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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. FRENCH-AUSTRALIAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FAST) PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN
   (previously advertised in Update 21)
   The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science & Research (DIISR), 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 is now open. The Program is jointly managed by DIISR 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.

   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.

   If you require more information please direct all specific questions by email to:
   Australia – Ms Suzanne Milthorpe, email: isl@innovation.gov.au
   France – Mr Sebastien Languille email: science@ambafrance-au.org

2. CANCER COUNCIL AUSTRALIA SALLY BIRCH FELLOWSHIP IN CANCER CONTROL
   Aimed at addressing current gaps in cancer control activity, the Sally Birch Fellowship in Cancer Control (2009-11) is now open to applicants across the broad spectrum of cancer control, including research, policy and program development.

   The fellowship encompasses any intervention that will reduce the impact of cancer on the community, from primary cancer prevention to screening, diagnosis, treatment, support and palliative care.

   Applicants may be employed by a state or territory Cancer Council or other not-for-profit organisation, providing there is a clear link to and sponsorship by a state or territory Cancer Council. The fellowship covers a period of three years and may be undertaken part-time or full-time.

   The package is valued at $100,000 per annum, including support for the fellow, salary and on-costs, with funds administered by the sponsoring state or territory Cancer Council.
   Please click here to download the flyer.

   Applications, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), are to be provided to the Office of Research and Development no later than Monday 8th September 2008.

   For more information please see -

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
3. AUSTRALIA-INDIA STRATEGIC RESEARCH FUND

Overview
The Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) facilitates and supports science and technology research cooperation between Australia and India. The AISRF assists Australian researchers to increase their participation in leading edge scientific research with Indian counterparts, raises the profile of Australian research, and supports the development of strategic alliances between Australian and Indian researchers.

Support Available
Competitive funding support is available for collaborative projects and workshops covering a range of mutually agreed priority areas. Under the Indo-Australian Biotechnology Fund, these areas are: vaccines and medical diagnostics; biomedical devices and implants; nutraceuticals and functional foods; transgenic crops; stem cells; and bioremediation. Priority areas for the Indo-Australian Science and Technology Fund are: agricultural research; environment sciences; astronomy and astrophysics; microelectronic devices and materials; nanotechnology; renewable energy; marine science; and earth systems science.

Applications for funding will be accepted from: tertiary education institutions; Cooperative Research Centres; Australian registered businesses; registered industry groups; Australian public sector research agencies; and Australian private, not for profit, research organisations.

How to Apply
Applications for funding for Indo-Australian Science and Technology Fund and Indo-Australian Biotechnology Fund grants will be assessed on a competitive basis against specific criteria. The Australian and Indian Governments will bilaterally determine which applications for funding are successful.

Round Three will open on Monday 4 August 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 Friday 19th September 2008. The Office of R&D will advise the applicant when the RPAT has been signed off and the application can then be submitted.


PRIZES AND AWARDS

1. THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RESEARCH FELLOWS OF THE NHMRC (NARF) POST-DOCTORAL INVESTIGATOR AWARD 2008
NARF announces their annual award which recognizes outstanding independent health/medical/biomedical research achievements by an Australian postdoctoral researcher at an early stage of their career. The intention of the Award is to recognize such achievement and to encourage the career aspirations of young Australian investigators in health/medical/biomedical research.

The NARF Postdoctoral Award for 2008 is for AUD $1500. Plus full registration for the Australian Health and Medical Research Congress 2008 where the Awardee will be invited to speak within the NARF Symposium.

The applicant must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident within first 5 years (at August 1st, 2008) of receiving their research doctorate.

Applications must be submitted to NARF by August 1st, 2008.

For more information please see - http://www.wehi.edu.au/narf/
SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – 20th AUGUST 2008

The Australian Society for Medical Research (ASMR) as a part of their ongoing commitment to support the career development of health and medical research scientists is continuing on from the success of last year’s program and again running executive-style training for mid-career researchers. Ongoing professional training is not available for the majority of health and medical researchers who, while they may have excelled scientifically, still need to develop the management skills that will enable them to successfully run their own laboratories, attract funding and progress in the NHMRC Fellowship scheme. This program is aimed at assisting the best and brightest of Australia’s health and medical researchers to achieve their full potential.

Health and medical researchers who are between 5-12 years postdoctoral are invited to participate.

The program will be held on Wednesday 20th August at the Perth Convention Centre.

Please see the attached flyer for more information.

2. HEALTHWAY SEMINAR

Healthway invites all to a seminar on new directions in physical activity with an emphasis on translating research into effective practice and policy.

“Studying built environments that encourage active and sustainable lifestyles: First longitudinal results from RESIDE”
Professor Billie Giles-Corti, Director, Centre for the Built Environment and Health, The University of Western Australia

“Physical activity campaigns in WA – responding to the evidence”
Mr Trevor Shilton, Director, Cardiovascular Health, National Heart Foundation WA

Coffee break

“Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?” Professor Wendy Brown, School of Human Movement Studies, University of Queensland

Date: Tuesday 29 July 2008
Time: 8.30am—11.30am
Venue: McDonald Lecture Theatre, Princess Margaret Hospital, Roberts Rd, Subiaco
Free of Charge
Please RSVP to Healthway on 08 9476 7000 by 5pm Thursday 24 July

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
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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/grants/tools.cf).
You may also find the University of New England’s [Conversion Tool](http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/tools.cf) useful.

#### TIP OF THE WEEK
Do you want to know more about Excellence for Research in Australia (ERA)?

Please see the Curtin ERA Updates available on the ORD website at –


Please also see the [ARC website](http://research.curtin.edu.au/pubs/).
Objectives
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Facilitator
Dr Moira Clay is currently the Associate Director of the Children’s Cancer Institute Australia in Sydney and has primary responsibility for the support, advocacy and advancement of research at the Institute.

Program
0900    Introduction and outline of the day’s activities
0910    Session 1 - How to setup, run and maintain a successful research group.
Speaker: Professor George Yeoh (University of Western Australia)
Topics to be addressed include: how to attract and select good staff and students and how to keep them; how to put a well structured effective team together; Asking staff or students to leave; how to be a leader and a manager – Differences between leaders and managers – why you need to be both; mentoring an
1040    Morning Tea
1100    Session 2 - I have great ideas; how do I fund them?
Speakers: Professor Ross McKinnon (Director, Sansom Institute, University of South Australia) and TBC
This session is aimed at providing: An overview of funding opportunities available in Australia including NHMRC and ARC; updates in changes to the NHMRC funding process focussing on what the reviewers are looking for; International schemes applicable in Australia; Commercialisation / seed funding / venture capital; Philanthropic funding; tips and tricks for getting grants and fellowships
1230    Lunch
1335    Session 3 - Work / Life Balance
Speaker: Associate Professor Peter Eastwood (West Australian Sleep Disorders Research Institute & University of Western Australia)
This session will discuss strategies for keeping everybody happy - you, your family, your friends, your staff and your students; female or male perspectives, HR perspective; tips for negotiating with your employer for more flexibility.
1510    Afternoon tea
1540    Session 4 - Master class in professional skills
Speaker: Professor Kevin D Croft (School of Medicine and Pharmacology, University of Western Australia)
This session will provide information regarding: how to get published in the top journals; how to be a good reviewer of grants and the importance of awards, invitations, professional associations.
1700    Summary and Close
1700-1800   “Meet-and-Mingle” Networking Session

Registration
$230 ASMR Members, $260 non-members
Includes lunch and “Meet-and-Mingle” cocktail function.
Places are limited, register now at:
asmr.org.au/breakingnews.html

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