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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. ARC LINKAGE PROJECT GRANT APPLICATIONS 2009 [Round 2] - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTION/ADVICE REQUESTS

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT

The Office of Research and Development (ORD) is now calling for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from researchers who are intending to submit an ARC Linkage Project [Round 2] application in the 2009 round where Curtin will be the lead organisation.

Curtin is keen to improve the success rate of ARC Linkage Project applications and the EOI process is designed to assist with this objective.

To lodge an EOI please complete the EOI form and submit it to your Faculty Dean of Research no later than Monday 28th September 2009.

The EOI Form is available from the ORD website at:

Unlike previous EoI calls, EoI's for LPR2 should not be submitted to the Office of Research and Development but directly to your Faculty Dean of Research.

EOIs received by the due date will be reviewed by the Faculty Deans of Research with feedback provided to applicants including suggestions of ways to strengthen the application. Some applicants may be encouraged to postpone their application until another round if it is considered that extra developmental work would make the proposal more competitive.

Please note that applications for Linkage Round 2 will require the support of the Faculty Dean of Research prior to submission to the ARC. The Deans will advise ORD by no later than Monday, 12 October of those applications supported. Applicants with a track record in successfully securing ARC funding in the past 5 years may receive an exemption from submission of an Eoi from their Faculty Dean of Research.

During the EoI process applicants should continue the development of their application in anticipation of a positive outcome.

Funding Rules for the 2009 round (for funding to commence in 2010) are available from the ARC [http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_fundingrules.htm] and should be read prior to completing an Eoi. Unfortunately the Instructions to Applicants for Round 2 are yet to be released by the ARC but it is anticipated that they will not differ significantly from those for Round 1, the Instructions may be found on the ARC website at: http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_instructions.htm. ORD will advise when the Instructions are available for Round 2 and when RMS is open to commence the online application process.

ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTION/ADVICE REQUESTS

Intending applicants should be aware that the closing time for Eligibility Exemption/Advice Requests is 5.00 pm (AEDT) Wednesday 14 October 2009 - please refer to the Funding Rules, Section 10.1 for advice. If an applicant wishes to submit an Eligibility Exemption/Advice Request please discuss this with your Faculty Dean of Research and ORD Research and Development Officer as soon as possible.
2. RURAL INDUSTRIES RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (RIRDC) FUNDING FOR 2010-11
Applications for RIRDC funding and scholarships for 2010-11 are now open.

The Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation invests in the knowledge needs of our three portfolio areas:
• New rural industries;
• Specific established rural industries; and
• Cross-sectoral national rural issues
Their investments are driven by Five-Year R&D plans which address the needs of each industry and ensure our priorities are industry and government-driven. Overall, their aim is for a more profitable, dynamic and sustainable rural sector.

If you think you or your organisation can help address the needs of our programs as outlined in the current research priorities, then RIRDC would welcome your application for funding.

RIRDC welcomes proposals that will meet the specific objectives, or a number of objectives, as outlined in the research priorities and in more detail in program Five-Year Plans. They also welcome and encourage your collaboration with other research providers to build the critical research mass necessary to meet our objectives.

In planning and submitting proposals for RIRDC-funded projects prospective researchers need to familiarise themselves with the application procedure, the Corporation's over-arching goals and strategies, the goals and strategies of the relevant R&D programs and the specific priorities for R&D for the year for which the proposal is being submitted.

A booklet, Doing Business With RIRDC, outlines this process.

Planning a successful application
The following factors will be taken into consideration in assessing research proposals:
• Corporate strategies and outcomes, including the Australian Government's Research and Development Priorities, in the RIRDC Corporate Plan 2007-2012
• Program strategies and outcomes in the sector five-year plans
• Relevant research priorities for that year
• Demonstrated industry support

We have been advised that funding is tight for the next couple of years. One logical consequence of a reduced pool of available funds is that project applications with large budgets become risky because a single large project may use the entire pool of available funds. Smaller projects and project budgets may have a higher likelihood of being successful. If you intend to apply for Research Project funding then you will need to first submit a Preliminary Proposal. Preliminary proposals and full applications are submitted by Clarity – RIRDC’s web-based application management system. Applicants will need to set up an account by contacting the RIRDC helpdesk - helpdesk@rirdc.gov.au or Ph: 02 6271 4100.

Applicants are to provide a copy of the Preliminary Proposal generated by Clarity 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 please see http://www.rirdc.gov.au/researchers/researchers_home.cfm

These RIRDC grants are listed on the Australian Competitive Grant Register.

3. GRANTS FOR US-FOCUSED RESEARCH
The United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney invites Australian academics to apply for one of seven competitive research grants for 2010 with a total value of $100,000.

The grants will support US-focused research activities in the humanities, social sciences and related professional disciplines.

Seven grants will be awarded. Two of up to $25,000 (for Researchers in Residence at the US Studies Centre) and five up to $10,000 (for External Researchers).
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 2nd October 2009.

The application process guidelines can be viewed at http://ussc.edu.au/research/research-grants.

4. AUSAID 2009 AUSTRALIAN DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH FUNDING
AusAID, the Australian Agency for International Development, manages the Australian Government’s official overseas aid program. As a part of AusAID’s Development Research Strategy, which aims to increase the role of research in contributing to the effectiveness of the aid program, a competitive funding round has been established. AusAID is currently advertising the 2009 Funding Round for the Australian Development Research Awards.

The aim of the Australian Development Research Awards (ADRA) is to attract high quality research that informs policy development and increases the general stock of knowledge around development issues.

The 2009 ADRA Funding Round is open to all Australian and international not-for-profit institutions or organisations where research is a core component of the organisation’s mandate.

Proposals should address pertinent and cutting edge questions in development research in the following areas of high priority:

1. Disability-inclusive development
2. Economics
3. Gender
4. Performance-linked aid

Applicants can apply for funding for projects up to three years in duration, with successful proposals eligible to receive between A$100,000 and A$300,000 per year.

Applications are to submit a copy of the online application 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.

Guidelines and an Application Form for the completion of research applications are available on the AusAID website. For all further information please see the research section of the AusAID website http://www.ausaid.gov.au/research/default.cfm or email any enquiries to research@ausaid.gov.au or by fax to (02) 6206 4570.

HEALTH SPECIFIC

1. HEART FOUNDATION SUMMER SCHOLARSHIPS
Summer Scholarships are offered to assist undergraduates who have completed at least two years of a relevant undergraduate degree to obtain research experience. Summer Scholarships are offered for a duration of up to 6-8 weeks.

For more information on Summer Scholarships, please click here.

If the grant is to be managed via a Curtin cost centre then 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 call 03 9321 1581 or email: research@heartfoundation.org.au
SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. EARLY NOTICE - 2010 ARC DISCOVERY APPLICATIONS – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
This is an early reminder to applicants intending to apply for 2010 ARC Discovery Project applications (for funding in 2011). A formal call for Expressions of Interest will be in early September.

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 31 October 2009. Once reviewed by the Deans of Research, applicants will be provided with feedback.

Potential applicants should be developing their proposals now so that they are sufficiently developed come EOI time.

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 round is that it is crucial to start the online application process early. ORD will be providing training on using RMS.

While the 2010 round funding rules are not yet available previous Funding Rules are available at - http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_fundingrules.htm

2. GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING IF WORK IS RESEARCH OR CONSULTANCY
ORD has released a revised Infosheet to assist researchers to determine whether the work they are doing fits into the category or Research or Consultancy.

It should be noted that there are different pathways depending upon whether work is Research or Consultancy. Research projects are to be submitted via ORD, whereas Consultancy should be processed via the Faculty Consultancy Coordinators. There are also costing model variations between Research and Consultancy, as well as different benefits for the person conducting the project.

Please see the attached Infosheet for more information (also available on the ORD website at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/forms/grantspolicies.cfm).

3. CANCER COUNCIL SYMPOSIUM - 'ADVANCING CANCER RESEARCH IN WA'
This year’s Cancer Council symposium will be held on Thursday 3 December 2009 at the Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle, and will include keynote speakers Professor Sanchia Aranda and Professor Barry Iacopetta, and a special panel discussion on 'Research directions for 2010 and beyond.

For more information please see the attached Flyer.

4. DEALING WITH CONFLICT OF INTEREST ISSUES IN RESEARCH - NHMRC PODCAST
A pharmaceutical company offers to fund your biomedical research project, but may have a vested interest in your findings. What should you do? Refuse the offer on principle? Take the money? But then, how do you manage your situation?

At the NHMRC’s recent Transparency and Conflict of Interest Workshop, Professor James Best, Chair of NHMRC’s previous Research Committee, felt the best policy was honesty, openness and peer review. He explains his views in this podcast.
5. ONLINE TRAINING ON HOW TO USE THE COMMUNITY OF SCIENCE (COS) WEBSITE

The COS website is a tool that researchers can use to find the funding sources needed to conduct their research and can be used to promote your own personal profiles or collaborate with others around the world. Curtin has a subscription to COS so all Curtin staff can use the web based database.

The managers of COS have organised several online online training sessions or “webinars” for August and September.

The course description is as follows:

Join an online session with one of our trainers to get an introductory overview of the platform and databases or refresh your awareness with an update. This course covers content, functions, and features of, as well as tips for using, **COS Scholar Universe** and **COS Funding Opportunities** on the COS interface. We will also try to answer any questions and show you how to access support options such as help pages, factsheets and tutorials. The session is scheduled for 90 minutes to cover:

- Creating and managing profiles, producing CVs
- Finding scholar profiles with **COS Expertise**
- Seeking funds, grants, awards using **COS Funding Opportunities**
- Tracking funding and using saved searches on **COS Workbench**
- Questions?

Interested? To register for the training, please follow these instructions:

- Select the option ‘COS Research Databases on the COS Platform’ and click on the search button.
- Select your time-zone from the drop-down menu on the following page to determine what time the sessions will be in your location.
- Click on the Register button, and follow the on-screen instructions.


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/](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/notes.cfm](http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm)

We wish to highlight the following sessions coming up:

**Workshop on Rejoinders/Rebuttals in Grant Writing and Academic Publishing**

**Date:** Wednesday 2 September 2009

**Time:** 12pm to 2pm

**Venue:** 213:104

**Target Audience:** Early Career to Mid-career researchers within the Faculty of Science and Engineering in particular. Researchers from other faculties are welcome to attend also.

**Synopsis:** Given the importance of rejoinders/rebuttals in grant application processes and academic publishing, the Faculty of Science and Engineering will be conducting a 2 hour workshop to discuss key issues and showcase examples of styles and approaches utilized by successful researchers. It is significant to note that the Dean of Research examined the majority of ARC assessor reports and rejoinders associated with ARC Discovery Project grant applications for S&E and found that there is considerable room for improved. Speakers include Profs Roland de Marco, Eric Bakker, Will Featherstone, Tony Lucey and Kliti Grice.

(Workshop organised by Prof Roland de Marco)
SCRIPT Research Project Module Training
Date: Thursday 17th September 2009
Time: 11:00am to 12:45pm
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 Find Research Funding Sources
Date: Thursday 24th September 2009
Time: 10:30am to 12:00pm
Venue and Registration: http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82
Target Audience: Researchers and HDR students
Synopsis: This session will be useful for researchers, students & research administrators interested in finding out more about information on finding research funding sources. The session will provide information on techniques, tips & some mechanisms for finding research funding sources, including a brief demonstration of the Community of Science (COS) website.

Demystifying Research Publication Citations And Impact Factors
Date: Tuesday 29th September 2009
Time: 10:30am to 12:00pm
Venue and Registration: http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82
Target Audience: Researchers (especially Early Career Researchers) and Research Administrators
Synopsis: This session will provide an overview of Citations and Journal Impact factors including what they mean, how they are calculated, how to access data on citations and impact factors etc, as well as a demonstration of databases and other tools. It will be of interest to Researchers (esp ECRs)& Research Administrators

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training
Date: Wednesday 7th October 2009
Time: 10:00am to 11:45am
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.

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 ilecture. 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 ilecture. 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.

7. SCRIPT RESEARCH PROJECT MODULE TIPS

Entering Non-Curtin led Projects

Scenario: A Curtin researcher is named as an investigator on a successful Australian Research Council (ARC) application. The grant is going to be administered by Murdoch University (the lead institution), but some of the ARC project funds are going to come to Curtin for the Curtin researcher to conduct part of the project.

In such cases Curtin wants to capture that the original source of the funds is the ARC and also that the funds are coming to Curtin via Murdoch. See over to learn how to capture this in SCRIPT.
1. **Start Application screen** - When creating the project on SCRIPT make sure you indicate that Curtin is not the lead organisation.

2. **Principal Investigator** – For the purposes of this record in SCRIPT, the Principal Investigator must be the relevant Curtin investigator who will be taking responsibility for the Curtin part of the project. The Murdoch lead investigator can be included in the list of co-investigators, but a Curtin researcher needs to be shown as the Principal Investigator in SCRIPT.

3. **Costing and Pricing** – Complete the Costing and Pricing sections for the portion of funds coming to Curtin only – not the full project budget.

4. **Fund Sources** – Enter **two** Fund Sources for the project – firstly, the ARC as the Primary Source of funding and put all of the $ against this Fund Source, then add Murdoch as a second Indirect source of funding as shown below:
### HELP, TOOLS and TIPS

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### TOOLS AND TIPS

#### LINKS
- Community of Science (COS)  
  [www.cos.com](http://www.cos.com) – for funding opportunities

Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)  

#### New Research Codes
The codes can be found on the [ABS website](http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm). You may also find the University of New England’s [Conversion Tool](http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm) 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.

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The Cancer Council Western Australia and the University of Western Australia Cancer and Palliative Care Research and Evaluation Unit (CaPCREU) invites you to attend the third WA Cancer Research Symposium on

Thursday 3 December 2009, 8am-5pm
Esplanade Hotel, Fremantle

Key Dates

31 July    Registration and abstract submissions open
16 Oct     Abstract submissions close
30 Oct     Abstract notification status sent via email or mail
13 Nov     Early bird registrations close
20 Nov     Registrations close

Keynotes include:

Professor Sanchia Aranda, Professor Cancer Nursing Research, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre

Professor Barry Iacopetta, Director, Translational Cancer Research Laboratory, QEII Medical Centre (Surgery)

Panel Discussion:
Research directions for 2010 and beyond
Featuring Professor George Yeoh (Cancer biology research), Winthrop Professor Christobel Saunders (Clinical research), Professor Lin Fritschi (Public health research) and a panel of other leading WA Cancer researchers

Cost

Early Bird Registration: $100
Late Registration: $120

For further information and to download an application form please visit the Cancer Council WA website:

http://www.cancerwa.asn.au/research/conferences/

Or to contact the Conference Coordinator by email or telephone:

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