

Research Update

From the Office of Research & Development

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. ARTHRITIS AUSTRALIA RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for grants valued between \$10,000 and \$50,000 for one year are now sought to be used for research into the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of arthritis.

The objectives of the research and professional education program are:

- To support specific research projects into arthritis and other musculoskeletal disorders.
- To support and foster the career development of scientists and clinical investigators committed to research into arthritis and allied disorders

There are three categories:

- **Fellowships**
- **Scholarships**
- **Grants in Aid and Project Grants**

Awards are available to clinical, scientific and allied health professionals who work in universities, hospitals or recognised research institutes.

For further information please see <http://arthritisaustralia.com.au/Research%20Grants>

Applications for Fellowships, Project Grants and Grants in Aid are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development by no later than 5:00 pm Friday 4th July 2008 and must be accompanied by a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT). Scholarship applications are to be submitted through the Scholarships Office by the same date.

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2. STATE HEALTH RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL (SHRAC) TRANSLATION GRANTS

The **State Health Research Advisory Council (SHRAC)** would like to announce a second round of funding for Research Translation projects as part of its objective to encourage and facilitate the translation of research into effective health care and economic benefit.

Funding is available from the **Department of Health** for short-term projects that will investigate and evaluate efficiencies and cost savings that research can deliver to WA Health in the overall process of health care.

Eligible projects may involve undertaking new research, applying existing research, or evaluating research that has already been applied, and will be expected to have solid economic justification of the benefits to WA Health. Projects may include proof-of-concept research or pilot studies that test innovative ideas.

Projects must commence and finish in 2008/09. Projects can be of any size up to a maximum of \$200,000. Funding is available for multiple projects to be awarded.

Funding may be awarded to an individual or to a research team; multidisciplinary and cross-institution collaborations are encouraged.

The application form and *Guidelines for Applicants* are available online at www.shrac.health.wa.gov.au/funding.

Applications for Fellowships, Project Grants and Grants in Aid are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development by no later than Tuesday 17th June 2008 and must be accompanied by a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT).

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. NHMRC PUBLIC HEALTH CONSULTATIONS – 11 JUNE 2008

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) is reviewing how it can marshal its funding to most effectively contribute to improved public health in Australia.

Members of the review committee will be running a series of consultations with public health researchers as well as users of public health information in a number of locations throughout Australia. These meetings are being managed with the support of the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), and will provide participants with the opportunity to provide advice on ways in which current NHMRC public health research initiatives could be improved or new initiatives developed.

Public health researchers and users of public health information are invited to attend. This is an important opportunity to ensure that your views on any aspects of NHMRC funding are communicated to the NHMRC.

The NHMRC Public Health Research Advisory Committee (PHRAC) Chair, Professor Don Nutbeam, about the Perth consultation, which will be hosting the consultation session. Details are

Date: Wednesday, June 11

Time: 4 – 6 p.m.

Venue: Telethon Child Health Research Institute
100 Roberts Road, Subiaco

RSVP: Gail Stace on 9266 9078 or G.Stace@curtin.edu.au by c.o.b. on **Monday 8th June 2008**

The meeting will be attended by the NHMRC's Director of Evaluation and Reporting Dr Marcus Nicol, and PHRAC Committee Member Professor Mike Daube. All comments made at the meeting will be documented, and both these and a report of the meeting will contribute to the Committee's considerations.

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2. CURTIN CENTRE AND INSTITUTE MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK WORKSHOP SESSION – 13 JUNE 2008

The Office of Research and Development has been preparing a 'management handbook' for Directors and Managers of Research Institutes and Centres at Curtin. The draft Handbook is nearing completion and a number of workshops are being held to introduce relevant staff to the Handbook.

This is a very important initiative by Curtin, intended to accelerate continuous improvement of governance and management in our Institutes and Centres. Lifting Curtin into the ranks of Australia's most successful intensive universities is a very important goal for us, and this initiative is intended to contribute materially to achieving this aim.

The next session is to be held as follows:

Date: Friday 13th June 2008

Time: 9.30am to 12pm

Venue: Council Chambers, Level 3, Building 100

RSVP: via the Employee Kiosk (<http://empkiosk.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm>) no later than Thursday 5th June 2008 (Once in the Employee Kiosk select Training->Training Registration->View Available Courses-> 02 - Staff Development including Management Courses ->RCENT - Management of Research Centres)

Some staff will have already received invitations to this session. We would strongly encourage you to attend or send a proxy.

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4. ORD RESEARCH TRAINING SEMINARS

A list of upcoming ORD Research training seminars is now available at - <http://research.curtin.edu.au/global/training.cfm> The list will be regularly updated as new Seminars are added. You will also be able to access iletecture recordings of past seminars via this web page.

Below are a number of seminars coming up in the near future:

Writing ARC Discovery Rejoinders

10am to 11am, Friday 6th June 2008

Rm 302.001 (Davis Lecture Theatres)

This session is targetted at ARC Discovery applicants who will be writing their rejoinders in June 2008. It may also be of relevance to Linkage Project applicants. It will cover the following topics:

- How to read your assessor comments – how to use them effectively
- Finding the right tone for your rejoinder
- What to write – how best to address the issues, or what to write if the review is glowing
- Dealing with conflicting assessments
- Common pitfalls and things to watch out for

Applying for ARC Linkage Project grants

10am to 11.30am, Monday 9th June 2008

Room 210:104 (Case Study room – Elizabeth Jolley LT complex)

This session will provide an overview of the ARC Linkage Project application process. Successful applicants will talk about the following topics:

- The planning process – when to start, how much lead time do you need
- How to find partners
- Managing those partners
- Pitfalls and tips

The session will also cover the following topics:

- Preparing an application
- General Budget tips
- Assessment criteria
- Characteristics of successful applications

Writing NHMRC rejoinders seminar

2.00pm to 3.00pm, Tuesday 10th June 2008

Room 210:104 (Case Study room – Elizabeth Jolley LT complex)

Professor David Hay will be presenting a session on writing responses to assessor comments. The session will cover topics such as:

- How to read your assessor comments – how to use them effectively
- Finding the right tone for your rejoinder
- What to write – how best to address the issues, or what to write if the review is glowing
- Dealing with conflicting assessments
- Pitfalls and tips

The session will also be useful for any staff submitting grant applications to other NHMRC grant schemes as most of the major schemes involve some kind of rejoinder process (please note that fellowship applications do not involve a rejoinder process).

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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

Ownership of Intellectual Property and Research Projects

Whenever applying for funding, it is important to establish who will own the Intellectual Property (IP) rights of the research to be conducted prior to preparing the budget. If a Client or Funder wants own the IP then recognition of this should be factored into the budget.

Also please note that some Clients or Funders may not actually need to own the IP. Sometimes providing them with permission to use the IP may be enough for their needs.

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