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GENERAL

1. FRENCH-AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FAST) PROGRAM CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research’s French-Australian Science & Technology (FAST) Program is currently calling for proposals.

The Program is jointly managed by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (Department of Innovation) and its French counterparts, the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR) and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE).

The objective of FAST is to promote and support scientific and technological cooperation between Australian and French researchers in both public and private sectors.

FAST will provide financial assistance, on a competitive basis, for collaborative research projects in leading edge areas of research that seek support for eligible activities and which meet the objectives of the International Science Linkages program.

The program will support the international travel and living expenses associated with participation in the research project. Funding does not extend to insurances, salaries and equipment expenses, and other activities/costs not eligible for support.

Projects may range from short international visits or activities to more complex projects spanning up to 2 years. Projects cannot extend beyond 24 December 2011.

Under the 2009 FAST round (FR10), applications will be considered for research collaboration in the areas of space science and astronomy; materials; and information technology and communications (ICT).

This is a joint Australia-France program. Applicants must seek funding for collaboration between Australian and French partners. Each partner must submit an application to their respective Government.

Australian applicants must apply online to Department of Innovation. The online application form is only available while the call for proposals is open at - https://grants.innovation.gov.au/ISL/Pages/AboutApplyingOnline.aspx

For more information please see - https://grants.innovation.gov.au/ISL/Pages/FranceFund.aspx

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 19th June 2009. Please note that while the application itself is to be submitted online, it is necessary to provide a hard copy to ORD for checking.

2. AUSTRALIA - ISRAEL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGE FOUNDATION (AISEF) POSTGRADUATE FELLOWSHIP

I would like to draw your attention to an opportunity which is directed at promoting scientific exchange and collaboration between Israel and Australia.

The AISEF Postgraduate Fellowship Scheme provides funds to assist a student enrolled in a postgraduate research degree in an Israeli university to spend up to 6 months working in a research laboratory in Australia. Funds are also available to assist a student enrolled in a postgraduate research degree in an Australian university to spend up to 6 months working in a research laboratory in Israel.

The closing date for applications is Friday 10 July 2009 for both Australian and Israeli students.

Full information on the AISEF Fellowship Scheme is available from the following website:


The contact officer for queries in relation to the scheme is Ms Sara Jervis on 61 3 9214 8899 or email Sara sjervis@swin.edu.au
3. PROSTATE CANCER FOUNDATION AUSTRALIA RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM
The 2009 Research Grant Program of the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) is now open for applications.

The PCFA recognizes that current strategies for diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer are inadequate. Progress in the management of prostate cancer requires research as well as measures to make scientifically-rigorous clinical trials accessible to patients with prostate cancer. Australia has a vigorous and internationally-recognized cadre of medical researchers, and the PCFA wishes to encourage and support their interest in prostate cancer research through a research grants program.

The overall goals of the PCFA Research Program are:
- To encourage young investigators to undertake research into prostate cancer, and to support those investigators as they mature toward independent scientists.
- To stimulate senior scientists, not working in the field of prostate cancer, to bring innovative proposals to the PCFA; funding will be provided to obtain the preliminary data needed for NH&MRC or other grant submissions.
- To encourage rigorous proposals for research that will provide direct, tangible benefits to patients with prostate cancer in a relatively-short timeframe.
- To fund equipment purchases which will facilitate innovative research in prostate cancer.

The PCFA is especially seeking applications in its priority areas for funding, specifically, projects seeking to:
- Discover the genetic and cellular factors which initiate and/or perpetuate prostate cancer
- Discover, develop and clinically validate new, non-invasive tests to detect prostate cancer, and/or to determine whether a patient's cancer is surgically curable.
- Discover, develop and clinically validate new biomarkers that predict the future clinical course of prostate cancer and/or the response to future chemotherapy
- Discover, and validate through preclinical and clinical trials, novel molecular targets for chemotherapy of locally-invasive or metastatic prostate cancer, including androgen-independent cancers
- Develop new treatment strategies for prostate cancer, especially locally-invasive or metastatic cancers
- Provide immediate improvements in the quality of life of patients with prostate cancer

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 3 July 2009.


4. FUNDING FOR RESEARCH INTO H1N1 INFLUENZA 09 (HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA)
The Australian Government, through the National Health and Research Council, will provide $7 million for research into the H1N1 influenza 09 virus (human swine influenza). The funds will help researchers learn more about the properties of the virus and its potential to become more virulent and how best to avoid and treat infection.

This research will commence in June 2009 with results expected to be reported by December 2009. This work will build on earlier research that has supported the national and international response to the current situation.

Australia has high quality researchers in virology (virus biology) and public health who can contribute to our efforts to combat this, and future, flu threats.

Researchers will focus on two areas:
- biology of the virus, including the progress of mutations, likely increase or decrease in virulence, susceptibility to antivirals, and the risk of combination with other influenza virus strains.
- health care, including quarantining, effective population based use of antivirals, advice on public health measures and messages and the factors that put individuals at higher risk.

Information and Expression of Interest forms are not yet available. However, they will be from mid next week at www.nhmrc.gov.au.

Expressions of interest are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Wednesday 17th June 2009.
1. STAFF CHANGES IN ORD
Geoff Trowbridge has tendered his resignation as the Director of Research Operations and his last day was Friday 15 May. Dr Melinda Thompson has taken on the role of Manager of Research Operations as from Monday 17 May. Other arrangements within research operations will remain unchanged.

Melinda can be contacted on 08 9266 7112 or via email at Melinda.Thompson@curtin.edu.au

2. UPDATED AUSTRALIAN COMPETITIVE GRANTS REGISTER NOW AVAILABLE
As advised in Research Update 8, The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (DIISR) reopened the application process for the Australian Competitive Grants Register. They have now released the newly updated register. It is available at: http://www.innovation.gov.au/ScienceAndResearch/programs_funding/Pages/AustralianCompetitiveGrantsRegister.aspx

3. BIOMED CENTRAL PUBLICATION DATABASE – NOTICE FROM THE LIBRARY
Since 2007, the Library has administered the BioMed Central Prepayment Membership account for Curtin on a trial basis. However, with the increasing number of author submissions, we are no longer able to support this arrangement.

We are very sympathetic to the open access environment, particularly as it allows those who are unable to afford the high cost of journal subscriptions to access scholarly information. However, the pricing model of services such as Biomed Central, which requires a payment of approx. AU$2,000 for each item published, cannot be sustained by the Library.

The funding allowed by the Library for BioMed Central for 2009 has been almost exhausted to pay for items published or submitted to date. We expect the funds will run out any time now and Curtin authors will no longer be able to submit articles to BioMed Central.

We apologise for the short notice; however, the increase in the submission rate has occurred very rapidly.

Karen Tang, Acting University Librarian

4. CONSULTATION PAPER ON NHMRC’S RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS SCHEME
The NHMRC’s Research Fellowship scheme, in place now for decades, has been an outstanding success. Many of Australia’s current and past research stars have been supported through the scheme and NHMRC remains strongly committed to it.

As part of its role in reviewing funding schemes, NHMRC’s Research Committee has been considering whether any refinements and changes should be made, to ensure that Australia continues to gain maximum value from the scheme.

The Research Committee has launched a consultation process which raises a number of questions and issues for comment and input from the research and wider community in the Consultation Paper on NHMRC’s Research Fellowship Scheme. We are now invited to make a submission on this paper.

To review the Paper and find out how to make a submission please see the link below:

The closing date for submissions is 5pm AEST on Monday 29th June 2009.
5. CURTIN’S FIND AN EXPERT WEBSITE
ORD is receiving a number of calls from staff wishing to update their details on the “Find and Expert” website (http://experts.curtin.edu.au/). Please note that this website is maintained by Public Relations section within Corporate Communications.

If you wish to be added to the website or update your details please see - http://experts.curtin.edu.au/apply.cfm.


6. ARC LINKAGE PROJECT GRANTS 2008 ROUND 2 (TO COMMENCE IN 2009) ANNOUNCED
Yesterday, the Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research announced that 238 projects will share in funding of over $71.3 million under Round 2 of the Australian Research Council (ARC) Linkage Projects scheme.

A total of five Curtin-led grants were awarded. Furthermore, an additional five Curtin researchers are named on successful applications through other universities. Congratulations to the successful applicants!

A list of the successful grants is available at - http://www.arc.gov.au/pdf/LP09_Rnd2/LP09_Rd2_allstates_orgs.pdf

Further information and analysis of the results is available at - http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_outcomes.htm

7. 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:

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training
Date: Tuesday 2\textsuperscript{nd} 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 the end of this email for arrangements for non-Bentley based staff.

Human Ethics Committee – Reviewer training
Date: Wednesday 3\textsuperscript{rd} 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; and committee processes.

Preparing ARC Rejoinders
Date: Thursday 4\textsuperscript{th} 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; Interpreting 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.
Curtin Internal Research Grants (IRG) and Curtin Linkage Grants (CLG) Information session  
**Date:** Thursday 4th June 2009  
**Time:** 10:00am to 11:00am  
**Venue:** ORD Conference Room (Room 246, Level 2, Building 100) (no RSVP necessary)  
**Target Audience:** Potential IRG and CLG applicants  
**Synopsis:** An informal session for potential applicants to ask questions about these internal Curtin grants

Preparing NHMRC Rejoinders  
**Date:** Wednesday 10th June 2009  
**Time:** 10:30am to 12:00pm  
**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.

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 the end of this email for arrangements for non-Bentley based staff.

Curtin Internal Research Grants (IRG) and Curtin Linkage Grants (CLG) Information session  
**Date:** Tuesday 16th June 2009  
**Time:** 1:00pm to 2:00pm  
**Venue:** ORD Conference Room (Room 246, Level 2, Building 100) (no RSVP necessary)  
**Target Audience:** Potential IRG and CLG applicants  
**Synopsis:** An informal session for potential applicants to ask questions about these internal Curtin grants

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training  
**Date:** Thursday 2nd July 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 the end of this email for arrangements for non-Bentley based staff.

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](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.
## HELP, TOOLS 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://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm).
- You may also find the University of New England’s [Conversion Tool](http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm) useful.

## TIP OF THE WEEK

Want to know more about applying for and managing external research funding?

The new look ORD website provides information on this topic. Please see the following page as a starting point: