriate mentoring to build researcher capacity.

**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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008.**

For more information and application forms please see:

[http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/tenders.html#Current\\_funding\\_round](http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/tenders.html#Current_funding_round)

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## **PRIZES AND AWARDS**

### **1. AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH IN EDUCATION (AARE) AWARDS**

The Australian Association for Research in Education makes an annual award known as "the AARE Award For Doctoral Research in Education". The first award was made in 1989. The award comprises a citation from the Association together with a return airfare to the AARE Conference (30<sup>th</sup> November to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2008).

This award is intended as a recognition of excellence in educational research by doctoral students. Normally only one award will be made each year. It is seen by the Association as a way of recognising the high quality contribution made to educational knowledge by graduate students, and at the same time promoting dissemination and furthering of research.

The main criterion for assessment of excellence in doctoral research will be the contribution made to theoretical, empirical, or methodological knowledge in education. In particular, preference will be given to studies that make a conceptual advance in educational theory, policy, and practice; that point to the methods of improving educational practice or pioneer innovation; that contribute through disciplined research to knowledge on which new educational practices may be based; or that contribute to advances in methodology of educational research, evaluation, and dissemination.

Anyone who has been awarded a doctoral degree from an Australian institution in the two years prior to 30 June in the year of the award is eligible. Theses accepted for the degree after this date may be nominated in the following year.  
[Nominations close on 30 June each year.](#)

For more information please see the website - <http://www.aare.edu.au/docthes/aarephd.htm>

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### **2. FRESH SCIENCE COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING AWARD – NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN**

This year Fresh Science will be held in June in Melbourne. The event serves as a communications boot camp for early career researchers – getting their stories out to local, national and international media, and giving them essential communication skills.

Fresh Science will select 16 early-career researchers and bring them to Melbourne where they will receive media training and then present their work to the media, schools and the public.

In essence they are looking for:

- early career researchers with an upper limit of five years post-doc and no lower limit
- with a peer-reviewed result which has had no media coverage
- with some ability to present their ideas in plain English.

Nominations close on 1 May 2008.

For more information please see the website at [www.freshscience.org](http://www.freshscience.org)

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# SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

## 1. eRESEARCH AUSTRALASIA 2008 CONFERENCE

eResearch Australasia 2008 will be held 29th September 2008 to 1st October 2008 at the Sebel and Citigate Hotels, Albert Park in Melbourne, Australia. Workshops will follow on 2 and 3 October.

The conference will feature speakers and demonstrations from the Australian and international eResearch community and will provide:

- A catalyst for innovation and collaboration, by bringing together the architects, builders, users, and managers of eResearch infrastructures and services;
- A forum to support the development, enhancement, and harmonisation of national, regional, and discipline-specific eResearch infrastructures and services;
- A showcase for innovative science and research enabled through these technologies and services.

For more information please see - <http://www.eresearch.edu.au/>

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## 2. THE RELEASE OF NEW RFCD AND SEO CODES

**Who does this affect?** All researchers.

**What does it mean?** When completing your RPAT you will need to select from the **new** listing of codes from now on.

The new codes can be accessed via:

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/1297.0Contents12008?opendocument&tabname=Summary&prodno=1297.0&issue=2008&num=&view=>

Unfortunately, the new classification has involved a complete reworking of the codes such that every area of research has a new number. If you would like to see a map of the old code to the new codes, please go to the link above and view the Appendices section. The codes remain six digit numbers.

### **Background**

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has just released revised Research Field, Course and Discipline (RFCD) and Social and Economic Objective (SEO) codes as part of the *2008 Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification* (ANZSRC). These new codes replace the existing (1998) RFCD and SEO codes.

The codes have been updated to better capture emerging areas of research such as biotechnology and nanotechnology research as well as ensure that information is more readily available on research in the areas like energy, environment, technology and environmental science. The new classification was developed to meet the dual needs for a comprehensive description of today's research environment, as well as the ability to compare R&D statistics internationally. Growing policy interest in areas of energy production, climate change and environmental protection, as well as new fields of R&D, have led to a need to update the previous classification, the Australian Standard Research Classification (ASRC).

Classifications are a tool used by the ABS, as well as others in government, academia and the private sector, to ensure that data on particular topics are consistently described. This improves both data reporting and resource allocation.

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## 3. NHMRC PROJECT GRANTS – CALL FOR ASSESSORS

The NHMRC have advised that they will commence contacting health and medical researchers to provide independent assessments of Project Grant applications from Monday 14 th April 2008.

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## HELP, TOOLS and TIPS

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## TOOLS AND TIPS

### LINKS

Community of Science (COS)

[www.cos.com](http://www.cos.com)

Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)

<http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/tools.cfm>

New RFCD and SEO codes

<http://www.abs.gov.au/AUSSTATS/abs@.nsf/Latestproducts/1297.0Contents12008?opendocument&tabname=Summary&pridno=1297.0&issue=2008&num=&view=>

### TIP OF THE WEEK

**Who can sign Research funding agreements?**

Funding agreements come in a variety of forms - from complex contracts to simple one page acceptance forms. As it is Curtin who will be administering the funding on behalf of the researcher and protecting them with Curtin's insurances, **only someone who is authorised to act for Curtin is allowed to sign these documents.** Unfortunately, not all funding bodies are aware of this and their acceptance forms may be written in a way that suggests that the lead researcher can sign them.

**Always contact your Research and Development Officer before signing any research funding documents.** ORD will check the conditions set out in the agreement and arrange for signature by Curtin's authorised representative.

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