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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. CANCER COUNCIL WA EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATORS GRANTS 2010
Cancer Council Western Australia aims to minimise the effect of cancer on our community through advocacy, research, education and by providing people affected by cancer with support to enhance their quality of life.

Applications are being sought for the Early Career Investigator competitive cancer research grants. The purpose is to assist talented researchers at the early stage of their career to develop and advance their cancer related research skills and track record necessary to become competitive in national research grant processes.

A maximum of four grants of up to $25,000 are available to new investigators who have no more than 5 years post doctoral experience.

Applications from all areas of cancer research (including psychosocial and quality of life research) are encouraged.

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 Wednesday 29th July 2009.

For application forms and guidelines see http://www.cancerwa.asn.au/research/funding

2. THE HEART FOUNDATION POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
The Heart Foundation is offering funding to support researchers to undertake PhD studies in the area of cardiovascular disease and related disorders. The research may be pursued as an investigation in biomedical, clinical or public health research (including health services research).

Postgraduate Scholarships
Postgraduate Scholarships are offered to medical, science, allied health, nursing graduates or other relevant postgraduates seeking support for full-time or part-time studies leading to a PhD at an Australian university or institution. Postgraduate Scholarships are normally awarded for three years.

Stroke Foundation co-funded Postgraduate Scholarships
The Heart Foundation and the National Stroke Foundation are partnering to offer funding for Postgraduate Scholarships for research into the prevention, causes, diagnosis, treatment and long term support for stroke.

Scholarships are only awarded to postgraduate students to support study towards a PhD. Part-time applicants will also be considered. A separate application is not required for part-time awards.

If you wish to be considered for these co-funded Scholarships, please indicate this by ticking the box on the Postgraduate Research Scholarship application form, available on the Heart Foundation website.

Applications are to be submitted to the Scholarships Office within the Office of Research and Development, no late than Friday 21st August 2009.

For full award details, eligibility requirements, information booklets and application forms; please visit the Postgraduate Scholarships section of the website - http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Research/Available_Funding/Postgraduate_Scholarships/Pages/default.aspx
3. NHMRC CENTRES OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE SCHEME
The Centres of Research Excellence (CRE) Scheme replaces the Centres for Clinical Research Excellence Scheme and the Capacity Building Grants in Population Health and Health Services Research.

The CRE Scheme seeks applications from teams of researchers to pursue innovative, high quality collaborative research activities in the following priority areas:

- Clinical Research
- Research into Asbestos Related Diseases
- Population Health Research
- Electromagnetic Energy Research
- Health Services Research

The CRE will build capacity, support research that will lead to improved community health outcomes, and ensure effective translation of research outcomes primarily into practice. Funding will be awarded for a period of five years and is expected to commence in 2010.

Please note that NHMRC will pilot the new Research Grants Management System (RGMS) through the forthcoming Centres of Research Excellence Grants round, including:

- Centres for Clinical Research Excellence
- Centres for Public Health Research Excellence
- Centres for Health Services Research Excellence

Potential applicants for CRE Grants in 2009, who do not already have RGMS Login, will need to fill in a login request form detailing the names of all potential Chief Investigators.

RGMS has an online Profile and CV function which is used to auto-populate NHMRC application forms. Once potential applicants receive their ‘Login’ they can proceed with filling out their Profile and CV.

Guidelines, application forms and other documentation will be available on the NHMRC website (http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/cre/index.htm) from Friday 10th July.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, no later than Friday 28\textsuperscript{th} August 2009.

RGMS is expected to be fully rolled out for all funding schemes in 2010. Further information about RGMS can be found on the NHMRC website.

4. WA FISHERIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (FRDC) GRANTS
The WA Fisheries Research Advisory Body (WAFRAB) is currently seeking expressions of interest for applications for the 2010/11 round of funding from the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC).

This year the WAFRAB has identified 10 high priority areas for research (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 the FRDC’s on-line Pre-Proposal form. The website address is: http://www.fishnet.gov.au/fishnet/ and follow the instructions.

Following an assessment of the expressions of interest, the WAFRAB will invite selected applicants to develop a draft full application.

Please see the attached document for more information on the R&D priorities of the FRDC.

Applicants are to submit a hard copy of their online Expression of Interest to the office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), preferably generated via SCRIPT, no later than Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} July 2009.
SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. R&D RESEARCH FORUM – 7th JULY 2009
The aims of the Research Forum are to:
- discuss research developments and initiatives within the University in relation to external opportunities and challenges as we plan for 2010
- report back on actions from the 2008 Research Forum and the way in which the input of the participants has helped to inform our research plan
- provide a forum for researchers to explore collaborative opportunities with an emphasis on how to undertake interdisciplinary research to optimise our performance and address complex research questions that warrant a broader approach

Dr Peter Lilly will be providing a keynote address on the topic 'Maximising impact through collaboration: the CSIRO Flagship experience', providing a stimulating foundation for our discussions in relation to interdisciplinary research and external opportunities.

The format of the Forum will be collegial and open, encouraging active and constructive discussions about how to build our research capabilities at Curtin. Academic and professional staff are welcome. We welcome those with a strong research program and those who may be new to research, so do put this in your diary and plan to attend.

The Forum will be held on the Curtin Bentley campus. Travel and accommodation for staff living outside of Perth will be covered. As well, meals and registration for the conference will be complimentary for all attendees. A draft outline of the Forum Program will be forwarded soon.

There is an opportunity for you to display brochures for your area, please ensure that these are delivered to my office by no later than Friday 3 July (please make them 'Attention: Allison Taylor, ORD Research Forum').

For further information regarding the Forum, please contact Mr Tony Tate, Director, Research & Development (t.tate@curtin.edu.au).

There are a limited number of places available so please complete the attached registration form and fax to extension 3048 as soon as possible. You will be contacted by 26 June to confirm your place and to discuss travel details if applicable.

2. eRESEARCH AUSTRALASIA CONFERENCE
Researchers, practitioners and educators from diverse disciplines are invited to participate in eResearch Australasia 2009, to be held 9 - 13 November at the Novotel Manly Pacific, Sydney, Australia.

The conference theme is “No boundaries”
We live in a world of dissolving boundaries. Constraints of geographical and physical space are losing their meaning. The line between the real and the virtual is blurring. In many countries it is possible to communicate instantly with nearly anyone, run services in the cloud, and fit a library into a pocket. Ease in amassing and linking data from different sources is creating an unprecedented wealth of information about people, genes, behaviours, and places; however using this information raises ethical and sociological challenges. We’ve also learned at great cost that economies and ecosystems alike are knitted together in global interdependency; consequences do not stop at borders but affect everyone on the planet in astonishing ways.

Today’s and tomorrow’s big research questions are too complex to be contained within a single field; to answer them we need to break down silos and build on the collaboration of humanists and scientists, scholars and technologists, governments and industry. Equally, the "long tail" of smaller research projects is not beyond any boundary: these too can be advanced cooperatively through new techniques and environments.

What challenges are raised by a world with no boundaries? What potential can we unlock?

Conference Aims
eResearch focuses on technological platforms that enhance researchers’ ability to generate, collect, share, analyse, store and retrieve information. All sessions, workshops, BoFs, posters, and meetings should support the conference aims.

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
eResearch Australasia aims to provide:
- A catalyst for innovation and collaboration, by bringing together researchers, practitioners, and educators from diverse disciplines;
- A forum to support the development, enhancement, and harmonisation of national, regional, and discipline-specific eResearch services and infrastructures;
- A showcase for innovative science and research enabled through these technologies and services.

Submissions for presentations, workshops and BoFs must be received by **Monday 29 June 2009**. Submissions for posters and live demonstrations must be received by **Monday 21 September**.

**The closing date for registration is Monday 5th October 2009.**

Templates and other information on submission is available at: [www.eresearch.edu.au/participation](http://www.eresearch.edu.au/participation)


### 3. DRAFT NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL RESEARCH AND PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH – 2010-12

The NHMRC will shortly release a consultation paper setting out a draft national strategy for medical research and public health research. This strategy has taken into consideration the international reviews of NHMRC’s funding and peer review processes, and the review of public health research in Australia. These reviews and NHMRC’s responses to them, will also be released.


### 4. 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/](http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/)

The slides and lectures of most Semester One sessions can be found at - [http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm](http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm)

We wish to highlight the following sessions coming up:

**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 lecture. 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 lecture. 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.

Additional SCRIPT sessions will be advertised shortly.

The draft program for Semester Two is available at - [http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/](http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/) As sessions are firmed up they will be advertised via the Research Update and emails to all staff.
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://abs.gov.au).
You may also find the University of New England’s [Conversion Tool](http://conversion.unimelb.edu.au) useful.

**TIP OF THE WEEK**

**Publications - Author Affiliation**
It is important to ensure that all affiliations are recorded on your publications. For example, if you hold a paid position elsewhere, but an adjunct position at Curtin then make sure that both your employee and Curtin is listed on the publication as affiliated organisations. This will allow Curtin to claim your publication under ERA and DEEWR funding. Similarly, if you conducted research at another institution, but by publishing stage had joined Curtin, ensure that both organisations are listed. It is good practice to send a copy of the publication to your old institution.
Research & Development medium to long term Strategic Priorities for Western Australia Starting July 2010 funded through FRDC

Projects addressing more than one objective would be highly desirable.

- Investigation into rationalisation of research and compliance activity across State fisheries jurisdictions and external agencies to achieve cost efficiency and effectiveness.

- Climate change impact assessments and adaptation options.

- The health and well-being benefits of the activity of fishing.

- An assessment of behavior patterns of recreational fishers and the relative effectiveness of strategies to achieve desired management objectives. What influence do certain management strategies (e.g. increased compliance presence, education and publicity) have on recreational behavior? This project would be part of developing more socio-economic capacity in fisheries R&D.

- Stock and dynamics status of demersal finfish - inshore and offshore; with a particular emphasis on understanding variable recruitment levels, movement and post release survival across their biological distribution and what implications this may have for the management of these species. Species identified as requiring work included;
  - Demersal – dhufish, pink snapper
  - Inshore – herring, King George whiting, tailor, threadfin salmon.

- Understanding issues related to puerulus settlement, recruitment and bstock biomass.

- Environmental impact assessments to assist in developing an approvals process.

- Bioeconomic assessments of key fisheries, including balancing management costs and risks such as decision support tools for economic optimization incorporating Maximum Economic Yield Assessment for the Western Rocklobster Fishery.

- Stock status and monitoring methods of indicator species of demersal finfish within the Southern Bioregion and nearshore finfish within the Northern Bioregion.

- To develop, build and improve the Business, Management and Entrepreneurial Skills of members of the Western Australian Seafood Industry so as in order to remain competitive in an ever increasing global market driven environment.
REGISTRATION

Office of Research & Development Research Symposium
Tuesday 7 July 2009
Curtin University of Technology
Lecture Theatre, Building 213

Title _____ Family Name __________________ First Name __________________________

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Closing cocktails:  ☐ I will attend  ☐ I will not attend

Please choose ONE of the following afternoon sessions (please note that all 12 sessions run concurrently):

Australian Sustainable Development Institute
☐  Water
☐  Energy
☐  Indigenous Futures & Community Engagement

Resources & Chemistry
☐  CO2 Geo-sequestration
☐  Australian Uranium
☐  Sustainable Mining

Health
☐  Chronic Disease
☐  Indigenous Health
☐  Dementia/Ageing

ICT & Emerging Technologies
☐  ICT Infrastructures
☐  Generating Social Capital with ICT
☐  Ubiquitous and pervasive ICT

Please respond by Monday 22 June
Registrations are to be faxed to #3048