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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. BRITISH COUNCIL RESEARCHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMME
The British Council is announcing a call for proposals under its initiative aimed at supporting new links between early stage researchers in the UK and in Australia. The Programme is a £250,000 initiative that provides individual researchers with awards covering travel and subsistence costs, and some consumables costs, needed to develop new scientific collaborations and contacts through exchange visits of between one week and three months’ duration. [http://www.britishcouncil.org/au-researcher-exchange-programme.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/au-researcher-exchange-programme.htm)

The term 'early stage researcher' refers to researchers at the beginning of their research careers, with the research link being in any area of science, engineering and technology, including social sciences and humanities.

The applicant must have:
- either obtained a doctoral qualification or be within twelve months of obtaining a doctoral qualification
- no more than two years full tenure in a university or research institute.
- no more than six years overall active researcher experience

The maximum award that can be applied for is £5,000.

Please note that more than one researcher from the same sending or receiving research group can apply for an award, but each must submit a separate application.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than noon Monday 30th June 2008.

For full details and an online application form visit the Researcher Exchange Programme website.

2. CSIRO FLAGSHIP COLLABORATION CLUSTERS – APPLICATIONS OPEN
Submissions are invited for participation in the fourth round of CSIRO Flagship Collaboration Clusters. Flagship Clusters are funded under the CSIRO Flagship Collaboration Fund to support large scale collaborative research activity with an emphasis on projects relevant to the goals of a National Research Flagship. Clusters are funded for up to three years at a minimum of $1 million per annum with expected co-investment by participating university or partner organisations.

The Flagship Collaboration Fund is a contestable funding pool designed to further strengthen collaboration between the Flagships, universities and other publicly-funded research institutions. Clusters are large-scale research programs which normally run for three years. Clusters may involve the co-location of staff from CSIRO and partner organisations to enhance the exchange of ideas and complementary expertise between groups.

The components of this funding pool are:
- a collaborative research program (supporting shorter term projects and larger, longer term “clusters”);
- visiting fellowships; and
- postgraduate scholarships.

Proposals are invited for the following 10 Clusters:

1. Climate Adaptation Flagship - Human health and climate change adaptation
2. Climate Adaptation Flagship - Regional adaptation to climate change - south east Queensland
5. Minerals Down Under Flagship - Mineral pre-processing technologies
7. Niche Manufacturing Flagship - Sensor systems for real-time analysis of aquatic environments
8. Preventative Health Flagship - Advanced solutions for human central neurodegenerative diseases
10. Wealth from Oceans Flagship - Addressing institutional and social barriers to science impact

CSIRO does not guarantee a Cluster will be approved in every area for which Cluster proposals are sought.
Specifications, application forms and contact details are available at:  www.csiro.au/flagships/clusters

Applicants are strongly advised to make contact with the relevant Flagship before proceeding with their application.

Applicants for funding in 2009/10 are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development and must be accompanied by a competed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 18th July 2008.

3. LEUKAEMIA FOUNDATION NATIONAL RESEARCH PROGRAM 2009

The Leukaemia Foundation is a national not-for-profit foundation dedicated to the care and cure of patients and families living with leukaemias, lymphomas, myeloma, and related blood disorders. Through its National Research Program, the Foundation seeks to foster innovative research into the causes, diagnosis and treatment of these cancers, and the care of patients and families. The program includes grants for research projects, in addition to scholarships and fellowships to foster the careers of talented young scientists and doctors. The final number of grants, fellowships and scholarships will depend upon available research funds. The Leukaemia Foundation is listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register.

Application forms and guidelines for applicants can be obtained from the research section of the website at http://www.leukaemia.org.au/web/research/index.php

In 2009 they will be offering the following grants and scholarships:

Research Grants-in-Aid
Applications for grants-in-aid in the range $50,000 - $100,000 per annum will be considered for research staff salaries and/or maintenance costs to support research projects. It is envisaged that at least three grants-in-aid may be awarded nationally in 2009. In addition, state based funds may become available in some states.

Fellowship and Scholarship Program
Clinical Fellowship
At least two clinical fellowships with a total value of up to $100,000 depending on seniority and experience (approximately 75% salary, 25 % consumables) may be offered in 2009.

Post Doctoral Fellowship
At least two post doctoral fellowships with a total value of up to $100,000 depending on seniority and experience (approximately 75% salary, 25 % consumables) may be offered in 2009.

Career Establishment Grant – New South Wales & ACT
One Career Establishment Grant to medical graduates who have recently completed their post-graduate training in Haematology and are taking up their first specialist appointment in Clinical or Research Haematology in a teaching hospital in NSW or the ACT ($50,000/annum for a maximum period of three years will be awarded).

New Investigators Grant – Western Australia
One New Investigators Grant with a total value of up to $10,000 may be offered in 2009 to a candidate based in a Western Australian research or medical institution.

PhD Scholarships
At least four PhD scholarships each with a total value of $40,000 ($30,000 stipend and $10,000 consumables) may be offered in 2009.

Honours Year Scholarships
The Dominic Di Giacomo Honours Scholarship will be offered to one applicant intending to do their research in a Western Australian research institution. The scholarship has a total value of $10,000 ($5,000 stipend and $5,000 consumables).

Applications for Grant-in-Aid Expression of Interest and Fellowships and Career Establishment Grants are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 18th July 2008.
Applications for PhD Scholarships are to be submitted to the Scholarships Office within the ORD no later than Friday 19th September 2008.

Applications for New Investigator Grants are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 19th September 2008.

Applications for the Dominic Di Giacomo Honours Scholarship are to be submitted by the student supervisor to the Office of Research and Development, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 17th October 2008.

4. FRENCH-AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FAST) PROGRAM
The Department of Innovation, in conjunction with the Government of the Republic of France, would like to announce that Round Six (2008) of the French-Australian Science & Technology (FAST) Program. The Program is jointly managed by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science & Research (Innovation) and its French counterparts, the Ministry of Higher Education and Research (MESR) and the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE).

FAST will provide financial assistance, on a competitive basis, for collaborative research projects (including project specific follow-up meetings) between Australian and French researchers. Assistance is available for international travel and living expenses only and does not extend to insurance, salaries or equipment expenses. Individual applications may request funding for up to 2 years.

The Australian Government will contribute a total of up to $250,000 per round for FAST applications. For each successful applicant, support will be provided for international travel and living expenses for a maximum of 4 international trips for the project.

The FAST program is a bilateral fund and applicants must apply for funding to support collaboration between Australian and French partners. Each Australian applicant must have a French “partner” and each partner must submit an application to their respective Government. Australian applicants must apply to the DIISR administered FAST program. The French partner must apply to the French Government under its administered FAST program.

Under the FAST program Round Six, applications will be considered for research collaboration in the areas of life sciences, environmental sciences, and energy.

The Round Six call-for-proposals will open on Monday 7th July 2008.

Applications are submitted online by the applicant. However, applicants must provide a hard copy of the application to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), no later than Monday 11th August 2008. The Office of R&D will advise the applicant when the RPAT has been signed off and the application can then be submitted.

Australian applicants should refer to the FAST guidelines, before commencing their application.

French applicants should refer to the EGIDE website

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ARC DISCOVERY PROJECTS FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 09: ASSESSMENTS & REJOINDERS
Rejoinder forms for Discovery Projects proposals will be available on GAMS from Tuesday 1 July 2008. All first named Chief Investigators of Curtin-led applications will have by now received an email from ORD outlining the process and attaching a number of resources.

Rejoinders are to be locally submitted on GAMS no later than 8am Friday 11th July 2008.
2. IVEC ADVANCED COMPUTING COURSES - JUNE 2008

Are you reaching the limit of your computing resources? Could advanced visualisation techniques help you to explore and communicate your research results more effectively? Do you have large datasets that you need to share or make public?

iVEC provides advanced computing resources and expertise for researchers at its partners: CSIRO, Curtin, ECU, Murdoch and UWA. They can also help with moving your software to multi-processor platforms.

iVEC invites you to find out more about iVEC and advanced computing in our free courses:

- Introduction to iVEC (24th and 25th June - 2 hours (x4) )
- Parallel Programming with MPI (26th June - full day)
- MPI Applications and Optimisation (27th June - full day)

Introductory sessions will be held at ARRC, Curtin, ECU and Murdoch, with the MPI courses being held at the Australian Resources Research Centre (ARRC) in Tech Park. You are free to attend whichever Introduction to iVEC course is convenient. For those unable to attend these sessions, we will be running a repeat series at UWA and ECU Joondalup later in the year.

See attached flyer or contact education@ivec.org for more information.

3. AUSTRALIAN PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE REPOSITORIES (APSR) WORKSHOP

APSR is planning an invitational workshop on the topic of data management planning within institutions, especially universities. With the increasing emphasis on eResearch and the growing reliance across all disciplines on digital media for data creation, storage, manipulation and re-use, there is a need to ensure that data management planning is seen as a necessary step in the research management process.

The workshop will be held on August 8 at the University of Melbourne. It will build on work already carried out by the OAK Law Project at the Queensland University of Technology, the work of the ORCA Support Network, and of other Australian universities.

In order to have a productive discussion, the size of the workshop is limited. Prospective participants should contact Margaret Henty (margaret.henty@apsr.edu.au) by 4 July outlining their interest and relevant work that they are doing in this area; unless otherwise requested, these will be shared with other participants and become part of a public report. Selected attendees may be asked to give brief presentations based on these submissions.

There is no cost associated with attending the workshop. Participants will, however, be responsible for meeting their own travel and accommodation costs.

For further information, see http://www.apsr.edu.au/data_management_plan/

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 ilecture recordings for the sessions that have been conducted.
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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

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
Are you receiving Australian Competitive Grant (ACG) funding via another University? That is, the other University administers the grant, but a portion of the funds will come to Curtin.

If so, make sure you contact ORD to register this funding as grant income on the SCRIPT database and so that you can claim the funds for RPI purposes. It will be counted as funding from an Australian Competitive Grant fund source.
As the hub of advanced computing in Western Australia, iVEC is encouraging and energising research in and the uptake of high performance computing and visualisation in Western Australia. This is achieved by making available facilities and expertise to the research, education, industrial and government communities.

iVEC is a joint venture among CSIRO, Curtin University of Technology, The University of Western Australia, Murdoch University and Edith Cowan University and is supported by the Western Australian Government.

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We invite you to come to our free June information and training sessions.

>Introduction to iVEC
This two hour introduction will get you up to speed with the resources available through iVEC. Access to advanced computing is becoming more user friendly and we can help your project incorporate eResearch techniques. Information in this session includes the resources available through iVEC, access and assistance, partnering and collaboration opportunities.

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>Parallel Programming with MPI
Message Passing Interface (MPI) is a language-independent communications protocol used to program parallel computers. MPI is the dominant model used in high-performance computing today. This introductory one day course on parallel programming presents the concepts and use of the MPI library. Course pre-requisites include a working knowledge of Fortran or C, Linux, and a Linux editor (vi or emacs).

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>MPI Applications and Optimisation
This one day course focuses on performance issues related to parallelising applications, in particular, using message passing and the MPI library. Course pre-requisites include a working knowledge of Fortran or C, Linux, and a Linux editor. Attendees must also have EITHER completed the “Parallel Programming with MPI” course OR have a working knowledge of MPI programming.

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