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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

GENERAL

1. REMINDER - 2010 ARC DISCOVERY APPLICATIONS – EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
This is a reminder that applicants intending to apply for 2010 ARC Discovery Project applications (for funding in 2011) should submit their completed Expression of Interest form to their Dean of Research on Monday 2nd November. Please see Research Update 20 for more details.

2. AUSTRALIAN-EUROPEAN UNION COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH GRANTS
NHMRC has undertaken a review of the NHMRC-European Union (EU) Collaborative Research Grants scheme. The scheme helps Australian researchers participate in projects with international researchers under the European Commission’s (EC) Seventh Framework Programme (FP7).

The revised NHMRC-EU scheme Funding Policy, approved by Research Committee in May this year, and the revised Application Form, are available on the NHMRC website.

There are normally two calls made by the EU each year for applications. Information on the timing of these calls is available on the EU website at: http://ec.europa.eu/research/fp7/

Information about the latest published FP7 calls is available on the EC website.

3. THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES RESEARCH GRANTS
The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies research grants round, for funding starting in July 2010, is now open for applications.

The Program will fund research into a wide range of areas in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, such as history (including family and community history), politics, law, public policy, health (social, cultural and environmental aspects), biological sciences, education, Indigenous knowledge systems, linguistics, social anthropology, archaeology and the arts.

Applications in the special emphasis categories of 'Relations with Government', 'Economic Sustainability' and 'Knowledge About and Caring for Country' are particularly invited.

Please note that AIATSIS does not fund:

* publication or production costs;
* returning materials to communities or repatriation of material; or
* research for Native Title claims.

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 Monday 4th January 2010.

Applicants should refer to the Information for Research Grant Applicants for full details about how to apply. All applications must be submitted using the Research Grant Application Form. These documents are available from the AIATSIS website at http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/grants/grants.html
4. THE AUSTRALIA-INDIA COUNCIL (AIC) GRANTS
The Australia-India Council (AIC) welcomes funding applications from individuals and organisations in Australia for projects which are likely to promote long-term contact and cooperation between Australia and India. AIC grants are intended to provide seed funds for innovative proposals relevant to the mission and goals of the Council.

The Council gives priority to projects in the following areas:

- The Arts (including literature and film)
- Education
- Social initiatives (including public health and sport)
- Science/Technology/Environment
- Public Policy Activities (including media links)

The Council will also consider applications for funding support for a limited number of projects and activities in other areas consistent with Council objectives.

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 20th November 2009.

For more information please see - http://www.dfat.gov.au/aic/grant_guidelines.html

5. CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS ON ROTTNEST ISLAND ROUND 2 OF FUNDING – 2010 AND BEYOND
The Rottnest Island Authority is inviting proposals from interested parties to conduct research within the Rottnest Island Marine and Terrestrial Reserve. Priority will be given to research which is in line with the current RIA Research Strategy, and which will assist the RIA in making informed decisions on its management of an ‘A’ Class Reserve.

Proposals are welcomed for potential projects, including Honours and Postgraduate student projects. Support offered by RIA for proposed projects may be both financial and in-kind (e.g. RIA staff time, terrestrial / marine transport, accommodation), up to the value of $5000.

Priority topics of interest to the RIA include but are not limited to:

- Environmental Planning – Effects of climate change on RIA assets, climate change adaptability,
- Ecotourism – Investigate current status, and opportunities for, Ecotourism and Ecotourism products.
- Visitor impacts on Rottnest Terrestrial / Marine Reserve
- Visitor risk management, fire management.
- Geographical Information Systems (GIS) – Investigation, mapping and recommendations for track and trail management within the RI Terrestrial Reserve.
- Park Services – Increase understanding of diversity of user / stakeholder groups, review / audit access and facility requirements in bays with a high concentration of moorings, develop an ecological asset management and works system.
- Habitat Protection
  1. Terrestrial – woodland restoration and effects on ground water recharge, native vegetation / weed distribution, re-establishment of damaged ecological processes.
  2. Inland Aquatic – wetland rehabilitation, effects of climate change on aquatic systems.
- Flora / fauna – fauna population dynamics, fauna / flora relationships.
- Volunteer and Community Contribution
- Historic and Cultural Heritage Conservation.

Applications for Semester One 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 20th November 2009.

If you would like more information or an Expression of Interest form please contact Rosie Smith, Volunteer Coordinator Rosie.Smith@rottnestisland.com or 08 9372 9736.

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6. HORTICULTURE AUSTRALIA LIMITED GRANTS
The Industry Call for project proposals seeking funding in 2010/11 is open.

The Industry Call is for industry-specific proposals involving levies and/or voluntary contributions (VCs). Proposals are reviewed by the relevant Industry Advisory Committee (IAC) and a recommendation on funding made to HAL. Proposals must align with the industry strategic plan and annual investment priorities. All HAL investment must align with the Australian Government’s Rural Research and Development Priorities.

Applications for Semester One 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 Monday 9th November 2009.

Information on priorities and how to submit an application is available at www.horticulture.com.au

7. THE DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION (DELPHE) PROGRAMME
The Development Partnerships in Higher Education (DelPHE) programme has launched its fifth call for applications, with deadlines falling in early 2010. If you are interested in developing an application for funding, or if you would like to learn more about the programme, please visit http://www.acu.ac.uk/key_strengths/delphe/about or contact delphe@acu.ac.uk

What is DelPHE?
DelPHE supports university collaborations that can contribute to poverty reduction and sustainable development in their home countries and regions. DelPHE does this by supporting partnerships that focus on the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Institutions in 22 Focus Countries are eligible to lead applications for DelPHE, whilst institutions in any country are eligible to participate as partners. Please note that UK partners are welcome, but are not required in any application. DelPHE is supported through GBP 3 million per year by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), with between GBP 15,000 and GBP 50,000 made available per project, per year, for a maximum of three years. The programme is managed by the British Council and supported by the ACU.

What is the Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU)'s role?
The ACU especially encourages south-south collaborations, through providing support to project developers over the course of drafting their proposals and in matching partner interests. If you are considering developing a south-south DelPHE application, please contact the ACU at delphe@acu.ac.uk, and we will be glad to provide you with direct assistance with the application process.

Contact
Please visit http://www.acu.ac.uk/key_strengths/delphe/about for application forms, guidelines, deadlines, and for information about the ACU's south-south partnership brokering and mentoring services. And let them know any questions you might have by writing to delphe@acu.ac.uk

8. CHURCHILL FELLOWSHIPS
The aim of The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is to provide an opportunity for Australians to travel overseas to conduct research in their chosen field that is not readily available in Australia. No prescribed qualifications are required. Merit of the proposed project is a key factor and a desire to share the research findings with the Australian community must be displayed. The subject of the proposed project is limitless provided a benefit to Australia can be demonstrated.

Fellowships will not be awarded to enable the applicant to obtain higher academic or formal qualifications, but proposals for professional or academic investigations will be entertained where the project would primarily benefit the Australian community.

Churchill Fellowships will be awarded for the purpose of pursuing an overseas investigative project of a kind that is not fully available in Australia.
No specific amount of money is attached to a Churchill Fellowship. The average amount awarded is about $25,000. The duration of a Churchill Fellowship must be between four and eight weeks.

**Australian Biological Resources Study Churchill Fellowship**

We have been advised that for 2010, the ABRS has teamed up with the Churchill Memorial Trust to fund **two** Fellowships specifically for the study of overseas taxonomic research on Australian flora or fauna. Two Fellowships are available – one for an early career researcher and one for an established career researcher.

A variety of other sponsored Fellowships into particular fields are offered also.

**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 19th February 2010.**


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**9. COMFRAB RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES - PROJECTS STARTING IN THE 2010-11 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Commonwealth Fisheries Research Advisory Body (ComFRAB) assesses applications for funding of research for Commonwealth fisheries. In the 2009 research funding round, ComFRAB is making a second call for research relating to Commonwealth fisheries.

Researchers are invited to develop full proposals against the projects listed below:

1. Evaluating the impact of fishing on marine turtles relative to other impacts
2. Incorporating economics into harvest strategies without bioeconomic models
3. Quantitatively defining proxies for limit and target reference points in data poor fisheries
4. Development of a User friendly desktop tool based on Atlantis existing runs
5. Development of seabird mitigation devices for the Commonwealth Trawl Sector
6. Empowering industry through improved understanding of stock assessments and harvest strategies
7. Spatial stock assessment and MSE for setting TACs in the Eastern Tuna and Billfish Fishery (ETBF)
8. Investigating handling practices to reduce chondrichthyan mortalities
9. Assessing and auditing bycatch mitigation; a case study Northern Prawn Fishery

Applicants should use the project scopes as a guide when developing their proposals to meet ComFRAB's identified need for the project. To assist in the quality control and to promote relevance of proposals, applicants are invited to discuss their applications with Dr Dave Alden, ComFRAB Secretariat, on 02 6225 5317 or Dave.Alden@afma.gov.au prior to submitting a full proposal.

**Applications must be submitted via the FRDC Fishnet online application system. However, prior to submission, applicants are to provide their application to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), preferably generated via SCRIPT, for checking and submission no later than Friday 20th November 2010.**


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**10. WENTWORTH GROUP POST GRADUATE MENTORING SCHOLARSHIPS IN NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

Too often there exists a gap between science and public policy in relation to natural resource management. It is the intention of the Wentworth Group Scholarships to bridge this gap. These scholarships are to enable recipients to become active contributors at the interface of good decision making and world-class science. The main aim of Wentworth Group Scholarships is to give recipients access to the knowledge and networks of some of Australia's leading practitioners in influencing public policy through their experience in the natural sciences, economics and public policy. **It is not the intention of these scholarships to provide direct support for thesis research, nor can a scholarship be used as a stipend.** The focus of the scholarship must be on its use to enhance each recipients understanding and background on how their individual discipline interests can be expanded and applied in public policy and decision making.

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The selection criteria are:
- demonstrated academic excellence in chosen field;
- a basic understanding of public policy related to natural resource and environmental issues;
- provision of written proof of supervisor's support, indicating how a scholar may benefit from participation with members of the Wentworth Group;
- availability to participate in the 2010 Master Class (March 30 and 31 in Sydney); and
- membership or participation in areas of interest relevant to the scholarship

The award amount is unspecified. Each scholarship may be used over a 12-month period. Scholarship funds are intended to support a program of mentoring by Wentworth Group members during 2010. Successful scholars will be assigned one or more members of the Wentworth Group as mentors. This will enable discussions to take place on issues related to public policy and the environment. Funds will be made available to each scholar to assist with mentoring, primarily for travel. Scholarship funds will also cover the costs of travel, accommodation and expenses to a Master Class to be conducted by members of the Wentworth Group. This event will be held in Sydney on March 30 and 31, 2010. Attendance at the Master Class is compulsory.

Applications close **Friday 27th November 2009**.

For more information please see - [http://www.wentworthgroup.org/science-program/](http://www.wentworthgroup.org/science-program/)

**HEALTH SPECIFIC**

1. **AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH PHD SCHOLARSHIP RESEARCHING SPINAL CORD INJURY**

   Applications for a PhD Scholarship, commencing in 2010, researching Spinal Cord Injury are being called for by Australian Rotary Health.

   The value of the PhD Scholarship is $25,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years. The funds will be provided through the Australian Rotary Health Funding Partners Program and the Rotary Club of Parkes.

   Applicants must be eligible to undertake study at an appropriate University or Research Institute in Australia. Contact Kelly Anne Martinez at Australian Rotary Health on (02) 8837 1900 for details.

   Applications are to be submitted to the Scholarships Office no later than **Friday 11th December 2009**.

   Application forms are available from the website and can be downloaded from: [http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/getdoc/b95f7ec6-5e80-46da-b95f-488e746c8a0f/RESEARCH%20GRANTS%20AND%20SCHOLARSHIPS%20OPEN%20NOW.aspx](http://www.australianrotaryhealth.org.au/getdoc/b95f7ec6-5e80-46da-b95f-488e746c8a0f/RESEARCH%20GRANTS%20AND%20SCHOLARSHIPS%20OPEN%20NOW.aspx)

2. **MEDICAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (MHRIF)**

   The WA Health Department have just advertised that Round 13 of the Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF) is now open for applications. The Fund provides infrastructure grants to active researchers based upon the research income they have received. To be eligible an individual researcher must have received at least $350,000 in support of medical or health research from all state, national and international competitive peer-reviewed granting sources during the 2006-2008 calendar years. However as there are a couple of options for making up this threshold potential applicants are encouraged to read theeligibility requirements in the attached Information for Applicants and the Frequently asked questions to determine your eligibility.

   Please provide Sucy Leong with your application no later than **Monday 2nd November 2009** or as early as possible so that she has sufficient time to verify your claims. Please ensure that your Application form is fully verified by Sucy Leong and submitted to Felicity Londsdale no later than **Friday 13th November 2009** so that it can be signed by R&D and sent to the Health Department on your behalf. Your school admin staff should be able to assist you in obtaining the necessary financial information required to make your claim. Also, please note that if you have moved to Curtin from another institution and wish to submit an application, any amounts that pre-date your employment at Curtin will need to be verified and signed off on the Form by your previous institution.
1. ARC CLARIFIED AND ELABORATED DEFINITION OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL RESEARCH
The Australian Research Council (ARC) has developed a clarified and elaborated definition of Medical and Dental Research to assist applicants in determining whether their research constitutes these specific areas of research. This has been developed in consultation with the National Health and Medical Research Council and our stakeholders. The new definition is available on the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/md_research.htm. The new definition will be incorporated into all future National Competitive Grant Program funding rules.

2. EARLY REMINDER – ARC PROJECT PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS
This is an early reminder to ARC grant holders of their Progress and financial reporting obligations.

Annual Progress reports
If your project received funding in 2009 then you will need to complete an Annual Progress report, with the exception of 2009 Linkage Round 2 projects which have been underway for less than one year.

The completed Progress reports are due in the Office of Research and Development by Monday 22nd January 2010. Please submit your report to ORD-Grants@curtin.edu.au. Please also ensure that you have run the report past your Dean of Research prior to submission to ORD.

The Report proformae, plus instructions on how to complete the reports, will soon be posted on the ARC website at - http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/reported_requirements_progrep.htm

Financial Reports
ARC grant holders should now be looking at their expenditure for the calendar year so far against the ARC funds received and taking steps to resolve any issues prior to the end of the year. Grant holders will need to be in a position to report back on any underspends, providing reasons for the underspend and, in some cases, formal letters. Researchers are strongly encouraged to avoid any overspends in their ARC cost centres as the ARC will not pay for overexpenditure.

3. NEW NATIONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL APPOINTED
The Australian Government recently announced the appointment of the new National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for 2009-2012. NHMRC is the government’s peak body for funding health and medical research in Australia, funding over $718m in research in 2009.

The new Council will serve to 30 June 2012 and will be chaired by Professor Michael Good, who has been appointed for a second term. Professor Good is Director of the Queensland Institute of Medical Research. He has extensive experience and expertise in health and medical research practice and administration, and a strong understanding of the issues facing medical research institutes in Australia.

He will be joined by 18 other Council members including the nine Chief Medical or Health Officers of the Commonwealth, state and territory governments. These Officers are automatically appointed to NHMRC under the National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992.

The remaining Council members comprise the five Chairs of NHMRC’s Principal Committees and another four people with expertise in the areas of Indigenous health, nursing, business and consumer issues.

The newly appointed Council’s main role is to provide advice to NHMRC’s CEO, Professor Warwick Anderson, to ensure Australia gains the maximum benefits of improved health from the government’s investment in health and medical research.

The Australian Government thanks the outgoing members of Council for their contribution and commitment over the past three years.
The other four new NHMRC Principal Committees have been announced recently. Media releases for each can be found via the links:

- 2009-2012 Human Genetics Advisory Committee Appointed
- Australian Health Ethics Committee Members Appointed
- New NHMRC Prevention and Community Health Committee
- New NHMRC Health Care Committee Announced

4. HEALTHWAY SEMINAR ON APPLYING FOR GRANTS

Please join us for an introduction and guide to Healthway’s research funding round for 2010, including changes and new initiatives in the research program.

Our special guest speaker will be Professor Rob Donovan, Professor of Behavioural Research and Adjunct Professor of Social Marketing at Curtin University, who will be presenting the findings from his Healthway funded research project grant, *Elements in Alcohol Advertising that Appeal to Youth and other Matters*.

This will be followed by tea and coffee where Healthway staff will be available to answer your questions regarding funding available in 2010.

**Wednesday 18th November**
8.30am—10.30am
Lecture Theatre
VenuesWest Challenge Stadium
Stephenson Avenue
Mount Claremont

Please RSVP by 5pm on Friday 13th November by calling Vanessa on 9476 7000 or email healthway@healthway.wa.gov.au

5. 10TH BIENNIAL BEHAVIOURAL RESEARCH IN CANCER CONTROL CONFERENCE


The conference is to be held at The Esplanade Hotel in Fremantle, Western Australia from Wednesday 14 April to Friday 16th April 2010.


6. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CANCER RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

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


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7. 6TH WORLD CONGRESS ON PREVENTION OF DIABETES AND ITS COMPLICATIONS (WCPD 2010)
The 6th World Congress on Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications (WCPD 2010), to be held in Dresden, Germany on April 8-11, 2010.

The aim is to provide the most complete panorama for a discussion looking to obtain what in real world is needed to enable efficient strategies and tools for better diabetes diagnosis, treatment and prevention of diabetes at all levels.

The online abstract submission is open. The deadline for the paper submission is November 15, 2009.

Please inform your colleagues, in particular students, which may not be on the mailing list about this congress and encourage them to participate.

Further details can be found on our website: http://www.wcpd2010.com

8. 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/

The slides and lectures of most sessions can be found at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm

We wish to highlight the following sessions coming up:

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training
Date:  Tuesday 24th November 2009
Time:  10:00am to 12:00pm
(Please note that this session is currently fully booked. If you have registered, but are not able to make it please cancel your registration at - http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/cancel.cfm. If you would like to register to be on the waiting list please email ORD SCRIPT training waiting list.
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 below 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 lecture. 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 lecture. 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.

Workshop on Rejoinders/Rebuttals in Grant Writing and Academic Publishing
The lecture of this workshop organised by Prof Roland de Marco is now available on the ORD website at - http://dbs.lecture.curtin.edu.au/lecture/lecture.lasso?-MaxRecords=50&-SkipRecords=0&-Op=bw&url=2259&-Op=bw&callbackID=5cab88898d2730785fe43be21ec4dd5c&usr=227163J (please note that you will be prompted to log into Oasis to view the lecture).
The workshops was targeted at Early Career to Mid-career researchers within the Faculty of Science and Engineering in particular, but may be of interest to 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 conducted 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.
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LINKS
Community of Science (COS)
www.cos.com – for funding opportunities

Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)
http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/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
Preparing for RPI
In preparation for RPI next year, it is important to ensure that all of your 2009 publications and research funding has been entered into the SCRIPT database. By entering them in before the end of 2009 the amount of work that needs to be done in the lead up to RPI claims will be reduced.

For more information on RPI please see -
http://research.curtin.edu.au/rpi/rpi.cfm

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2009 Round 13 of the Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF)

APPLICATION NOTES

Applications to the Department of Health close –

4.00pm Wednesday 18th November 2009

Check with the grants administrator and/or authorised finance officer at your institution(s) for internal deadlines.

Applications will not be accepted unless the Declaration and Verification Forms are completed, signed and attached.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Please send your completed application to:

Postal:
Research Development Unit
Department of Health
PO Box 8172
Perth Business Centre
PERTH WA 6849

OR

Courier Delivery:
Level 1
1 Centro Ave
Subiaco WA 6008
Attention: Research Development Unit
Please refer to the **2009 Round 13 MHRIF - Information for Applicants** before completing the MHRIF Application Form.

The following notes refer to the completion of specific fields within this form:

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For additional assistance in completing your application, contact the Research Development Unit on Ph: (08) 9489 2827 or E-mail: shrac@health.wa.gov.au
2009 Round 13 of the Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF)

APPLICATION FORM

Section 1 – Applicant Details

TITLE: ________________________________________________________________

NAME: ______________________________________________________________

POSITION: ___________________________________________________________

ORGANISATION: ______________________________________________________

POSTAL ADDRESS: ___________________________________________________

_____________________________________________________________________

TELEPHONE: __________________________________________________________

E-MAIL: ______________________________________________________________

PRINCIPAL PLACE OF RESEARCH: _______________________________________
(see Information for Applicants Section 3)

ADMINISTERING INSTITUTION: _________________________________________
(where MHRIF grant will be deposited)

TIER STATUS CLAIMED: 1 / 2
(see Information for Applicants Section 3)

Is this your first time applying for the MHRIF? Yes / No

Did you apply for the 2008 Round 12 of MHRIF? Yes / No
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SUB-TOTAL NHMRC Research Grants 2006 - 2008: $
Section 3 – Other Eligible Research Grants (non-NHMRC)

Provide the following information on a separate page for each grant.

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b) Institutional Grant Account Number:

c) Funding Organisation:

d) Country in which organisation is based:

e) Research Centre/Department:

f) Classification:

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h) Funding Scheme listed in Information for Applicants - Appendix A: Yes / No

NOTE: If the funding scheme is not listed in Appendix A then please provide supporting documentation to demonstrate eligibility. Refer to Information for Applicants Section 2(e) for details on documentation required.
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**SUB-TOTAL Other Research Grants 2006 – 2008:** $ _____________

### Section 2 and 3 – Total Eligible Research Grants

**TOTAL RESEARCH GRANTS CLAIMED 2006 – 2008:** $ _____________

(Add Section 2 + Section 3)
Section 4 – Declaration

Applicant Declaration

I, ___________________________________________________________________ (Name) declare that:

a) I understand that the Department of Health has the final determination on both the eligibility of applications and the amount of funding to be awarded.

b) The information provided in this application is true and correct, and I have only included eligible research grant amounts as described in the Information for Applicants.

c) I am aware that MHRIF funds should be spent in WA in accordance with the grant offer. See section 4 Information for Applicants – Definition of Infrastructure.

d) I am aware that MHRIF expenditure is subject to the Financial Management Act 2006 (WA), and may be subject to audit by the Office of the Auditor General or their representative and/or the Department of Health Internal Audit Branch.

e) I understand that information provided in this application form is subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

f) I agree to provide a self-assessment report on the outcomes of the 2009 Round 13 grant by 31 March 2011.

g) I agree to provide an independent audited acquittal statement of my MHRIF expenditure by 31 March 2011 in accordance with the conditions specified in section 5(c) of the Information for Applicants.

h) If any funds are not expended by 31 December 2010, I agree to advise the Department of Health in writing of my intention to carry over funds, and the reasons, before 31 December 2010 and to provide an additional acquittal statement for the following year(s) in which funds are expended.

Signature ________________________________ Date ______________________ 2009

Acknowledgement of receipt of your application by the Department of Health will be provided to the Research Administration Officer (named below).

____________________________________________________________
Research Administration Officer Details

Officer in the Institution responsible for administering this MHRIF grant:

____________________________________________________________ (officer’s name)

____________________________________________________________ (position)

____________________________________________________________ (institution)

Signature ________________________________ Date __________________ 2009

Email address ____________________________ Phone _____________________
Section 5 – Verification of Grant Amounts Claimed

Grants claimed in applications for the MHRIF are subjected to a verification process to ensure that ineligible or inaccurate claims are not funded. Grant claims must be verified by an authorised finance officer at each of the institutions where grant amounts have been received. This means that each grant amount must be verified by the relevant finance officer in section 2 and 3 of this form; and this verification page must be provided for each relevant finance officer.

Verification must consider the following:

- 2006 and 2007 grant amounts, which have been previously verified, do not need re-verification. Indicate that they have been previously verified by writing “Previous Round’ in the “Verification” field of Section 2 and 3 of this form.

- Ensure that previously submitted grant amounts were deemed eligible for MHRIF. At the completion of each round of MHRIF, a report of those grants deemed eligible is sent to successful applicants and their grant administrators. This report must be used to ensure that ineligible grants are not re-claimed in the current round.

- When the grant amount being claimed is changed in Round 13 or where the grant amount has not been previously claimed (i.e. new applicant or new grant claim) then the authorised finance officer in the institution which received the grant must initial against that grant in the “Verification” field of Section 2 and 3. Typing initials will not be accepted.

Note: Refer to Section 2 of Information for Applicants for rules when:
- Grants are expended outside WA; or
- Grants are split between chief investigators. When a grant is split, Section 6 of this Application Form must be completed.

____________________________________________________________
Finance Officer Declaration

I, ____________________________________________________(officer’s name)
______________________________________________________(position)
______________________________________________________ (institution)
declare that:

a) The funds claimed on the application form of ______________________________ (researcher) are true and correct and have been received by the applicant at this institution, for the years listed.

b) Amounts claimed are exclusive of GST.

Signature ______________________________ Date ______________________ 2009
Email address ____________________________ Phone _____________________

____________________________________________________________
Section 6 – Grant Split Details

Provide the following information on a separate page for each grant where income has been split.

Grant ID: 

Grant Description: 

NHMRC Grant? Yes / No 

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2007 Grant Total: 

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Chief Investigator Verification:

I hereby confirm that all the above named chief investigators have seen and agreed to the grant split details as specified above.

Name: 

Signature: Date: 2009
2009 Round 13 of the Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF)

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

1. Background
The Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF) was established in 1997 to promote excellence in medical and health research in Western Australia. To date, the State Government has allocated approximately $45 million in infrastructure support to medical and health researchers through twelve rounds of the MHRIF.

2. Eligibility for the 2009 Round 13 of the MHRIF
At the time of application for the MHRIF, researchers must be employed by a WA institution or hold a current grant to conduct research in a WA institution.

Minimum Total Grant Amount
Eligibility for infrastructure funding for individual medical and health researchers in WA under the 2009 Round 13 of the Medical & Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF) is based on the following criterion of excellence:
Researchers must receive a minimum of $350,000 in support of medical or health research from all state, national and international competitive peer-reviewed granting sources during the 2006-2008 calendar years.

Eligible Grants
The emphasis of the scheme is providing infrastructure support for grants with a minimal infrastructure component, such as NHMRC program and project grants. Please note that:

a) Only grants for medical and health research are eligible. (Grants such as NHMRC Fellowships and Special Initiative Grants, ARC Linkage and Discovery Grants, and other competitive peer-reviewed national and international research grants may be claimed.)

b) Grants for equipment, travel, infrastructure or training/education are ineligible, even if awarded by a research funding agency such as the NHMRC (e.g. Enabling Grants).

c) State research grants (from WA-based organisations) must be subject to national peer review and openly competitive (e.g. not restricted to researchers of one institution).

d) Grants from research organisations where the original funding was derived from a WA Government agency are excluded.

e) Grant schemes not identified in **Appendix A – Eligible Grants** require comprehensive supporting evidence to show that the grant is from a competitive, peer-reviewed funding source and has national or international peer review with a purpose of medical and health research. For state grants, evidence must be provided to demonstrate that
national peer review is part of the process and that it is openly competitive, e.g. not restricted to researchers of one institution.

Appropriate supporting documents could include, for example, a letter or copy of the guidelines from the granting body detailing how calls for applications were made, eligibility criteria, mechanisms for peer-review and composition of the peer-review panel. **Web site links alone are insufficient.** It is incumbent on the researcher to provide the necessary documentation; otherwise the grant will not be included and this may affect MHRIF eligibility.

**Grants Expended Outside WA**

For researchers new to WA, grant monies expended outside WA must be reduced by 50% in the MHRIF application. The proportion of any research grants transferred to WA upon arrival will contribute to the calculation of the MHRIF grant as normal, along with grants received since arriving.

**Split Grants (Multiple Chief Investigators)**

If multiple CIs are named on a grant, they must determine which of them will be eligible to claim the income from the grant, either towards the **$350,000** threshold or, where a researcher has achieved eligible status, as additional funds eligible for MHRIF support. Applicants may agree to split the grant income between CIs. In this case Section 6 of the MHRIF Application Form must be completed as evidence of agreement.

**3. Calculation of Funding for Eligible Applicants**

The Department of Health will provide infrastructure funding on a two-tier grant system dependent on the ‘principal place of research’. The funds are proportionately adjusted based on the amount of funds available:

- **Tier 1** - for researchers in independent medical research institutes that are not eligible for Commonwealth infrastructure funding from the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (formerly the Department of Education, Science and Training). Tier 1 candidates are entitled to MHRIF funding up to a maximum of **20%** of their total eligible grants averaged over the relevant three years.

- **Tier 2** - for researchers who are not working in independent medical research institutes (e.g. universities, hospitals). Tier 2 candidates are entitled to MHRIF funding up to a maximum of **10%** of their total eligible grants averaged over the relevant three years.

The intent of the two-tier system is to recognise that researchers in independent institutes incur additional costs to those incurred by researchers working in university departments or hospitals.

Tier 1 status therefore only applies to researchers whose research, or the majority of it, is conducted in the physical location of a Tier 1 institute, where the infrastructure costs of their research is incurred. In some cases a researcher may be administratively linked to another institution. However, if their research is based at the Tier 1 institute and they are required to contribute to the infrastructure costs of that institute, then they are eligible for Tier 1 funding.

Medical research institutes in receipt of Tier 1 infrastructure grants in previous rounds of the MHRIF will continue to be accredited as independent medical research institutes for the 2009 Round 13.

**Institutes seeking Tier 1 accreditation** for MHRIF for the first time in the 2009 Round 13 of the MHRIF must obtain accredited independent institute status from the NHMRC in order to apply to the Department of Health. Details of the application process will be sent upon request. Please contact the Research Development Unit on 9489 2827 or shrac@health.wa.gov.au
4. Definition of Infrastructure

Medical research infrastructure is usually defined as an institution's resources essential for supporting quality projects or programs in a particular field, including indirect costs associated with particular projects or programs, but excluding direct costs, which should be covered by research grants. The costs incurred by researchers working in independent institutes are different to those incurred by researchers working in university departments or hospitals.

All Researchers may purchase the following items with their MHRIF grant:

- Animal holding and breeding facilities
- Research equipment
- Vehicles
- Salaries of research support and administrative support staff (including salary on-costs*) to provide general support for activity in a given area, rather than to work for a specific research project
- Common services - telephone, fax, copying, postage, stationery, printing, computer network, accounts system
- Computers
- Provisional patents.

Tier 1 Institute Researchers may also include:

- Lighting and power
- Research library (if an institute has an affiliation agreement with the university which allows it to use library facilities, this cost is not applicable)
- Cleaning and maintenance
- Workshop
- Rates and charges
- Minor capital works.

Excluded Items. The following items are not regarded as infrastructure costs:

- Salaries and salary on-costs* of teaching and research staff (including the cost of ‘buying time’ to free such staff to do some more research)
- Salaries and salary on-costs* of staff supporting research at the institutional level (including Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research, Research Grant Officer, Director of Institute)
- Postgraduate research student stipend
- Travel costs directly related to individual projects (including fares, accommodation, travel allowances)
- Project management costs
- Meals/beverages/catering not directly related to research conferences and seminars.

5. Conditions of Grant

The MHRIF expenditure is subject to the Financial Management Act 2006 (WA) and the following conditions:

a) The funds should be spent in WA by the applicant in accordance with the grant offer. See section 4 Definition of Infrastructure.

b) Researchers must provide a report on the outcome of the grant within 3 months of the close of the calendar year for which the funding was provided (i.e. the 2009 Round 13

* Salary on-costs include payroll tax, superannuation, leave loading, workers’ compensation and insurance payments.
c) An audited financial acquittal statement for the relevant period (i.e. 1 January 2010 to 31 December 2010 for the 2009 Round 13 grants) must be submitted within 3 months of the close of the calendar year for which the funding was provided (i.e. by 31 March 2011). This statement must:

- state that monies have been spent in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant;
- provide details on the principal areas of expenditure;
- only include MHRIF income (specifying any carry-over funds from earlier MHRIF grants) and expenditure; and
- be signed by an appropriate independent officer for the institution, (e.g. authorised finance officer, accountant or auditor) who is independent of the research program/unit.

d) If the grant is not fully expended in the year for which it was provided an additional acquittal statement must be provided for the following year(s) in which funds are expended. The researcher must advise the Department of Health in writing of their intention to carry over funds, and the reasons, before the close of the calendar year for which the funding was provided.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may jeopardise eligibility for future funding under the MHRIF.

6. GST Arrangements

The following principles have been adopted in relation to the GST:

a) Infrastructure grants paid to individual researchers in organisations registered for the GST will be increased by 10% (GST inclusive amount) to accommodate the GST payable on each infrastructure grant.

b) The GST inclusive amount will be paid to the researcher’s host institution, which will be responsible for ensuring that the full GST exclusive amount is credited to the researcher’s MHRIF account.

Where a host institution has more than one MHRIF grant recipient, the GST inclusive amount will be a one-line addition to the total amount paid to the host institution, rather than an addition to the infrastructure grant paid to each researcher.

c) Upon receiving a Recipient Created Tax Invoice (RCTI) from the Department of Health, the host institution will remit 1/11th of the total GST inclusive amount to the Australian Tax Office, thus enabling the Department to claim input credits back from the ATO.

d) The Department will not fund the GST payable on goods or services purchased by a researcher using an infrastructure grant under the MHRIF. Individual researchers in organisations registered for the GST will be required to fund that component themselves, and claim it back as an input tax credit.
APPENDIX A – ELIGIBLE GRANTS

If you claim grants from funding schemes that are not NHMRC or are not contained on the lists below you will need to provide comprehensive supporting evidence to show that the grant is from a competitive, peer-reviewed funding source and that the peer-review was performed at a national or international level. The researcher must provide the necessary documentation; otherwise the grant will not be included as an eligible grant and this may affect eligibility. See section 2(e) for details on documentation required.

The following grants are deemed eligible for the 2009 MHRIF Round 13:

1. Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR)
   Grants for medical or health research from funding schemes on the 2009 Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR) - Grants paid in 2008 list are eligible and may be found at:
   

   AND the following:

2. Department of Health Approved Grant Schemes
   - AFL Research and Development Board
   - Aktion Benni & Co e.v.
   - American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
   - Arthritis Foundation of Australia
   - Arthritis Foundation of Western Australia
   - Association Francais Contre Les Myopathies
   - Asthma Foundation of Western Australia
   - Australian Associated Brewers
   - Australian Brewer's Foundation Medical Research Advisory Committee
   - Australian Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust
   - Australian Health Management Group - Medical Research Fund
   - Australian Health Ministers Advisory Committee – Priority Driven Research Program
   - Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering
   - Australian Kidney Foundation
   - Australian Lung Foundation
   - Australian Menopause Society
   - Australian Orthopaedic Association
   - Australian Research Council
   - Australian Retinitis Pigmentosa Association
   - Australian Rotary Health Research Fund
   - Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
   - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (Requests for Proposals RFPs stream only)
   - BUPA Foundation
   - Canadian Institutes of Health Research
   - Cancer Council Victoria
   - Cancer Foundation of Western Australia
   - Children's Hospital Research Foundation (USA)
   - Clive and Vera Ramaciotti Foundations
   - Commonwealth Department of Health & Ageing (CDHA) - Diagnostic Imaging Research Program
   - CDHA – General Practice Evaluation Program
   - CDHA – Research into Drug abuse Grant Program
   - CDHA – Pharmaceutical Health and Rational Use of Medicines (PHARM) Program
   - CDHA - Pharmaceutical Education Program (PEP)
   - Cooperative Research Centres (only if specific project was an identifiable part of the original
application to DEST
Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (US)
Diabetes Australia
Eli Lilly Endocrinology Research Grant
Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC)
Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN), USA
Garnett Passe and Rodney Williams Memorial Fund
German National Genome Research Network (BMBF)
German Research Foundation (DFG)
GlaxoSmithKline (Glaxo Wellcome) International Research Programme
Grains Research and Development Corporation
Grape Wine Research Development Corporation
Haemophilia Foundation Australia Research Fund
Health Research Council of NZ
Healthway (Western Australian Health Promotion Foundation)
International Duchenne Parent Project
International Institute for Research in Paraplegia
Juvenile Diabetes Foundation International
Japanese Foundation for Ageing and Health
March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation
Muscular Dystrophy Association (USMDA)
Merck Sharp & Dohme Medical Schools Grant
Motor Neuron Disease Research Institute of Australia
National Breast Cancer Foundation
National Cancer Institute, Department of Health and Human Services
National Childhood Cancer Foundation
National Drug Law Enforcement Research Fund (NDLERF)
National Heart Foundation
National Institutes of Health, USA
Ophthalmic Research Institute of Australia (ORIA)
Pharmacia Foundation Australia - Senior Research Fellowships
PPP Healthcare Medical Trust
Raine Medical Research Foundation – Priming Grants
Rebecca L. Cooper Medical Research Foundation
Retina Australia
Roche Pillar Awards
Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC)
Susan G Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation - Clinical Investigatorships
Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation - Senior Medical Research Fellowships
The Cancer Council Western Australia
The National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression
Theodore & Vada Stanley Research Awards Program
Ulverscroft Foundation
Wales Office of Research & Development for Health and Social Care
Wellcome Trust
World Health Organization
APPENDIX B – MEDICAL & HEALTH RESEARCH CLASSIFICATION CODES

Please ensure that only research with classifications relevant to Medical and Health research are entered on the MHRIF Application.

For research up to 2008 the following codes apply:
Australian Standard Research Classification (ASRC 1998) - Research Fields, Courses and Disciplines (RFCD) Codes

For research from 2008 the following codes apply:
Australian and New Zealand Standard Research Classification (ANZSRC 2008) - Field of Reference (FOR) Codes

Research classification codes can be accessed from the Australian Bureau of Statistics via the following website:

Examples of codes from 1998 and conversion in 2008:

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q  What is the threshold for applying?

A  You need to have received at least $350,000 in support of medical or health research from all state, national and international competitive peer-reviewed granting sources during the 2006-2008 calendar years. Please note that state grants must be subject to national peer review and openly competitive.

Q  Can I pool funds with another researcher to make up the $350,000 threshold?

A  No, the MHRIF is individual based so you need to meet the threshold by yourself. However, if you are a researcher who easily meets the threshold and are named on numerous grants, you may consider allowing another investigator who is named on one of your grants to claim the whole grant, or at least your portion of it, if that amount will then allow them to meet the threshold. Also, if you are unable to meet the threshold yourself, but one of your co-investigators does, then they can claim your portion of the grant and the two of you can negotiate a proportional split after the funds have been awarded. Any such arrangement needs to be documented in writing and included in the application. Please see the list of scenarios at the end of this document for more information.

Q  I have recently moved from the Eastern States to work at Curtin. Can I include grants awarded to me whilst working in the Eastern States to make up the threshold?

A  Yes, providing these grants were for medical or health research, were subject to national peer review and openly competitive. Please note that you will need someone at your old institution where the funds were actually received to complete the verification section of the Application Form. Please note, however, that when the Health Dept calculates the amount payable to the applicant, funds expended outside of WA, however, will be calculated at a lower rate than those expending within WA. Please see the scenarios at the end of this document for more information.

Q  What is an Institutional Grant Account Number (Section 3(b))?

A  This is your Curtin Cost centre number.

Q  Can I claim grants that were from funders not on the list attached to the Application Kit?

A  Yes, but you will need to provide evidence that these grants were for medical or health research, were subject to national peer review and openly competitive. Please note that the onus is on the applicant to provide this evidence with the application. If the Guidelines from the funding body for the grant program do not make it clear that this grant is eligible, then the applicant must provide a letter or email from the funder confirming that the grant program process meets these criteria.
Q If I have several non-NHMRC grants I wish to claim. How do I do this?

A You will need to complete a separate page (Section 3 a) through to h)) for each grant and this will need to be verified by the appropriate finance officer.

Q I am named on a grant, along with three other researchers each of whom is based in WA. We each want to claim the grant. How do we do this?

A The four researchers can only claim a portion of the grant. It is up to the researchers to decide how to split the grant (e.g. a quarter each). Any split grants must be indicated on the Application Form and evidence of agreement in writing from all parties must be included with the application. Alternatively, one researcher could claim the whole amount if all parties agreed. Please see the scenarios at the end of this document for more information.

Q This is the first time I am applying to the MHRIF. What do I need to have verified?

A You will need to have any claims from 2006, 2007 and 2008 verified by an appropriate finance officer.

Q I made a claim in the last round. What do I need to have verified?

A For NHMRC grants (Section 2), you will need to have any claims for 2008 verified. Grants that were verified in Rounds 10 or 11 do not need to be re-verified, except where there are amended figures or new grant claims. In this year’s Application Form you will need to include data from these previous years (2006 and 2007). This should be based on the print outs produced by the Health Department (these are available from ORD).

Below are a number of scenarios to help explain where you can and cannot claim:

Scenario 1
Investigator A and Investigator B are both from WA and have been in WA some time. They are both named on a grant. All of the grant funds are paid to Investigator A’s organisation by the funder. Investigator A and B can negotiate the split for MHRIF claiming purposes as the funds stay within WA. They must provide documented evidence of this agreement to split the grant.

Scenario 2
Investigator A and Investigator C are both named on a grant. Investigator A is in WA and Investigator C is in Victoria. All of the grant funds are paid by the funder to Investigator A’s organisation. Investigator A can claim the whole grant amount as Investigator C will not be claiming any of it.
Scenario 3
The same scenario as above (Scenario 2), but all of the funds go to Investigator C’s organisation in Victoria. If no funds can be shown to have come to WA there can be no verification by Investigator A's institution and so no MHRIF claim can be made for this grant by investigator A.

Scenario 4
The same scenario as Scenario 2, but Investigator C’s organisation (Vic) transfers some funds to Investigator A’s organisation (WA). Investigator A can claim the amount actually transferred to his/her organisation?

Scenario 5
Investigator D was employed in NSW in 2005, but moved to WA in 2006. Investigator D and C are on a grant together during this time. All of the funds went to Investigator D’s organisation in NSW in 2005 so Investigator D can claim that amount providing its verified by an appropriate person at their old institution. This amount will be counted towards the threshold but when it comes to calculating the MHRIF amount to be given to this Investigator only 50% of this grant will be included as the money was received and spent outside WA.

Scenario 6
The same scenario as above (Scenario 5) only the funds went to Investigator C’s organisation (Vic). As no funds were paid to Investigator D's old institution no claim can be made.