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ORD RESEARCH FORUM
Monday 21st July 2008

Burswood International
Resort Hotel

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. NHMRC PROGRAM GRANTS – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The NHMRC is now calling for [applications](#) under its Program Grants Scheme for grants commencing in 2010. The aim of the Program Grants scheme is to provide support for teams of high calibre researchers to pursue broadly based collaborative research activities, contributing to new knowledge health and medical research.

NHMRC Program Grants provide support for teams of researchers, to pursue broadly based collaborative research activity. The support provided for successful applicants is for the research team, to support the team's broad research theme. The team will be expected to:

- contribute new knowledge at a leading international level in important areas of health and medical research;
- develop novel ideas and approaches;
- tackle problems for which longer term stable funding is essential;
- develop training and career development opportunities within the team; and
- facilitate collaborative use of specialised facilities or expertise.

Potential applicants are advised that there is a high level of competition for the Program Grant Funding, and successful applicant teams have a very high record of achievement in research, strong case to make regarding their team record. Applicants' attention is drawn to the criteria for award of the grant, which is achievement based. Applicants must demonstrate to the peer review panel that they are capable of conducting research at an internationally competitive level.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than **Friday 25th July 2008.**

Program Grant applications have been scheduled to eliminate the need for applicants to make simultaneous Project Grant applications.

For more information please see:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/apply/granttype/programs/index.htm>

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2. CLINICAL CENTRES OF RESEARCH EXCELLENCE – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The NHMRC is now calling for [Applications](#) for Clinical Centres of Research Excellence.

The Centres of Clinical Research Excellence program is designed to recognise and reward successful clinical researchers, and expand their ability to produce high quality research, provide high quality clinical research training and translate their research funding into improved health outcomes.

The Scheme aims to:

- support clinical research with potential to lead to improved health outcomes for the community;
- foster training of clinical researchers, particularly those with a capacity for independent research and future leadership roles; and
- ensure effective translation of research outcomes into clinical practice.

Researchers are encouraged to collaborate with, and participate in, international research studies. The collaborations may include:

- synergistic approaches between basic biomedical sciences and clinical research and/or between clinical research and population health research or health services research;
- collaborative interactions between different clinical disciplines;
- community consultation with relevant groups; and
- processes for consultation and management of health issues relating to Indigenous Australians.

Funding is awarded for a period of five years.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than **Friday 25th July 2008.**

For more information please see: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/apply/granttype/ccre/index.htm>

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3. CURTIN INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANT (IRG) AND CURTIN LINKAGE GRANT (CLG) SCHEMES COMING SOON

The Office of Research and Development will shortly be calling for applications for research funding under the Curtin Internal Research Grant (IRG) And Curtin Linkage Grant (CLG) Schemes.

The IRG is an internal, competitive grant scheme designed to enhance the University's success in the Australian Competitive Grants Program (ACGP).

The CLG is a competitive grant scheme designed to support collaborative research projects between Curtin researchers and industry or government or Non-government organisations (NGOs) and to enhance the University's success in the Australian Competitive Grants Program (ACGP), particularly the ARC Linkage Grant Programs.

There is an expectation that applicants funded under these schemes will lodge at least one application to an ACGP scheme, through Curtin, in the year following the grant and that the focus of the subsequent application align with the research project funded under the scheme.

Application Guidelines and Forms will be made available in the near future. In the meantime, the Guidelines and Application Forms for **last year's round** are available at - <http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/internal.cfm>

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4. FULLBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIPS

Looking to build research links with leading U.S. institutions? Considering sabbatical second semester 2009 or first semester 2010?

Applications are now open for the 2009 Fulbright Scholarships

Valued at up to \$A40,000, Fulbright scholarships are open to Australian citizens to undertake research or study in the United States for 3 – 12 months. Scholarships can be started between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010.

As the largest and one of the most prestigious educational scholarship programs in the world, Fulbright provides unique opportunities for Australians to build long term research collaboration and linkages with U.S. universities.

Applications are open to Postgraduates (to do research related to their Australian PhD., or enrol in a U.S. degree); Postdoctoral, Professional and Senior Scholars from any field of study. Applicants from Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia and Victoria are encouraged to consider the state specific Fulbright Scholarships that have now been established.

For further information and application forms see www.fulbright.com.au

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development by Friday 22 August 2008. Post graduate applications are to be submitted to the Scholarships Office. Post doctoal, Professional and Senior Scholar applications are to be submitted to the appropriate Research and Development Officer.

Australian universities are also encouraged to actively seek applications from Americans to be Fulbright Scholars in Australia in 2009.

This supports American academics and postgraduates undertake research with Australian universities for 4 - 12 months. American applications close on 1 August (Senior Scholars) and 31st October (Postgraduates). These applications are to be submitted through the American institution.

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ARC DISCOVERY REJOINDERS EXPECTED SOON

We anticipate that the rejoinder process for ARC Discovery Project Applications will open soon. Once notified by the ARC, the Office of Research and Development will email First Named investigator **only** to advise of the dates and process. The first named CI is responsible for notifying other investigators. Only the person who created the original application can edit the rejoinder

In the meantime, you may wish to view an iletecture of the recently held seminar on writing ARC Discovery Rejoinders available at: <http://research.curtin.edu.au/global/training.cfm#Top>

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2. ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS

We have been advised that an Information Session on the Future Fellowships announced in the May budget will be held at UWA on **Friday 4th July 2008**. We will advise when details are confirmed.

The scheme will offer 1,000 talented Australian and international mid-career researchers four-year fellowships of up to \$140,000 a year. Host organisations will receive an additional \$50,000 a year to support related infrastructure, equipment, travel and relocation costs.

In the meantime, the media release and consultation paper is available on the ARC website at - http://www.arc.gov.au/media/releases/media_23May08.htm

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3. ORD WEBSITE REDESIGN - ONE MINUTE SURVEY OF TOP FIVE ITEMS OF INTEREST FOR RESEARCHERS

As previously advised ([Update 18](#)), ORD is in the early stages of redesigning our website to make it easier to access information. The new design will provide different pathways for different audiences – eg for Researchers, for Students, for Administrators etc.

We are now seeking input from **Researchers** as to the top 5 topics you would want to see on the revised website. Please see the attached document containing a list of common topics found on university Research Office sites. **Simply rank your top 5 and return to Dianne Jeffery by Monday 23rd June.**

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4. ORD RESEARCH TRAINING SEMINARS

A list of upcoming ORD Research training seminars can be found at - <http://research.curtin.edu.au/global/training.cfm>

This webpage also contains links to the slides and iletecture recordings for the sessions that have been conducted.

The next session coming up is:

Publications - Citations and Journal Impact Factors

10am to 11.30am, Wednesday 2nd July 2008

Rm 105.107 (Library)

This session will provide an overview of Citations and Journal Impact factors:

- what they mean,
- how they are calculated,
- how to access data on citations and impact factors etc

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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

REMINDER TO USE THE NEW RESEARCH CLASSIFICATION CODES

As advised in [Research Update 11](#), the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released revised Research Field, Course and Discipline (RFCD) and Social and Economic Objective (SEO) codes as part of the *2008 Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification* (ANZSRC). These new codes replace the existing (1998) codes.

It is important that researchers ensure they are using the new codes (eg when completing the Research Project Application Tool – RPAT.)

The codes can be found on the [ABS website](#)

You may also find the University of New England's [Conversion Tool](#) useful.

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COMMON RESEARCH OFFICE WEB PAGE TOPICS				
Pick 5 topics most important to you and rank them 1 to 5 (1 = most important)				
Topics	Rank			
Forms, policies and procedures				
RPI, Publications and ERA				
SCRIPT database				
Consulting				
Research Guides				
Experts/ Areas of expertise				
Research Funding				
Research Ethics				
Research student supervision				
IP Commercialisation and Management				
Copyright issues				
News and Events				
Workshops and Seminars				
Researcher Blog				
Quicklinks				
Contact ORD				
Research Performance and Statistics				
Sitemap				
Publications				
Others (Please list)				
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