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From the Office of Research & Development

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KEY DATES AND REMINDERS

ARC LINKAGE PROJECT ROUND 1 APPLICATIONS are due in the Office of Research and Development by the revised date of:

MONDAY 5TH MAY 2008

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

1. **NHMRC CALL FOR RESEARCH APPLICATIONS**

   **Capacity Building Grants for Population Health and Health Services Research**

   Applications are now open. Relevant documentation is now available from the [NHMRC website](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au). **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE NHMRC HAVE BROUGHT THE CLOSING DATE FORWARD.** Applications are now due at the Office of Research and Development by **Friday 30th May 2008**.

   **Postdoctoral Fellowships** (including the Australia-China Exchange Postdoctoral Fellowships) – Application information will become available on the NHMRC website on 2 May 2008. **Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development by Friday 20th June 2008.**

   **Australia Fellowships 2008**

   The timeline for this scheme is currently under revision.

   **Postgraduate Scholarships**

   Application information will become available on the NHMRC website on 2 May 2008. **Applications are to be submitted to the Scholarships Office by Friday 25th July 2008.**

2. **WA FISHERIES RESEARCH ADVISORY BODY (WAFRAB) GRANTS**

   The WA Fisheries Research Advisory Body (WAFRAB) is currently seeking expressions of interest for applications for the 2009/10 round of funding from the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC).

   This year the WAFRAB has identified 5 high priority areas for research in Harvesting and 8 high priority areas for research in Post Harvesting (see attached) and are seeking expressions of interest from research providers that address any of these priority areas.

   Expressions of Interest should be prepared using either the WAFRAB’s pre-proposal form (see attached) or the FRDC’s on-line pre-proposal form. Following an assessment of the expressions of interest, the WAFRAB will invite selected applicants to develop a draft full application.

   **Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) by COB by Friday 23rd May 2008.**

3. **AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE – SHORT TERM SCIENTIFIC VISIT GRANTS**

   The Australian Academy of Science is inviting applications for grants for short-term scientific visits (14 – 40 days) to Europe, North America (USA, Canada and Mexico) and Asia (Japan, China, Korea and Taiwan) in 2009, to foster collaborations between Australian and overseas researchers.

   Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, **along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) by COB by Friday 20th June 2008.**

   For more information, see [http://www.science.org.au/internat/programs.htm](http://www.science.org.au/internat/programs.htm)
SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERONTOLOGY CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 2008

The Australian Association of Gerontology (AAG) is hosting its 41st National Conference in Fremantle, Western Australia at the Esplanade Hotel from 18 - 21 November 2008.

The Conference is held annually and significantly assists the AAG in furthering its mission which is 'to expand knowledge on ageing with the purpose of improving the experience of ageing.' The theme for this year's conference is 'Ageing Landscapes.'

The key themes for the event are:

- Social/Community
- Population
- Built Environment
- Political/Economic
- Practice
- Personal/Health

Please note that the deadline for Abstracts is Monday 5th May 2008.

For more information on the conference please see www.aagconference.com

2. THE AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH (ASMR) – SYMPOSIUM – JUNE 2008

The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) is holding their annual scientific symposium at Curtin University this year on June 4.

The symposium is open to all undergraduate and postgraduate students and post-doctoral fellows from all Western Australian Universities, Research Institutes and Learning Centres. Registration is free (but essential for catering purposes) and there are numerous cash prizes on offer. The symposium will be of interest to students and research/supervisory staff at Curtin.

Please note that the deadline for Abstracts is Monday 12th May 2008.

For more information please and registration forms please see http://www.asmr.org.au/MRWWA.html.

3. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATION WITH ITALY

If you are interested in science and technology collaborations then you may find the http://www.scientificambitalia.org.au/ website useful.

The website contains information on Science and Technology Cooperation, reports on bilateral events realised in Australia and articles on different topics (engineering, environment, etc.). The goal of Scientificambitalia organisation is to promote bilateral S&T cooperation between Italy and Australia.

4. UPDATED RESEARCH PROJECT APPLICATION TOOL (RPAT)

A new version of the of RPAT, which includes the recently announced pay increases, is now available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/tools.cfm
5. ORD TRAINING SESSIONS COMING UP

Please note the following training and information sessions coming up. Please also note that RSVP will be via the Employee Kiosk, but this has not been set up as yet:

An Introduction to Research Budgeting and Management
12.30pm to 2pm (BYO lunch), Thursday 22nd May 2008
Rm 307.102 (Watson Lecture Theatres)
This session will be of use to Early Career Researchers or researchers new to Curtin. It may also be relevant to new research managers/administrators. It will include topics such as:

- What is Consultancy V what is Research?
- The general principles of costing and pricing for research projects at Curtin
- Cost Recovery
- An overview of managing your funding once its approved
- Common pitfalls and tips

Demystifying Contracts
10am to 11.30am, Wednesday 28th May 2008
Rm 210.104 (Elizabeth Jolley seminar room)
This session will be of use to researchers and research managers/administrators who deal with contracts. It will cover the following topics:

- What constitutes a contract and why have one?
- Key clauses
- What to do if you receive a contract from a funder;
- How to initiate a contract;
- When to use the Curtin standard contract;
- Negotiating contracts and who can sign them
- ORDs role in contract management

Writing ARC Discovery Rejoinders
10am to 11am, Friday 6th June 2008
Rm 302.001 (Davis Lecture Theatres)
This session is targeted at ARC Discovery applicants who will be writing their rejoinders in June 2008. It may also be of relevance to Linkage Project applicants. It will cover the following topics:

- How to read your assessor comments – how to use them effectively
- 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
- Common pitfalls and things to watch out for

Publications - Citations and Journal Impact Factors
10am to 11.30am, Wednesday 2nd July 2008
Rm 105.107 (Library)
This session will provide an overview of Citations and Journal Impact factors:

- what they mean,
- how they are calculated,
- how to access data on citations and impact factors etc

An ORD training calendar will soon be available on the ORD website.
HELP, TOOLS and TIPS

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TOOLS AND TIPS

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


TIP OF THE WEEK
Are you about to conduct research that involves Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people? Are you thinking about research that involves these Peoples?

If so, make sure you contact the Centre for Aboriginal Studies (CAS). Not only is CAS a great resource, but it is University policy that all educational and research activities involving Australian indigenous people be conducted in consultation with CAS.

Please see the CAS website: http://gunada.curtin.edu.au/ or call the Centre on 9266 7091

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
The WAFRAB’s Priority Areas for Research
intended for the 2009/10 Round of FRDC Funding

PRIORITY IN HARVESTING

- Developing cost effective methods and techniques for alternative management strategies within wild catch used for managements settings, compliance and research/monitor costs as well as exploring alternative cost management strategies within Aquaculture’s approval processes and in the Industry structure.

- Evaluating Economic data to assist in the suitable development of alternative resources including but not constricted to the profitability of Aquaculture – species evolution for Western Australia.

- Documenting and developing efficient strategic research into structure of management and government processes to create proficient and effective mechanisms of training new crew.

- Developing and encouraging effective opportunities for indigenous communities to undertake culturally appropriate fisheries and Aquaculture development that contributes to capacity building and social security.

- Information on social and economic issues by allocation of administration aid for IFM understanding, scenario building and development in addition to resource sharing in inshore regions.

PRIORITY IN POST HARVESTING

- The role and impact a suitable management framework will have in delivering co-management outcomes in suitable fisheries by improving the value of processing and post harvest value while simultaneously identifying alternative markets and new products.

- The need to improve the public understanding and perception in regard to the health benefits that go with the consumption of fresh local seafood by educating, informing and updating the public on the products and quality of food.

- Development of an effective technique to educate the public on the difference and advantages between wild, farmed and regional fish products.

- Exploring the advantage of discovering new competitive markets for the WA Lobster to improve the post harvest value.

- Investigating the potential benefit in improving the skill set in the catching sector by promotion of industry in the schools.

- Exploring means to improve the labour shortage and management constraints which is leading to inefficient catching (multiple catch before take) and impacting on the ability to properly “MARKET” the product.

- Development of an effective and humane technique in the execution of our stock.

- Developing more profound information in marine based medical science particularly with the focus on biopharmaceuticals and health.
Western Australian Fisheries Research Advisory Body (FRAB)

2009-10 Preliminary Research Proposal (2 pages maximum; third and subsequent pages will be discarded)

Project Title
(twelve words maximum)

FRDC Program identification
(select one) 1. Natural Resources Sustainability, 2. Industry Development, 3. Human Capital Development

Principal Investigator Contact Details
Title: First Name: Surname:
Organisation:
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Phone No: Fax No: Email:

Commencement date: Completion date:

Preliminary Budget

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Need
Define succinctly the need for the research (fewer than 250 words)

NB This para is carefully assessed because it relates the project to the WA FRAB R&D priorities and to the priorities of stakeholders.

Objectives
State succinctly the specific objective/s of the research.
Objectives should address “what” is to be achieved rather than “how” or “why”.
(Fewer than 100 words)
Industry and Management consultation

Briefly indicate level of industry support through consultation, which groups are asking for this project to be carried out?

Has the project been endorsed by the appropriate Management Advisory Committee (MAC)?

Identify any other sources of financial contributions.

(fewer than 100 words)

NB Projects not clearly and accurately identifying proper industry consultation will be disadvantaged

Direct benefits and beneficiaries

Identify the benefits arising from this project. Particularly a net value to the industry on completion of the project if possible.

Identify the industry sectors and/or community in general that will benefit directly from the research.

(fewer than 100 words)

Estimated Flow of Benefits (as required by FRDC to determine how its R&D investment is allocated to the various jurisdictions)

| Western Australian managed fisheries and aquaculture |  |
| Fisheries and aquaculture managed by other States (specify) |  |
| AFMA managed fisheries |  |
| Other beneficiaries |  |
| Total for all fisheries | 100% |

Project Design and Methodology (Including technology transfer and adoption)

A brief description of the design and methods of the proposed project.

Research Capability and Experience

A brief resume of the investigator’s experience and expertise relevant to this project (OR refer to entry in the Wafic R&D directory at http://www.wafic.org.au/research/directory.php)
INSTRUCTIONS

The Preliminary Research Proposal is to be restricted to 2 pages and the narrative sections in Times New Roman, 11pt font minimum. Third and subsequent pages will be discarded.

Delete the instructions in italics in each text box.

Consistency of format and brief and concise descriptions are essential requirements to assist the assessment process.

Contact individual WA FRAB members for more specific information about their priorities.

Forward the PRP –via e-mail attachment - to:

Vicky Kerr
E-MAIL WAFRAB@wafic.org.au

Phone: 08 9492 8888
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No later than 4pm on Friday 30th May 2008.