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1. **ARC LINKAGE INTERNATIONAL – SOCIAL SCIENCES COLLaborATION – APPLICATION FORMS NOW AVAILABLE**
   The 2009 Linkage International - Social Sciences Collaboration (SSC) Application Form is now available in the ARC’s Grant Application Management System (GAMS) via the ARC’s web site (http://www.arc.gov.au/).

   One hard copy of the full application is to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development by **5pm Wednesday 21 May 2008**.

   Funding Rules, Instructions to Applicants, Certification pro formas and Request not to Assess forms are available on the ARC's Web Site at http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lx/lx_default.htm

2. **LINKAGE INFRASTRUCTURE, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES (LIEF) PROPOSALS – CLARIFICATION OF APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**
   The ARC have advised that Section D of the LIEF 2009 Application Form requires details of RELEVANT commonwealth research and infrastructure, equipment or facility funding. Section D does not require that information be provided about every grant held by applicant investigators.

   Relevant current or requested funding includes (but need not necessarily be limited to):
   - funding for projects with similar infrastructure, equipment and/or facilities under any ARC (or other Commonwealth) grant scheme including the LIEF scheme; and
   - Funding for programs of research under any other ARC (or other Commonwealth) grant scheme including the LIEF scheme where those programs are similar to the program of research proposed for the 2009 LIEF Proposal.

3. **AUSTRALIAN COAL ASSOCIATION RESEARCH PROGRAM (ACARP) GRANTS**
   The Australian Coal Association Research Program (ACARP) seeks research proposals that address key industry problems on an annual basis. ACARP will fund projects that lead to improvements in safety standards and performance, a reduction in the environmental impacts of mining and coal utilisation, a reduction in the mine operating cost, and technical support to marketing of coal.

   The categories for 2008 where submissions are sought include the following:

   1. **Underground** - the underground research requirements for 2008 cover two focus areas, welfare of community and employees and profitability

   2. **Open Cut** - Areas of focus and interest for open cut mining are personal back and joint damage; protection and removal of personnel from potentially hazardous situations; general improvement to the safety of mining and maintenance operations through novel procedural, operating, or equipment changes; manual handling aids for operational and maintenance activities and innovative processes to assist in the management of operator fatigue; the development of simple, applied, and practical behavioural safety management tools and approaches tailored for application in the Australian coal industry

   3. **Coal Preparation** - the coal industry faces a range of high level sustainable development issues that, in the context of coal preparation research, translate to occupational health, safety, and environmental improvement in coal processing; supply, quality, and minimising losses of water; maximise the opportunities from the current buoyant market conditions; and limited availability of skilled human resources (especially in remote locations)

   4. **Technical Market Support** - the technical market support committee will consider proposals addressing technical issues that significantly and demonstrably affect the value-in-use of Australian coals in current technologies, especially where the impact is acknowledged and supported by an industry advocate

   5. **Sustainability** - in pursuit of sustainable development the industry is calling for research to enable it to continually improve its ability to manage environment and community issues

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6. Mine Site Greenhouse Mitigation - the committee will consider proposals addressing greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the production of coal, but will not fund projects that duplicate work to be covered in the CCSD, CO2CRC, or cLET programs.

These priorities are not prescriptive but should act as a guide to the areas that ACARP is seeking research proposals. ACARP is a collaborative program that utilises the experience and technical strength of both the mining industry and research institutions in solving technical problems and addressing issues of significance to the industry’s long term future. Any proposed research project that is strongly supported by a mine site and is of interest to a number of coal operations will be well received. Safety remains a key driver in the program. It will continue to be the focus of much of the underground work and a significant component of the open cut and coal preparation programs.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application tool (RPAT) no later than Wednesday 14th May 2008.


4. HEALTHWAY VISITING RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS
Healthway is calling for Expressions of Interest for the Healthway Health Promotion Visiting Research Fellow. The program aims to increase the skills in health promotion research in WA through inviting a leading Health Promotion Research Fellow to WA for a period of up to three months. The primary focus of the visit should be for the Fellow to work closely with several key health promotion teams. Curtin was the host institution for one of the most recent Fellows, Dr Martin Caraher.


EOIs are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 18th July 2008.

5. THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF THE HUMANITIES TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIPS
The Australian Academy of the Humanities is offering up to ten Fellowships to improve the capacity of Australian scholars to conduct research in all parts of the world. Travelling Fellowships of up to $4,000 for short-term - not less than two weeks - research abroad in the coming year, are available to permanent resident scholars in Australia and working in the field of the Humanities (The Arts, Asian Studies, Cultural & Communication Studies, Classics, Literature, European Languages & Cultures, History, Linguistics, Philosophy & Religion, and Prehistory & Archaeology) who require access to resources held overseas.

The Humanities Travelling Fellowships also incorporate two new programmes for 2008, the Embassy of France in Australia Humanities Travelling Fellowships and the Ernst Keller European Travelling Fellowships.

The Embassy of France in Australia Humanities Travelling Fellowships will be intended to provide a contribution to travelling costs for short-term research trips of not less than two weeks. This grant will be designed to be available to scholars resident in Australia and working in the field of the humanities who require access to resources held in France.

Under the Ernst Keller European Travelling Fellowships, the academy is offering fellowships for scholars who need to travel to Europe to undertake research in 2009 in European topics. The recipients will be designated 'Ernst Keller Fellows'. The fellowships will provide a contribution for short-term research trips of not less than two weeks. This grant is available to scholars working in the field of the humanities who require access to resources held in Europe and are researching European topics or studies.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application tool (RPAT) no later than Thursday 24th July 2008.

For more information please see - http://www.humanities.org.au/Grants/HTF/HTF.htm

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6. AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (AAS) INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATIONS PROGRAM – VARIOUS COUNTRIES

China
The Australian Academy of Science invites applications from professional scientists to visit China to collaborate with researchers in institutes affiliated with the Chinese Academy of Sciences. A list of the applicable institutes is attached to the application form. Proposals in any field of natural science, basic and applied, including mathematics and engineering science will be considered. Support will not be given when the primary purpose of the visit is to attend a conference. Applicants should propose a collaborative research project, or a specific activity, which has been developed in consultation with host scientists in China. The proposed visit should initiate or consolidate long-term collaborations and facilitate the development of the applicant's career. Under this scheme, applicants can request travel support to access international leading-edge small to medium research facilities and equipment. Support will not be provided for costs associated with use of these facilities. Preference will be given to visits that are short-term and highly-focused. Low priority will be given to proposals by applicants who wish to supplement study leave funding or to gain immediate postdoctoral training.

Visits would be for the period April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Successful applicants will receive from the Academy an economy class airfare (up to the value of $2,000) from Australia to the international airport closest to the host institute in China. The Chinese Academy of Sciences will arrange and pay for accommodation, meals and travel within China. The duration of visits must be between 14 and 40 days. The program does not provide funds for bench fees, managerial, insurance or visa costs.

For more information please see - http://www.science.org.au/internat/china.htm

Taiwan
The Australian Academy of Science invites applications from professional scientists to visit Taiwan to conduct collaborative research. This scheme comes under the agreement between the academy, the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and the National Science Council of Taiwan, Republic of China. Proposals in any field of natural science, basic and applied, including mathematics and engineering science will be considered. Support will not be given when the primary purpose of the visit is to attend a conference. Applicants should propose a collaborative research project, or a specific activity, which has been developed in consultation with host scientists in Taiwan. The proposed visit should initiate or consolidate long-term collaborations and facilitate the development of the applicant's career. Under this scheme, applicants can request travel support to access international leading-edge small to medium research facilities and equipment. Support will not be provided for costs associated with use of these facilities. Preference will be given to visits that are short-term and highly-focused. Low priority will be given to proposals by applicants who wish to supplement study leave funding or to gain immediate postdoctoral training.

Visits would be for the period April 1, 2009, and March 31, 2010. Terms of award: Successful applicants will receive from the Academy a grant-in-aid of up to $7,600. This is based on a contribution towards travel between Australia and the host institution(s) up to a maximum of $2,000, and a living allowance of up to a maximum of $200 per day for a period of 14 to 28 days (maximum $5,600).

For more information please see - http://www.science.org.au/internat/taiwan.htm

Korea
The Australian Academy of Science invites applications from professional scientists to visit Korea to conduct collaborative research. This scheme comes under the agreement between the academy, the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering, and the Korea Science and Engineering Foundation (KOSEF). Proposals in any field of natural science, basic and applied, including mathematics and engineering science will be considered. Support will not be given when the primary purpose of the visit is to attend a conference. Applicants should propose a collaborative research project, or a specific activity, which has been developed in consultation with host scientists in Korea. The proposed visit should initiate or consolidate long-term collaborations and facilitate the development of the applicant's career. Under this scheme, applicants can request travel support to access international leading-edge small to medium research facilities and equipment. Support will not be provided for costs associated with use of these facilities. Preference will be given to visits that are short-term and highly-focused. Low priority will be given to proposals by applicants who wish to supplement study leave funding or to gain immediate postdoctoral training.

Visits would be for the period April 1, 2009, and March 31, 2010. Successful applicants will receive from the Academy an economy class airfare (up to the value of $2,000) from Australia to the airport closest to the host institute in Korea. KOSEF will provide participants with a living allowance and if required, a travelling allowance. The duration of the visit...
must be for a minimum of 14 days and a maximum of 28 days. The program does not provide funds for bench fees, managerial, insurance or visa costs.


**United States of America, Canada and Mexico**
The Australian Academy of Science invites applications from professional scientists, including early career researchers, to visit the United States of America, Canada and Mexico to collaborate with researchers in those countries. Proposals in any field of natural science, basic and applied, including mathematics and engineering science, will be considered. Australian citizens and permanent residents currently residing in Australia are invited to apply. Support will not be given when the primary purpose of the visit is to attend a conference. Applicants should propose a collaborative research project, or a specific activity, which has been developed in consultation with host scientists in those countries. Under this scheme, applicants can request travel support to access international leading-edge small to medium research facilities and equipment. Support will not be provided for costs associated with the use of these facilities. The proposed visit should initiate or consolidate long-term collaborations and facilitate the development of the applicant's career. Preference will be given to visits that are short-term and highly-focused.

Visits would be for the period January 1, 2009, and December 31, 2009. Successful applicants may receive from the academy a grant-in-aid of up to $10,500. This is based on a contribution towards travel between Australia and the host institution(s) up to a maximum of $2,500, and a living allowance of up to a maximum of $200 per day for a period between 14 days and 40 days (maximum of $8,000). Please note that the full amount applied for may not always be given. The duration of the visit must be for a minimum of 14 days and a maximum of 40 days. The program does not provide funds for bench fees, managerial, insurance or visa costs.

For more information please see - [http://www.science.org.au/internat/usa.htm](http://www.science.org.au/internat/usa.htm)

**Europe**
The Australian Academy of Science invites applications from professional scientists, including early career researchers, to visit Europe and collaborate with European researchers. Proposals in any field of natural science, basic and applied, including mathematics and engineering science, will be considered. Support will not be given when the primary purpose of the visit is to attend a conference. Applicants should propose a collaborative research project, or a specific activity, which has been developed in consultation with host scientists in European countries. Under this scheme, applicants can request travel support to access international leading-edge small to medium research facilities and equipment. Support will not be provided for costs associated with the use of these facilities. The proposed visit should initiate or consolidate long-term collaborations and facilitate the development of the applicant's career. Preference will be given to visits that are short-term and highly-focused.

Visits would be for the period January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009. Successful applicants may receive from the academy a grant-in-aid of up to $10,500. This is based on a contribution towards travel between Australia and the host institution(s) up to a maximum of $2,500, and a living allowance of up to a maximum of $200 per day for a period between 14 days and 40 days (maximum of $8,000). Please note that the full amount applied for may not always be given. The duration of the visit must be for a minimum of 14 days and a maximum of 40 days. The program does not provide funds for bench fees, managerial, insurance or visa costs.


Applications under any of these initiatives are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 20th June 2008.

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**SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION**

1. **ISANA (INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION) CONFERENCE - STUDENT BURSARIES**
Several bursaries will be awarded at the conference dinner of the 19th ISANA Conference 2008 which will be held in Auckland, 2-5 December 2008. The bursaries will be awarded for a refereed paper co-authored by the student, presented at the conference, and deemed to be most worthy by the selection panel.

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These bursaries are being offered to students undertaking research at the post-graduate level in a university in Australia or New Zealand, into areas relating to the education, support and well-being of international students studying in these countries.

At least one bursary will be valued at $1500.00 and at least two other bursaries will be valued at $500.00 each. All of the bursaries will be accompanied by a conference registration fee waiver, to allow the recipients to present their papers and receive their awards.

Some possible research areas include:

- Developing a model for student support – from welfare to independence
- The international student experience from a narrative/individual perspective
- Mental health issues for international students from a particular ethnic background
- Methods of knowledge acquisition and cognitive styles of students from various cultural backgrounds
- The effects of changes in the academic or administrative structures of a university on the international students that study within it
- Adolescent development in a foreign culture.

Applications can be made by visiting the conference website at [www.cdesign.com.au/isana08](http://www.cdesign.com.au/isana08) and completing the appropriate section. An abstract must be submitted to the conference at the time of application. **Applications for these bursaries close on Friday 6th June, 2008.**

For further information contact Paula Dunstan, Immediate Past President, ISANA, via email at pdunstan@pieronline.org

### 2. ORD TRAINING SESSIONS COMING UP

In addition to the sessions advertised in [Research Update 14](#), please see below for additional sessions coming up:

**Writing Publications**

2.30pm to 4.30pm , Tuesday 13th May 2008  
Room 204.126 (Engineering Building)  
This session will be of particular use to Early Career Researchers. The session will provide an overview of writing publications, in particular providing ways of thinking about how to present your ideas.  
**RSVP:** D.Jeffery@curtin.edu.au

**Animal Ethics Committee - Animal Welfare Training Module 1**

9.30am to 12.00pm, Friday 11th July 2008  
Bankwest Theatrette  
This is an Introductory course covering principles of biomedical ethics, legislation and institutional requirements governing the use of animals for research and teaching at Curtin University of Technology. **Attendance of this module is compulsory for Curtin Staff and research students who conduct research or teaching involving animals on Curtin premises.**


**Coming soon** – a calendar of ORD Training Events will soon be available on the ORD website and registration for most sessions will be via the Employee Kiosk. More sessions will be coming up as the year progresses.
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LINKS
Community of Science (COS)
www.cos.com – for funding opportunities

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

TIP OF THE WEEK

Publications

Don’t forget that even though the RPI process is over for the year, you should still be entering new publications into the SCRIPT database. In fact, entering them in throughout the year makes things much easier come RPI time.

Training sessions for new users will be available after 30 June.

Also, did you know that you can export your publications from SCRIPT into EndNote? Simply click on the icon which is found to the right of the Total Publications heading when you are looking at your list of publications in SCRIPT.

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