

## **ORD UPDATE – RESEARCH UPDATE 14-2007**

Dear Colleagues

You may be interested in the following:

1. ARC LINKAGE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCES COLLABORATION GRANTS
2. PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZES FOR SCIENCE
3. THE CURE FOR LIFE FOUNDATION™ GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS
4. CONSULTATION RE REVISIONS TO ARC FUNDING RULES

### **1. ARC LINKAGE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCES COLLABORATION GRANTS**

A Call for Proposals for the Social Sciences Collaboration Internationally Coordinated Initiative, under the ARC's 'Linkage International Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008' is now available from the ARC website. The application form is also available in GAMS via the ARC website (<http://www.arc.gov.au>).

Applicants should refer to the 'Linkage International Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2008' document, the Linkage International Social Sciences Collaboration Call for Proposals and the Linkage International Social Sciences Collaboration Instructions to Applicants before submitting a Proposal.

**One hard copy of the proposal must be submitted to the Office of R&D for review no later than Monday 21 May 2007.**

### **2. PRIME MINISTER'S PRIZES FOR SCIENCE**

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are a national tribute to excellent and dedicated work in Australian science and science teaching. Each comprise a cash grant, a medallion and a lapel pin of the nature of those worn by recipients of Australian Honours such as the AO.

The major Prize, the Prime Minister's Prize for Science, is one of the nation's most highly-regarded awards and the premier national award for scientific achievement. It is awarded for an outstanding specific achievement in any area of science advancing human welfare or benefiting society, and has been awarded previously to such luminaries of Australian science as Frank Fenner, Donald Metcalf and Jacques Miller.

Prime Minister's Prize for Science - \$300,000 and gold medalion  
The Science Minister's Prize for Life Scientist of the Year - \$50,000 grant and medallion (early career scientists 35 yo or less)  
The Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year - \$50,000 grant and medallion (early career scientist 35 yo or less)  
The Prime Ministers Prizes for Excellence in Science Teaching – primary and secondary each win \$50,000 and medallion

Details on applications and guidelines are available at  
<https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/scienceprize/pages/home.aspx>

### **3. THE CURE FOR LIFE FOUNDATION™ GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

The Cure for Life Foundation is happy to announce it's latest round of Fellowships and Grants-in-aid.

#### **Ad Hoc Grants for Research into Brain Tumours**

**Anytime during 2007**

**Amount: up to \$10,000 each**

The Cure For Life Foundation™ is a charitable organisation established to further the quality of medical knowledge and technical resources available to treat and care for people with brain and spinal cord tumours.

The Foundation regards one of its roles as providing funding for small 'one-off' projects that have a clear relationship to the diagnosis, causes and management of brain tumours.

Accordingly, researchers working in fields that are relevant to brain tumours are invited to apply for small ad hoc grants to support research in the calendar year 2007.

Grants may be used for equipment, consumables, part-time staff support or 'top-up' funding for other grants. These grants are limited to a maximum of **\$10,000**.

Successful applicants will be expected to provide a half page progress report during the year for inclusion in the Foundation's information to members, patients, carers, and others who provide the funds.

**Application forms are available from Dianne Jeffery.**

**Applications for the Grants in Aid can be sent at any time, but must be submitted via the Office of R&D and accompanied by a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT).**

### **2007 Clinical/Research Fellowship in Brain Tumour Research**

**Length > One year, commencing July 2007**

**Grant > \$AUD35,000 per annum and \$5,000 consumables**

The Cure For Life Foundation™ is a charitable organisation established to further the quality of medical knowledge and technical resources available to treat and care for people with brain and spinal cord tumours.

The Foundation is awarding one fellowship (Fellowship) to fund basic or clinical research directed at the development of an understanding of the diagnosis, causes or management of brain tumours. Causes and management will be interpreted broadly and may include proposals studying palliative care and the epidemiology of these disorders. Fellowships will normally be awarded for one year but individuals may apply for a second year.

Applications will be considered from basic neuroscientists and advanced trainees in relevant professional training programs (eg. Neurosurgery). The Fellowship could be used during an MD, MS or PhD program if the project is relevant to the aims of the Foundation

**Application forms are available from Dianne Jeffery.**

**Applications for the fellowships are due in the Office of R&D, accompanied with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2007.**

### **4. CONSULTATION RE REVISIONS TO ARC FUNDING RULES**

The ARC will be reviewing the Funding Rules and supporting documentation for each of its schemes over the next few months and is again seeking comment and feedback from interested parties on the current versions of the ARC's Funding Rules, Instructions to Applicants and Funding Agreement documents.

They welcome feedback on relevant issues relating to documents pertaining to specific schemes, as well as the format and nature of the documents in general. This feedback will be taken into consideration as part of deliberations by the ARC concerning the rules and documentation for future funding rounds.

The ARC is particularly interested in pursuing the following objectives in reviewing and revising these documents:

- the use of "plain language" - including ensuring the documents contain sufficient detail to assist applicants in applying for funding and, in general, ensuring that the documents are accessible, "readable" and structured in a meaningful way;
- promoting consistency and using common terminology where possible in relation to the various schemes funded by the ARC;
- ensuring the eligibility criteria are robust, up to date and relevant; and
- facilitating ease of use and interpretation of relevant rules/eligibility criteria.

**The Office of R&D will be coordinating the response on behalf of Curtin University of Technology so please forward your comments to [ORD-Grants@curtin.edu.au](mailto:ORD-Grants@curtin.edu.au) no later than 5pm Friday, 18 May 2007.**

Regards

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