

Research Update

From the Office of Research & Development

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NHMRC Development grant applications are due to ORD by Monday Monday 19 June 2008.

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. NEUROTRAUMA RESEARCH PROGRAM (NRP) GRANTS

Applications are invited for research directed towards therapeutic interventions to reduce the severity of injury to the central nervous system and induce functional repair. Injuries resulting from, for example road crashes, and other sudden events such as stroke, are major causes of neurotrauma. The Neurotrauma Research Program of Western Australia is a State Government funded initiative to reduce the impact of brain and spinal cord injury.

Priority areas for research include:

- The cellular and molecular events leading to neurotrauma-related cell death with the aim of designing and testing neuroprotective therapies.
- The cellular and molecular changes at the site of neurotrauma and strategies to minimize the severity of the injury and induce repair.
- Mechanisms of functional recovery from neurotrauma.
- The development of interventions, including exercise and other rehabilitation programs, to reduce secondary complications, improve health and/or enhance functional recovery following neurotrauma.

Research must be carried out in WA or involve significant collaboration with WA neuroscientists.

For information and a grant application form, please see <http://www.waimr.uwa.edu.au/nrp/grants-08.html> Interested researchers may also wish to contact Ms Louise Daw on 041 891 1878 for further information.

Applications, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday 26th May 2008.

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2. QUALITY USE OF PATHOLOGY PROGRAM 2007 FUNDING ROUND (QUPP)

The QUPP aims to achieve improvement in health and economic outcomes from the use of pathology in health care, through the pursuit of better practice amongst requestors/referrers and providers of pathology services and knowledgeable and engaged consumers. The Department of Health and Ageing 2008 funding round will prioritise initiatives that will promote smart requesting and reporting patterns and consumer engagement. Applications must address one or more of the following sub-programs and objectives of QUPP:

Quality Consumer Services: To develop and improve consumer-focussed, accessible and coordinated services that promote informed choice and meet consumer needs.

Quality Referrals (Requests/Ordering): To support referral practices that are informed and facilitated by best practice professional relationships and protocols between referrers and providers that are informed by evidence; that maximise health benefit; and that inform and engage consumers.

Quality Pathology Practice: to support professional practice standards that meet consumer and referrer needs and provide evidence-based, best practice, quality- assured services that are safe, cost effective and efficient.

Funding of up to a total of \$2m is available in this round. More information and application details are found at www.health.gov.au/tenders or by emailing gupp@health.gov.au

Applications, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 6th June 2008.

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AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC SCIENCE GRANTS

Australian Antarctic Science applications for the 2009/10 season are now open.

In 2009/10:

- The focus of the science program is on strategic science on the Antarctic Continent, at the three continental stations Casey, Davis and Mawson. (See the Science Strategy).
- Short-stay strategic science projects at Casey will be possible using the airlink.

- Australia-based research on strategic science issues, including projects that utilise data held within the Australian Antarctic Data Centre are encouraged.
- Early career scientists are encouraged to apply.
- Please note that marine science projects requiring dedicated ship time in the 2010/11 season are required to apply in the 2009/10 round.

****New****

- The guidelines have been revised to reflect the updated Australian Antarctic Program Data Policy. The Data Policy is available at <http://data.aad.gov.au/aadc/about/index.cfm>

Please also carefully read the season overview for information about research in 2009/10. The overview, research guidelines, science strategy and log in to the application form are now available at <http://www.aad.gov.au/applications>

Remember, you must contact the relevant Program Leader when developing your proposal.

For further information and assistance completing your application, please contact planning@aad.gov.au or phone ext. 3530 / 3531 / 3532 / 3396.

Applications, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday 23rd June 2008.

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ERA AND 2008 ANZSRC BRIEFING SESSION

The Australian Research Council (ARC) and the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) will be providing an information session regarding **Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) initiative** and the recently released **Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC)** at 9:30am on Thursday 29 May, 2008, in Perth.

The University of Western Australia is hosting the event which will take place in Seminar Room 3 on the 1st floor of the University Club (see attached link). http://www.uwa.edu.au/campus_map/

The ERA initiative, currently being developed by the ARC will assess research quality using a combination of metrics and expert review by committees comprising experienced, internationally-recognised experts.

The presentation will outline the proposed approach to ERA, and discuss the ERA Consultation Paper, scheduled for release in May. The session will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions regarding ERA and its implementation. The ARC will also discuss the upcoming ranked outlets consultation process.

The ABS recently released the ANZSRC, jointly produced by the ABS and Statistics New Zealand and co-funded by the ARC. The ANZSRC is the collective name for a set of three related classifications developed for use in the measurement and analysis of research and experimental development (R&D) undertaken in Australia and New Zealand.

Implementation of the ANZSRC commenced on 1 April 2008, and both the ARC and the NHMRC will use the classification for all research funding rounds subsequent to 1 January 2009.

The session is relevant to Research Office staff and senior academics. However, as places are strictly limited, please email Dianne Jeffery (D.Jeffery@curtin.edu.au) by Wednesday 21st May 2008 if you would like to nominate to attend.

Date: Thursday, 29 May 2008

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Venue: Seminar Room 3 on the 1st floor of the University Club, University of Western Australia.

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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/grants/tools.cfm>

TIP OF THE WEEK

Are you new to research or new to research at Curtin?

It is important that you are familiar with Curtin's research policies and procedures. These can be found at: <http://policies.curtin.edu.au/policies/research.cfm>

A variety of useful tools and downloads are also available at: <http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/tools.cfm>

Tips on other supports will be found in future Research Updates

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