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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. EARLY REMINDER - 2009 ARC LINKAGE ROUND 2 APPLICATIONS
This is an early reminder to applicants intending to apply for 2009 ARC Linkage Projects Round 2 that they should be developing their proposals now. A formal call for Expressions of Interest will occur on 31st August 2009.

The EOI form will include the requirement to provide full track record details for each team member plus a five page summary of the project. The EOIs will then need to be submitted directly to your Dean of Research by 28th September 2009. Once reviewed by the Deans of Research, applicants will be provided with feedback.


Please also note that applications will be submitted via the new ARC online submission process – RMS. An important lesson learnt from using this system for the current ARC rounds is that it is crucial to start the online application process early. Particularly when it comes to adding Partner Investigators. ORD will be providing training on using the RMS in the coming months. Some steps, such as obtaining log ons and updating personal details can be done well in advance of the closing date.

2. AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE - 2010 AWARDS AND GRANTS
Applications are currently open for the following grants and awards:

- Rudi Lemberg Travelling Fellowship in biological sciences for Australian or overseas scientists to travel in Australia
- Selby Fellowship in all fields of science for overseas scientists to travel in Australia
- Awards for research on the conservation of endangered Australian vertebrate species
- Graeme Caughley Travelling Fellowship for Australian ecologists to travel overseas

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 Monday 24th August 2009.

Expressions of Intent for funding to support specialist Research Conferences:

- Boden Research Conference in the biological sciences
- Fenner Conference on the Environment
- Elizabeth and Frederick White Research Conference in the physical sciences

The closing date for EOIs for conference support is Friday 31st August.


3. AUSTRALIAN SYNCHROTRON BEAMTIME APPLICATIONS
Researchers can apply for beamtime in 3 rounds over the year. The next round opens on 10 September. Application is via the online application system - (http://portal.synchrotron.org.au/AS/proposal/index.jsp)

Proposals are peer reviewed for scientific merit by a specialist committee.

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 Monday 29th September 2009.

Successful applicants in this round will be notified in early December.


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4. UK ESRC/DFID JOINT SCHEME FOR RESEARCH ON INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (POVERTY
ALLEVIATION) PHASE 2 - FIRST CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
The Department for International Development (DFID) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) are pleased
to announce that they have agreed to continue their strategic partnership to provide a joint funding scheme for
development research.

The purpose of the scheme is to provide a more robust conceptual and empirical basis for development, and the
achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The second phase of funding retains the overall ‘poverty
alleviation’ theme from the first phase, and applications under this broad heading will still be welcome. However, ESRC
and DFID have identified three thematic areas for this call where work will be of particular interest. These areas are:

- Security, Conflict and Development;
- Economic Crisis, Poverty and Growth: the Implications for Development Theory and Practice;
- Cities and Development

Full applications are invited between £100,000 to £500,000 (100% FEC). The scheme is open to applicants from
both UK and non-UK Institutions.

Any applicant(s) and their institutions intending to apply to this call must ensure they are registered with the Joint
Electronic Submission System (Je-S). As it takes 3-4 weeks for this registration to be processed, any applicants
should advise ORD asap so that this registration can commence in plenty of time.

A print out of the electronic application is 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
Monday 14th September 2009.

Full details of the call and all documentation can be accessed from the ESRC Society Today website:
http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/ESRC-DFID.aspx#0

Any questions should be directed to DFID@esrc.ac.uk

5. AINSE 2010 RESEARCH AWARDS – NOW OPEN
Applications for AINSE Research Awards are now open. This is the link to the AINSE Research Awards 2010

Today nuclear science at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre is devoted to supporting activities and
research in a wide range of disciplines especially those which incorporate Australia’s national research priorities. Areas
of particular interest include:

- researching climate change
- the management of water resources
- the study of air pollution
- studying the structural integrity of materials
- radiobiological research
- medical physics and imaging

The list of available facilities can be found in the Users Guide at AINSE User Guides 2010

In addition to the on-line application form, there are links on the Research Awards page to other key documents which
are vital to creating a valid application:

- Guidelines for preparation of applications. Please read this document before starting an application. The Guidelines
  are intended to highlight the information you will be required to submit and are presented in the
  same sequence as the application form.
- Users Guides contain information on the many facilities available to AINSE Research Award applicants.
- Conditions and Procedures 2010 contains administrative details of AINSE Research Awards.

Please forward this information on to those of your colleagues who may be interested.

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 Tuesday 8th September 2009.
6. VISUAL ART AND CRAFT MID-CAREER FELLOWSHIP
The Department of Culture and the Arts is offering a Visual Art and Craft mid-career fellowship. This fellowship category is open to individual, established artists working in all areas of visual arts and craft, including painting, sculpture, installation, ceramics, jewellery, glass, textile, wood and digital arts.

The purpose of the Mid-Career Fellowship is to enable:
- Growth of the your practice through research and development; and/or
- Increased national and international profile through the creation of documentation including monographs, catalogues and critical writing; and/or
- Increased profile through large-scale exhibitions or residencies.

Fellowships may be developed in conjunction with other planned initiatives, eg expansion of a proposed publication, forthcoming residency, or exhibition.

Fellowships may vary in duration up to a maximum period of 12 months and up to a maximum of $25,000. For the purposes of acquittal and future eligibility to the Arts Grants Program, all fellowships are considered to span a 12-month period (effective from the commencement date of the fellowship).

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 Friday 18th September 2009.

For more information and application forms please see -
http://www.dca.wa.gov.au/funding/grants/arts_dev/mid-career_fellowship

HEALTH SPECIFIC

1. REVISED CLOSING DATE FOR NHMRC CENTRES OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE (CRE)
The NHMRC closing date for receipt of applications online has been extended by two weeks. Therefore the new ORD closing date is Friday 4th September 2009.

Please also note that there have been a number of changes relating to the application form:

The Aims of the CRE Scheme have been revised to reflect the aims in the CRE Funding Policy. The revised document (Part B-02) is now available in RGMS.

Important changes with format of publications in RGMS
The Centres of Research Excellence (CRE) Scheme is the second to be piloted through NHMRC's Research Grant Management System (RGMS). Feedback received from users to date through the pilot of Development Grants in RGMS, and NHMRC requirements, have been incorporated for the upload of information on publications to the system.

This means, from now on publications must be separated into one or more of the five publication types. Publications being uploaded must be in individual files for each publication type.

The five publication types are:
- Journal Articles (original research)
- Journal Articles (review)
- Books/Chapters
- Conference abstract
- Published Abstracts

If you are an RGMS account holder who has already submitted your publications in the previous format, please use either of the following options to amend your publications:
- Delete the current uploaded file then create individual files and upload separate publication type files or
- Individually assign a publication type to each of your publications that you have already entered/uploaded in the "Publications" section.

Instructions detailing how to upload a publication list is provided on the publication upload section of RGMS.

Please see Update 15 for more information on the CRE scheme.
2. THE NATIONAL HEART FOUNDATION GRANTS
The Heart Foundation is offering funding to support researchers working in the area of cardiovascular disease and related disorders. They are now calling for applications for Summer Scholarships and the third round of Travel Grants.

Travel Grants- Round Three
*For travel in October-December 2009 & January-February 2010*
Travel Grants are available to support Australian researchers travelling to present their cardiovascular research at a conference overseas. They are also available to Indigenous health researchers travelling to present their research in Australia.
For more information on Travel Grants, [click here](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Research/Available_Funding/Pages/default.aspx).

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 Friday 31st July 2009.

Summer Scholarships
Summer Scholarships are offered to assist undergraduates who have completed at least two years of a medical or science degree to obtain laboratory experience. Summer Scholarships are for a duration of 6-8 weeks.
For more information on Summer Scholarships, please [click here](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Research/Available_Funding/Pages/default.aspx).

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 Friday 11th September 2009.

Please ensure that you read the instructions carefully, fill the application form in its entirety and provide ALL supporting documentation with your application.

For further information, please see the website – [http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Research/Available_Funding/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Research/Available_Funding/Pages/default.aspx) or call 03 9321 1581 or email research@heartfoundation.org.au

3. GLAXO-SMITHKLINE AUSTRALIA POST GRADUATE SUPPORT GRANT
GSK's global quest is to improve the quality of human life by enabling people to do more, feel better and live longer. To achieve this quest, GlaxoSmithKline invests up to $35 million each year in Australian research and development.

Support grants for postgraduate research students
GSK Australia is pleased to offer grant awards of up $25,000 over a period of two years to PhD or Post Doctorate students in the field of human health.

These awards will provide additional financial support to PhD or Post Doctorate research students who are currently in receipt of a research grant from a non-commercial body.

A minimum of six grants will be made available in 2009, with the potential to increase if the quality of applications is high.

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 Friday 21st August 2009.

For further information and application forms, please visit [www.gsk.com.au/research](http://www.gsk.com.au/research)

4. HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE FOUNDATION POST DOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
The Foundation for High Blood Pressure Research was established following the success of the International Symposium on Hypertension held in Melbourne in 1994. Under the chairmanship of Colin Johnston, the Foundation has generously supported Fellowships, Postdoctoral Awards and provided meeting support.

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
The Foundation offers a two-year postdoctoral fellowship for a research project in hypertension or related fields in basic, clinical or public health areas at an Australian institution. Applications from biomedical, clinical and public health researchers are invited.
Applications are open to Australian citizens or permanent residents.

It is expected that the successful applicant will have had not less than five and not more than ten years’ postdoctoral experience. The fellowship provides a salary and modest project maintenance costs.

**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 Friday 21st August 2009.**


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**SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION**

**1. APPLICATIONS FOR ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS – REGISTERING RESEARCH OUTPUTS**

If you are applying for academic promotion in the August round and have RPI points, research income and/or research publications over the last four years then please read on.

The closing date for this round of academic promotions is Monday August 3rd. After applications have closed, all applicants will be contacted by ORD regarding the information that will be provided in the Research Report to the Promotions Committee. Applicants will be given an opportunity to provide additional information or corrections. However, if you know in advance that not all of your research information from the applicable time period has been registered with ORD, then it is advisable to have them recorded now.

If you already have access to enter data into SCRIPT, or your admin support staff have access, then you can enter the information directly. In the case of research projects you will also need to forward a hard copy of the application plus any approval documents and contracts in order for ORD to verify the project. In the case of publications, you may need to send hard copy and sufficient information to verify the category of publication, to ORD if the publication is not easily accessible online. You will also need to alert ORD to the fact that you have added publications to SCRIPT.

If you need to add information on research projects, and neither yourself nor your admin support person has the appropriate access to SCRIPT then send ORD all hard copy information and we will enter the information on your behalf.

Please note that ORD will need to verify any information (publications and projects) before it will appear on your promotions report. To ensure that your information is completed in time, you will need to advise ORD when you have added information into SCRIPT or when you send hard copy documents through that these need to be verified for the purposes of promotions so that we can prioritise the verification accordingly.

While you are encouraged to provide any necessary information as early as possible, please note that ORD's verification process will occur within the timelines agreed with the Promotions Unit. Information will not be verified in order to meet the submission date of 3 August, as ORD has no role in the application process.

Any further questions the Research Report for the Promotions Committee should be referred to Dr Melinda Thompson – Melinda.Thompson@curtin.edu.au or phone 9266 7112.

For all other academic promotions related questions please see - [http://staff.curtin.edu.au/staffservices/ac-promo/index.cfm](http://staff.curtin.edu.au/staffservices/ac-promo/index.cfm)

**2. ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS – UPDATE ON 2008 ROUND**

The ARC have recently confirmed that there will **not** be a rejoinder process for Future Fellowship applications. The outcome announcement is anticipated in September 2009.

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3. NHMRC CONSULTATION FOR NHMRC PARTNERSHIP CENTRES

The NHMRC Partnerships initiative was designed by NHMRC to more effectively integrate evidence into health policy and service delivery, a key objective of its Strategic Plan 2007-09. NHMRC’s aim is to improve health care through stronger evidence-based approaches.

Two initiatives were announced in 2008 - the NHMRC Partnerships Projects initiative and the NHMRC Partnership Centres for Research Excellence. The first round of Partnership Projects is currently in the assessment process, but NHMRC has determined to undertake further consultations to advise the design of the Partnership Centres of Research Excellence initiative.

NHMRC Partnership Centres for Research Excellence will be established as leaders in scientific research relevant to policy and practice. The Centres will not necessarily be funded to address a particular health issue, but rather to develop research capacity in designated areas of interest to one or more partner policy agency. The Centres will work on large scale programs of research and have in place strategies to meet the needs of the partner agency for evidence from research. It is anticipated that NHMRC and selected partner agencies will call for applications from researchers for a series of designated centres. NHMRC will be seeking research teams with outstanding track records, the capacity to work closely with policy agencies and the ability to recruit excellent researchers nationally and internationally. These Centres will require significant funding and financial flexibility. It is anticipated that cash and in kind contributions would be provided.

Interested stakeholders are advised that the discussion and consultation papers are now available at www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/partnerships/index.htm

Submissions are due 14 August 2009.

4. INFORMATION SESSION ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES VIA THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

Austrade are providing a day long session designed to educate Australian businesses on the ADB’s operations and opportunities available via a range of development projects.

The session, delivered by ADB representatives, will consist of a half day seminar and tailored afternoon group sessions providing practical advice and know how.

Download an event brochure for full details on speakers and program. Sessions will be held in both Melbourne and Sydney in August. A fee of $120 applies.

For more information please the event brochure or go to the website - www.austrade.gov.au/ADBseminars

5. 4TH ANNUAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The peak national local sustainable development conference will be held at the Sebel Albert Park, Melbourne from Tuesday 18th - Wednesday 19th August. The conference is designed to assist local government practitioners to identify, plan and implement best practice sustainable development solutions, particularly related to reducing the carbon footprint.

The Conference will showcase examples of outstanding environmental initiatives by Australian local governments.

Topics include:
- Expert analysis of Local Government's future emissions trading obligations
- Climate change and energy efficiency
- Integrating sustainability into economic imperatives
- Future directions for asset management
- Practical approaches to water management
- Sustainable planning and urban design
- Waste management and resource recovery
- Community engagement in environmental initiatives
- Green purchasing and procurement

For further information, or to register for the Conference, go to www.halledit.com.au/lgsd09 or contact Denise McQueen on 03 8534 5021 or denise.mcqueen@halledit.com.au

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6. 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/

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

We wish to highlight the following sessions coming up:

**Animal Ethics Committee - Animal Welfare Training Module 1**
*Date:* Tuesday 11th August 2009  
*Time:* 9:00am to 12:00pm  
*Synopsis:* 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 at this module is compulsory for Curtin Staff and research students who conduct research or teaching involving animals on Curtin premises.*

**SCRIPT Research Project Module Training**
*Date:* Tuesday 11th August 2009  
*Time:* 2:00pm to 3:45pm  
*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.

**How to Write a World Class Paper**
*Date:* Friday 7th August 2009  
*Time:* 9am to 12:30pm  
*Synopsis:* With the high rejection rate for most journals, a group of over forty journal editors from across various disciplines worked together to develop this seminar which highlights the dos and don'ts for preparing better manuscripts and significantly increasing the likelihood of acceptance. From the title to references and from submission to revision, this presentation will show how to write a good manuscript for submission to an international journal. It all starts before you even begin writing the paper. Idea development, originality, research trends and hot topics all set the stage for success of failure. What types of papers are appropriate? What are the right target journals? Who is your audience? How you construct an article can point to instant rejection or solid consideration. The presentation will go into detail about the technical aspects of paper development as well as the most constructive ways to respond to reviewer critiques and navigate through the review process. Ethical concerns impacting the journal publication process are also discussed. The seminar will be presented by Prof Peter La Placa - Professor of Management and Marketing, Barney School of Business, University of Hartford and Editor-in-Chief, Industrial Marketing Management.

**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. 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/ As sessions are firmed up they will be advertised via the Research Update and emails to all staff.

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
7. SCRIPT RESEARCH PROJECT MODULE TIPS

Can't find a project?

There could be a variety of reasons a specific project isn’t showing up. Below are a few things to try:

1. **Check that you are in the correct view:** Remember that projects will sit at different stages within SCRIPT at different times of the project’s life cycle. So, if you are looking for a Successful project then make sure you have the Successful tab selected rather than the Draft tab, for example.

   ![SCRIPT Database - DEMONSTRATION SYSTEM](image1)

2. **Check the Research (RM) module:** Some of the older projects are sitting on the old database (RM). It was not possible to import all of those projects into the Research Project module, but by opening up the Research (RM) module within SCRIPT you can search for the projects that are sitting on that old database.

   ![SCRIPT Database - DEMONSTRATION SYSTEM](image2)

3. **Check your level of access:** Another reason why you may not be able to see a project is that your access level does not allow you to see the project. Please note that for researchers, you are only able to see projects you created or those on which you are listed as a named investigator. For administrators you will be able to see the projects in your specified area, plus any that you create. If you need to change your access level so that you can see more projects contact ORD.

4. **Check that the project information has been sent to ORD:** Another reason why you can't find the project may be that it hasn't been entered into SCRIPT. This may be relevant for projects that started prior to SCRIPT access becoming available to the research community. Contact ORD to check this.

   ![SCRIPT Database - DEMONSTRATION SYSTEM](image3)

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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/guides/tools.cfm

#### New Research Codes
The codes can be found on the ABS website  
You may also find the University of New England’s Conversion Tool 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.