

Research Update

From the Office of Research & Development

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**CSIRO COLLABORATION
FUND FLAGSHIP CLUSTER
APPLICATIONS DUE TO ORD**

Friday 18th July 2008

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. 2008 CURTIN INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AND CURTIN LINKAGE GRANTS SCHEMES – NOW OPEN

The Office of Research and Development is now calling for applications under the **Internal Research Grants (IRG) Scheme** and the **Curtin Linkage Grants (CLG) Scheme**.

Internal Research Grant Scheme: this is an internal competitive grant scheme designed to enhance the University's success in the Australian Competitive Grants Program. Applications are encouraged from Early Career Researchers, Mid-Career researchers who have not held an Australian Competitive Grants Program (ACGP) grant before and other researchers who have a good idea they want to get off the ground that the Division feels could gain ACGP funding.

Curtin Linkage Grants (CLG) Scheme: this is a competitive grant scheme designed to support collaborative research projects between Curtin researchers and industry or government or Non-government organisation and to enhance the University's success in the Australian Competitive Grants Program, particularly the ARC Linkage Grant Programs. Applications must contain a **cash contribution commitment** from industry, government or an NGO that matches or exceeds the total grant amount requested.

Please note that there are separate eligibility requirements, guidelines and application forms for **each** scheme. Guidelines and application forms for both schemes, as well as Frequently Answered Questions, will shortly be available at: <http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/internal.cfm>

INFORMATION SESSIONS

Two informal Question and Answer style information sessions will be held as detailed below. It is not necessary to RSVP:

When:

Session 1: Tuesday 15 July 2008 10:00 – 11:00 am

Session 2: Friday 18 July 2008 1:00 – 2:00pm

Where: Executive Briefing Centre – Level 2 West, Building 100
(Additional sessions will be held subject to interest)

Applicants are encouraged to attend one of these sessions but queries may also be directed as follows:

- Faculty of Science and Engineering, and the Vice Chancellory – Stuart Clarke on 9266 4248 (S.Clarke@curtin.edu.au)
- Curtin Business School and the Faculty of Humanities – Richard Pokonski on 9266 4231 (R.Pokonski@curtin.edu.au)
- Faculty of Health Sciences – Glenn Jones on 9266 1013 (Glenn.Jones@curtin.edu.au)

CLOSING DATE - FRIDAY, 8 AUGUST 2008

Applications for both schemes close on the same day. **One fully signed hard copy of the IRG or CLG application must be received by the Office of R&D no later than close of business Friday, 8 August 2008.**

Please note that applications received after this date will not be accepted. Do not send the application via internal mail if you cannot guarantee that it will reach OR&D by this date. Furthermore, applications will not be accepted by fax nor will they be accepted via email. Please note that it is **not** necessary to provide a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) for these applications.

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS – CONSULTATION – 4TH JULY

The University of Western Australia invites staff to a consultation session on the Australian Research Council Future Fellowships scheme (http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/futurefel/future_default.htm). Professor Margaret Clayton, an Executive Director with the ARC, will be presenting.

Details are below:

- Friday, 4 July 2008
- 10:00-11:00am
- Geography Lecture Theatre 2, UWA (http://www.uwa.edu.au/campus_map)

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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

Costing Research Projects

All Research Project budgets (including those for grants, tenders and contracted research projects) need to be properly costed. There are different rules depending upon the funder and application guidelines.

The key is to determine the correct level of overheads ([Cost Recovery](#)) to include in the budget. The [Research Project Application Tool \(RPAT\)](#) assists in calculating the budget, but the applicant needs to be clear about which level of overheads to include in which circumstances.

If you are unsure, contact your Research and Development Officer. An under costed project can result in insufficient funds to complete the project. An overcosted project may be non-competitive.

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