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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. HEALTHWAY RESEARCH TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS
Healthway is pleased to open applications for funding for the 2009 Health Promotion Research Training Scholarships and Fellowships.

The scholarships are offered to assist graduates obtain formal academic training in health promotion research areas at either Masters or PhD level. Applicants from a broad range of health-related disciplines are encouraged to apply however, applicants should be working towards a post-graduate degree in a field directly relevant to health promotion.

Research Fellowships are offered to an appropriately experienced post-Doctoral researcher to enable them to pursue a career in health promotion research in WA.

Applications for the post doctoral fellowships 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 14th August 2009. Scholarship applications should be submitted to the Scholarships Office within ORD by the same date.


2. CALL FOR RESEARCH ON H1N1 INFLUENZA 09 TO INFORM PUBLIC POLICY
As previously advertised (Update 11), the NHMRC announced that it would be issuing a call for research on H1N1 INFLUENZA. The NHMRC is specifically calling for public health and medical research proposals that aim to rapidly inform and advance Australian strategies to prevent, prepare for and respond to a potential H1N1 Influenza pandemic and inform the development of public policy.

A total of up to $7 million has been set aside by NHMRC to fund the best research that addresses needs that are not already being covered through other means.
NHMRC is therefore calling for research to be conducted over the current Australian influenza season, to better understand the biology of the virus and its impact on public health in order to inform public policy development.

Expressions of interest are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Wednesday 17th June 2009.

The Application Form and Supporting Documentation is now available through the NHMRC’s website: www.nhmrc.gov.au

3. ASTHMA FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANTS
Applications are now open for the WA Asthma Foundation New Investigator and Project Research grants.

The Asthma Foundation of WA’s research programme has the following broad objectives:

1. **Promotion of asthma research** by encouraging Western Australian based researchers to target asthma and promoting new researchers to an interest in asthma.
2. **Raising public awareness** through public meetings and media coverage which promotes asthma research and the need for continuing research based in Western Australia.
3. **Funding of asthma research** by providing financial support for selected research studies directed towards:
   - Understanding the cause and mechanism of asthma
   - Improving asthma treatment and management by doctors and patients.
   - Understanding the nature and scale of asthma’s impact on the community.
4. **Lobbying for increased resources** by liaising with governments to provide increased resources for asthma research and patient services.
On behalf of the Foundation the Research Committee recommends applications for various types of research:

a. **New Investigator Grants**
   The aim of these grants is to attract new researchers to the asthma field and to give them a "step-up" into the competitive national grant funding system. A New Investigator Grant allows new researchers to collect the preliminary data required to apply for ongoing funding by other bodies (eg NH&MRC). New investigators are defined as those not having previously been named as a Chief Investigator on national competitive grants. Projects with budgets no larger than $25,000 (plus GST) should be submitted for consideration.

b. **Project Research Grants**
   These are traditional project grants, aimed primarily at established investigators. Projects with budgets no larger than $45,000 (plus GST) should be submitted for consideration.

**Applications for Research Grants**
Click [here](http://www.asthmawa.org.au/research.php) for information and the application forms. Please note that all research funded by the Asthma Foundation of WA must be based in Western Australia.

For more information please see - http://www.asthmawa.org.au/research.php

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 10th July 2009.

### SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. **ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT REJOINERS**
   This is an early reminder that the rejoinder process will open in late June/early July. At this stage we have an unconfirmed opening date for the rejoinder period of 23rd June, but this may change.

   In the meantime, we wish to highlight a number of things for applicants:

   - **Submission via GAMS:** You will need to log onto GAMS in order to see your assessor comments and submit the rejoinder. It is advisable to locate your GAMS id and password now so that you can access the comments upon notification. If you have forgotten your ID or password, please contact Jenni Gaugg (ext 3272 or J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au)

   - **Notification:** When ORD are advised by the ARC that the rejoinder period is open, we will notify the first named investigator directly via email. It is our expectation that the first named investigator will advise the co-investigators and other relevant staff.

   - **Who can edit the rejoinder:** Please note that while all named investigators can view the assessor comments and rejoinder, only the person who created the application in the first place can edit the rejoinder. If that person is not going to be available during the rejoinder period then you will need to obtain their log in details.

   The lecture and slides from yesterday’s seminar on Preparing ARC Rejoiners is available at - [http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/research.cfm#ARCRejoiners](http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/research.cfm#ARCRejoiners) (please note the session commences 10:20 minutes into the recording, and runs for approximately 45 minutes. Questions then follow for another 30 minutes, but may be difficulty to hear.)

2. **INFORMATION SESSIONS – 12TH CRC SELECTION ROUND**
   As previously advised (Update 12), the Department is conducting an information session for the 12th CRC Selection Round in Perth on Tuesday 9th June 2009 from 1pm to 4pm at Innovation Centre, Function Room, 11 Brodie Hall Drive, Technology Park, Bentley.

   These sessions will generally be conducted in conjunction with State / Territory Government, and may form part of a broader State / Territory initiative. While they are timed to provide information to prospective 12th round applicants, they will also provide useful information for people interested in learning more about the CRC Program.
In particular, these sessions will cover the CRC Program and the updated Impact Tool (formally called the Economic Impact Projection Template). There will also be a presentation from a current or former CRC CEO to talk about their experiences with the program and selection rounds.

**Draft Agenda**

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| 1 hr   | Stella Morahan:          
|        | – CRC Program           |
| 30 mins| Duncan Buckeridge:       
|        | – “Impact Tool”          |
| 15 mins| **Break for Morning / Afternoon Tea**                                |
| 30 mins| CRC CEO Presentation:       
|        | – experiences with the program and a selection round                |
| 30 mins| State Government Presentation                                    |
| 5 mins | CRC Association                                                    |
| 5 mins | State Government                                                    |
| 3 hours| **Total:**                                                           |

To ensure sufficient seating and catering please RSVP as indicated for your location below. Any queries should be directed to the CRC Helpline on ph: 02 6213 7177 during normal business hours or email: crc.program@innovation.gov.au. Please note that the presentation materials will be made available on the CRC website (https://www.crc.gov.au/Information/default.aspx) if you are unable to attend a session.

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### 3. JOHN MONASH FOUNDATION – AWARDS

The General Sir John Monash Awards are the Australia’s prestigious scholarships supporting postgraduate study at the world’s best universities overseas. Award Winners are expected to become leaders of their fields and of the nation.

There is no restriction on field of study, overseas university or country or age of applicant. The Awards are selected on a national basis from young Australians who have outstanding intellect, leadership skills and capability and who are engaged citizens demonstrated by their altruism and community consciousness.

**Purpose:**

- The Awards are to develop Australia’s future leaders.
- They recognise and promote excellence in scholarship and leadership.
- They assist in the education of outstanding young Australian achievers at the best universities overseas.
- They enable the formation of global networks by Australia’s future leaders.
- The Awards are Australia’s equivalent of prestigious scholarships offered by other countries.

Each Award provides up to $150,000 (Australian income tax exempt) over three years.

- Awards support study for a degree of PhD, DPhil or equivalent or to a relevant professional Masters Degree at universities, which are the best in the field.
- Eight Awards are made annually –forty eight Awards have been made to date.

**Selection criteria:**
The Awards are open to Australian citizens of any age or gender with:

- Outstanding intellect, including academic achievement;
- Demonstrated leadership qualities and potential;
- Altruism, demonstrated through community service; and
- Integrity and excellent presentation and communication skills.

In their careers, Award Winners are expected to make a significant contribution to Australia.
The Award Winners are chosen on a national basis by a National Awards Committee. Applicants are interviewed and short-listed first by State and Territory Panels, chaired by current or retired Vice-Chancellors. The Committee and Panels include academic, business and community leaders.

Applications for the 2010 General Sir John Monash Awards close on Monday 31st August 2009

More information and application forms are available at: http://www.monashawards.org/awards.asp

4. NHMRC TAKE A HARD LINE ON COMPLIANCE WITH FUNDING INSTRUCTIONS
The NHMRC have written to all universities advising that a number of Project Grant applications have been deemed ineligible because they exceeded the file size restrictions stipulated in the Instructions to Applicants documents. The NHMRC asked that this advice be broadcast widely.

While this doesn’t affect any Curtin applications, it is a sobering reminder that funders take their funding rules and instructions very seriously hence compliance is in the best interests of the applicant.

5. CONSULTATIONS ON THE AUSTRALIAN SPACE RESEARCH PROGRAM
The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research is seeking ideas and insights from stakeholders to help shape the development of the newly announced Australian Space Research Program.

The Australian Government recently announced the new initiative to support space research, innovation and skills development in areas of national significance. The program will provide $40 million over four years through two streams of competitive grants:

- Space Education and Development Grants of up to $1 million to support secondary and tertiary student space projects and education activities, including possible international educational opportunities and the establishment of space education programs
- Space Science and Innovation Grants of up $5 million will support eligible consortia undertake collaborative space research and development projects that link to strategic national priorities and niche capability. Eligible consortia will comprise a university or research institution and at least one industry partner. International collaboration will be encouraged.

Consultation sessions will be held in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Canberra. To register your interest in attending a session send an email to space@innovation.gov.au by COB Friday 12 June as places are limited. Details of the sessions are provided below. Please check www.space.gov.au over the next week for confirmation of the Sydney and Canberra venues.

For those unable to attend a session, a discussion paper will be published at www.space.gov.au within the next week. Written comments can be emailed to space@innovation.gov.au and are due by COB Friday 3 July.

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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/

We wish to highlight the following sessions coming up:

Preparing NHMRC Rejoinders
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.

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. 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.
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TOOLS AND TIPS

LINKS

Community of Science (COS)  
www.cos.com – for funding opportunities

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

New Research Codes
The codes can be found on the ABS website
You may also find the University of New England’s Conversion Tool useful.

TIP OF THE WEEK

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

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

http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/reqman.cfm