Research Update
From the Office of Research & Development

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. NHMRC PARTNERSHIP PROJECT GRANTS
The NHMRC is calling for funding applications under its new NHMRC Partnerships initiative. The aim of this initiative is to build more effective connections between policy makers and researchers, and to improve the availability and quality of research evidence to help inform the policy process.

The NHMRC Partnership Projects Funding Policy for this initiative is available on the NHMRC website and application forms and advice to applicant’s documentation will be available early August.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 5th December 2008.

Enquiries about the NHMRC Partnership Projects can be directed to Maryanne Haslam.

2. CANCER COUNCIL EDWARD AND PATRICIA USHER UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT VACATION RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS
Applications are invited from students who are studying disciplines related to cancer control (including biological science, medicine, behavioural science or public health), for a scholarship to conduct research relating to cancer during the coming summer recess period.

A total of $3,000 is available for each research grant awarded.

For application forms and full eligibility guidelines please see: http://www.cancerwa.asn.au/research/funding

Applications close on Wednesday 10th September 2008. However, if the scholarship is to be administered by Curtin on behalf of the student, then please submit the application via the Office of Research and Development, along with a Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), no later than Wednesday 3rd September 2008.

3. NSW CANCER INSTITUTE GRANTS
The Cancer Institute NSW is the NSW Government agency dedicated to the control and cure of cancer through prevention, detection, innovation, research and information.

The Cancer Institute NSW Research Program develops cancer research capacity in NSW by increasing the number, quality and international competitiveness of cancer researchers in NSW. Applicants may be engaged in any discipline of research relevant to cancer, including, but not limited to: Behavioural; Biomedical; Clinical; Epidemiological; Health Economics; Psychosocial and Health Services.

Although research must be undertaken within NSW applications are encouraged from interstate and international researchers as well as those currently working in NSW.

Applications will open on the 4th August 2008 for the following Research Grants:

Career Development and Support Fellowships - Future Research Leaders:
provide funding opportunities for interstate and international researchers wishing to locate to NSW to undertake a substantial program of research. To develop and support researchers who can demonstrate significant ability and potential as a future cancer research leader.
Salary of the Fellow, project funds and relocation costs up to $250,000 p.a. for 5 years.

Research Equipment Grants: support research equipment for which there is a clearly demonstrated need, that is widely accessible and fully utilised by cancer researchers through innovative sharing arrangements. Between $50,000 - $300,000.

Research Innovation Grants: provide project startup funds/proof of concept costs to leverage funding from other agencies (eg NHMRC, ARC, Philanthropic etc). Up to $50,000 for 1 year.

Curtin-led applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a Research Project Application tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 3rd October 2008.

### 4. CLIMATE READY PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, recently announced that the Rudd Government’s $75 million Climate Ready program is open for applications.

Australian businesses are invited to submit applications to develop new products, processes and services to tackle climate change by providing dollar-for-dollar support for research and development, proof-of-concept and early-stage commercialisation activities.

Climate Ready provides grants from $50,000 to $5 million on a matching funding basis to support projects that address the effects of climate change. A broad range of project applications are expected.

Please note the eligibility criteria. While Universities themselves cannot apply, companies controlled by universities may apply. Furthermore, university researchers working with companies may be able to access funding if that company applies for a grant.

The program offers small grants ($50,000 to $500,000) and large grants ($500,001 to $5 million). The small grants support small business, as well as companies controlled by universities and public sector research organisations, through a simpler application form and reduced reporting requirements.

Potential applicants should first submit a Customer Enquiry Form to determine the suitability.

For further information visit AusIndustry’s website at: http://www.ausindustry.gov.au/content/level3index.cfm?ObjectID=41E5A831-6D81-42AC-9BD4DEE08AAD185E&L2Parent=AEB901E5-7CB8-4143-A3BF33B2423F9DA6 or call the hotline 13 28 46 or email the hotline at hotline@ausindustry.gov.au.

The external closing dates are set out below:

- Round 1 - 4 September 2008
- Round 2 - 4 December 2008
- Round 3 - 12 March 2009
- Round 4 - 25 June 2009

### SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

#### 1. CANCER COUNCIL CONFERENCE

The Cancer Council Western Australia is pleased to invite you to the Sixth State Cancer Conference at the Hyatt Regency Hotel on Thursday 23 October 2008.

The title of this year’s conference is “Challenging Cancer - past, present and future”.

The closing date for Abstracts is Friday 12 September 2008.

For more information please visit the Cancer Council Western Australia website: http://www.cancerwa.asn.au/research/conferences/
2. ARC COLLEGE OF EXPERTS – NOMINATIONS OPEN

The ARC is inviting people with appropriate expertise and experience from within higher education, industry and public sector research organisations to become members of its College of Experts.

The Australian Research Council (ARC) College of Experts works closely with the Australian research community to support the advancement of knowledge and contribute to national innovation. Members of the College assess and rank proposals for Australian Government funding, make funding recommendations and provide strategic advice on emerging disciplines and cross-disciplinary developments.

Members of the College of Experts are expected to have wide-ranging general expertise to create flexibility within the committee. It is beneficial if nominees have experience relevant to competitive, peer-reviewed assessment of applications for funding.

As women are under-represented on ARC advisory committees, high-quality nominations from women are particularly encouraged.

Please ensure you have read the Information Kit for 2009 Vacancies which provides general information about the College of Experts, a list of expertise sought, the selection criteria, information on the electronic process and frequently asked questions.

Persons intending to submit a nomination must first register their intention to do so with their Research and Development Officer, no later than Friday, 8th August 2008 for consideration by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development. It is expected that applicants would discuss nomination with their Dean of Research prior to submission.

Following the endorsement of the nomination by the PVC-R&D the nominee must complete the nomination form available on the ARC website.

Completed nomination forms are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Wednesday 27th August 2008.

3. FAIR GO FOR INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator Kim Carr, recently announced his intention to introduce new public funding arrangements that will create additional opportunities for Indigenous Australians pursuing academic research careers.

“The Australian Government is committed to enhancing support for Indigenous researchers and research to ensure that all talented Australian academics are given a fair go and that all Australians have the opportunity to benefit from their endeavours,” Senator Carr said.

“I am considering advice put to me by the Australian Research Council (ARC) in conjunction with the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) on how best to provide relevant and appropriate support to Indigenous researchers.

“While it's early days, I am excited that the ARC and AIATSIS are working together on a range of options for Indigenous researchers that will strengthen the diversity of Australia’s research capacity and capabilities, and lead to new knowledge, discoveries and applications.”

Senator Carr said that, over the coming year, he intended to:

- include research into Indigenous health and wellbeing as a priority under the Government’s new Future Fellowships scheme, currently being developed by the ARC
- introduce new Australian Research Fellowships – Indigenous (more senior than, and in addition to, the existing postdoctoral ARC Indigenous Researcher Fellowships)
- change the status of AIATSIS under ARC Funding Rules to make it eligible for funding under nearly all ARC-administered schemes.
The details of these initiatives will be released progressively, as they are finalised.

The full media release is available at: http://minister.innovation.gov.au/SenatortheHonKimCarr/Pages/AFAIRGOFORINDIGENOUSRESEARCHERS.aspx

4. ORD RESEARCH TRAINING SEMINARS

Please see below for details of the first ORD research training seminar for Semester 2:

Finding Research Fund Sources
Tuesday 19th August 2008
9.30am to 11:00am
Rm: Bankwest Lecture Theatrette (200a.220 – opposite the Bookshop)

This session will provide information on techniques, tips and some mechanisms for finding research funding sources including a brief demonstration of using the Community of Science (COS) website.

RSVP: D.Jeffery@curtin.edu.au

A list of 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 lecture recordings for the sessions that have been conducted. New seminars will be added as the calendar for Semester 2 is finalised.
## HELP, TOOLS and TIPS

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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://www.abs.gov.au).
- You may also find the University of New England’s [Conversion Tool](http://www.unex.edu.au) 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://www.arc.gov.au).