

## ORD UPDATE – RESEARCH UPDATE – 18-2007 (11/5/2007)

Dear Colleagues

The following information may be of interest to you, your research teams and students:

1. PRESENTATION ON APPLYING FOR NHMRC PHD SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS
2. INTERNATIONAL E-RESEARCH CONFERENCE SUPPORTING ALL DISCIPLINES
3. IAN POTTER FOUNDATION GRANTS – CHANGES TO APPLICATION PROCEDURES
4. CONSULTATION RE REVISIONS TO ARC FUNDING RULES – REMINDER TO SEND COMMENTS TO ORD BY 18 MAY 2007

### **1. PRESENTATION ON APPLYING FOR NHMRC PHD SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT AWARDS**

The NHMRC Training Awards Committee administers a wide range of awards for Scholarships, Fellowships and the more advanced Career Development Awards (CDA's). Curtin's Professor David Hay (Member of the NHMRC Training Awards Committee) will help you navigate your way around the multitude of different awards, the eligibility rulings (which matter particularly for WA) and how you can make your application more competitive. Applications are now open for Scholarships and Fellowships (note that since decisions are made in October, those completing Honours this year are not eligible to apply for Scholarships until next year). Applications have already closed for CDA's but David will discuss how those planning to submit in 2008 should be working to maximise their chances.

<b>When:</b>	2:30-4:30pm on Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2007
<b>Where:</b>	Lecture Theatre 2, First Floor Geography & Geology Building University of Western Australia (off Fairway Entrance 1).
<b>Map:</b>	A map of the UWA campus is available online at: <a href="http://maps.uwa.edu.au/">http://maps.uwa.edu.au/</a>
<b>Cost:</b>	No cost

### **2. INTERNATIONAL E-RESEARCH CONFERENCE – 11 & 12 July 2007**

***Do you use the Internet for research? Collaborate with colleagues and workmates via email?  
Store data on a shared network or in a repository?***

If you answered yes to any of the above then you are involved in *e-Research*.

e-Research now has widespread application and supports all disciplines from the sciences to the humanities. Collaborative innovation is being made possible through user-friendly advances in information and communications technology. In reality e-Research capabilities magnify the potential of the established research paradigm rather than replace it.

Please note that this is a different conference to the Australasian eResearch Conference (26-29 June 2007), advertised in our previous ORD Update. This conference aims to analyse the legal framework necessary to ensure the effective take up of e-Research techniques in Australia. The conference program will address issues, including:

- Research contracts
- Data sharing
- Patent licensing
- Privacy

Join guest speakers from UK, USA, Canada and Australia for expert advice from a diversity of fields, including:

- Human Genome Technology transfer
- Cyber Infrastructure
- Child Health Research
- Social Sciences

**Date** Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 July

**Venue** Surfers Paradise Marriott Resort and Spa, Gold Coast Queensland

**Cost** **\$295 (Early Bird registration up to 18 May 2007)**  
\$385 (Registration after 18 May 2007)

**Registration** [www.e-Research.law.qut.edu.au](http://www.e-Research.law.qut.edu.au)

### **3. IAN POTTER FOUNDATION GRANTS – CHANGES TO APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

The Ian Potter Foundation has a new website and new grant application procedures. Details are available online at [www.ianpotter.org.au](http://www.ianpotter.org.au).

The most significant change is the introduction of online application forms. The Foundation now has a General Application Form to be used when applying for grants in the areas of Arts, Community Wellbeing, Education, Environment & Conservation, Science, Health and Medical Research. Please note that the next funding round for Health and Medical Research is in 2008. There is a separate application form for Travel and Conference Grants. The online application forms must be completed and submitted by email, and in hard copy with relevant support material, by close of business on the due date of the relevant funding round.

An additional change has been made regarding the submission of Annual Reports and Financial Statements in support of your applications. In the past you have been requested to submit them with each application. You are now asked to submit only one hard copy of the university Annual Report and audited Financial Statements for each funding round you make a submission to.

The Foundation offers 3 rounds of funding, but not all of their grants are available at each of these rounds. Please refer to the website for details.

**For applications to be submitted to the current round, applications, accompanied with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), should be submitted to the Office of R&D no later than Friday 25 May 2007.**

The next round of Arts, Education, Community Wellbeing, Travel & Conference and Community Wellbeing International Travel Grants will close in early September.

### **4. CONSULTATION RE REVISIONS TO ARC FUNDING RULES – REMINDER TO SEND COMMENTS TO ORD BY 18 MAY 2007**

As previously advised, the ARC will be reviewing the Funding Rules and supporting documentation for each of its schemes over the next few months and is again seeking comment and feedback from interested parties on the current versions of the ARC's Funding Rules, Instructions to Applicants and Funding Agreement documents.

They welcome feedback on relevant issues relating to documents pertaining to specific schemes, as well as the format and nature of the documents in general. This feedback will be taken into consideration as part of deliberations by the ARC concerning the rules and documentation for future funding rounds.

The ARC is particularly interested in pursuing the following objectives in reviewing and revising these documents:

- the use of "plain language" - including ensuring the documents contain sufficient detail to assist applicants in applying for funding and, in general, ensuring that the documents are accessible, "readable" and structured in a meaningful way;
- promoting consistency and using common terminology where possible in relation to the various schemes funded by the ARC;
- ensuring the eligibility criteria are robust, up to date and relevant; and
- facilitating ease of use and interpretation of relevant rules/eligibility criteria.

**The Office of R&D will be coordinating the response on behalf of Curtin University of Technology so please forward your comments to [ORD-Grants@curtin.edu.au](mailto:ORD-Grants@curtin.edu.au) no later than 5pm Friday, 18 May 2007.**

Regards

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