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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. WATER QUALITY RESEARCH AUSTRALIA LIMITED – CALL FOR PHD PROJECTS FOR 2008 – 2009
Water Quality Research Australia Ltd is offering up to three post graduate PhD top up scholarships to commence in March 2009. Three (3) projects will be selected for top-up scholarships to the value of $5,000 x 3.5 years. In addition there will be a consumables budget of up to $15,000 overall.

For more information and the application proforma please see: http://www.waterquality.org.au/WQRA_education.htm

Queries can be directed to Carolyn Bellamy on 08 8302 5771 or carolyn.bellamy@unisa.edu.au

Applications are to be submitted to the Scholarships Office no later than Monday 25th August 2008.

2. AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF NUCLEAR SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (AINSE) RESEARCH GRANTS
Applications for AINSE Research Awards are now open. This is the link to the AINSE Research Awards 2009.

AINSE Awards usually cover the cost of equipment and/or materials, the costs associated with the use of ASFs, and/or the costs of travel and/or accommodation. The Awards expire at the end of the calendar year.

Today nuclear science at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre is devoted to supporting activities and research in a wide range of disciplines especially those which incorporate Australia’s national research priorities. Areas of particular interest include
- researching climate change
- the management of water resources
- the study of air pollution
- studying the structural integrity of materials
- radiobiological research
- medical physics and imaging
- materials science

The list of available facilities can be found in the Users Guide at AINSE User Guides 2009

In addition to the on-line application form, there are links on the Research Awards page to other key documents which are vital to creating a valid application:
- Guidelines for preparation of applications. Please read this document before starting an application. The Guidelines are intended to highlight the information you will be required to submit and are presented in the same sequence as the application form.
- Users Guides contain information on the many facilities available to AINSE Research Award applicants.
- Conditions and Procedures 2009 contains administrative details of AINSE Research Awards.

While application is via an online form, applicant must submit 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 8th September 2008. Once the application is approved by ORD, the applicant will be advised so that they can then submit the online application.

3. AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE – GRANT TO VISIT NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH - NIH (USA)
The Australian Academy of Science invites Expressions of Interest from junior scientists who are no more than 30 years of age to visit the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the United States of America. Proposals in any health-related field of natural science will be considered.

Applicants should be either:
- in the first two years of a PhD degree or equivalent, or
- have completed a Masters or a Bachelors with Honours degree, or
- be in the final semester of a Masters or a Bachelors with Honours degree.
The duration of the visit is expected to be between six and thirteen weeks. This scheme is funded by the Adam J. Berry Memorial Fund and is operated in collaboration with the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health. See the National Institutes of Health website for a list of institutes.

For more information and application forms please see: http://www.science.org.au/internat/berry.htm

Applications, along with a completed Research Application Tool (RPAT) are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 26th September 2008.

4. APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN FRONTIER SCIENCE FELLOWSHIPS SCHEME

Applications are now open for the International Human Frontier Science Program (HSFP) Fellowships scheme to commence funding in 2009.

Australia, through the NHMRC, is an international member of the HSFP. HSFP supports novel, innovative and interdisciplinary basic research focused on living organisms. The program has an interdisciplinary focus and fellowships are offered to scientists from fields such as physics, mathematics, chemistry, computer science, engineering as well as biology to focus on problems at the frontier of the life sciences. A variety of fellowships are offered.

Please note that applicants are required to complete the pre-registration process (obtaining a log in) and initialise their application by 28 August 2008.

The full application is then completed via an online form. Applicants must submit 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 8th September 2008. Once the application is approved by ORD, the applicant will be advised so that they can then submit the online application.

Information and application forms are available at - http://www.hfsp.org/

PRIZES AND AWARDS

1. ENI AWARDS 2009

Eni operates in the oil, natural gas, electricity production, engineering and construction and petrochemical product sectors and it is engaged in developing research into and the production, transport, conversion and trading of hydrocarbons. Eni is also involved in several scientific research projects on renewable energy technologies, particularly in the two major areas of biofuels and solar energy. Operating in about seventy countries, Eni invests in people and their education, aiding development through the integration of social, environmental and cultural issues in full respect of individual and community rights and national diversity. For the years 2008, 2009 and 2010 Eni is offering the Eni Award for research and development in the fields of energy and the environment.

Three highly competitive international awards are on offer for researchers who have produced internationally significant results in the following areas:

- New frontiers of Hydrocarbons
- Environment Protection
- Renewable and non-Conventional Energy

For more information please see – http://www.eni.it/it_IT/eni_award_2008_en/bandi.shtml

If after reading the information you are interested in nominating please contact your Research and Development Officer as soon as possible. Nominations will need to be finalized and sent to ORD no later than 10th October 2008.
SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. 2008 VARIO HEALTH CONFERENCE
During the past three decades we have experienced an epidemic of chronic diseases which are predominantly a result of our lifestyle choices exacerbated by an aging population demographic. Health problems such as cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, obesity, cancer and osteoporosis continue to plague our population despite the remarkable advances of medical science.

Today non-communicable diseases cause almost three quarters of global deaths, and this figure continues to rise dramatically with the ageing population, increasing levels of obesity, declining rates of physical activity and inappropriate nutrition. Governments are unable to meet the growing social and economic demands for support and care. Collaborative research focused on the development of more effective preventative health promotion and wellness management strategies has become an issue of considerable contemporary significance.

Join with us to discuss these issues at the 2008 Vario Health Conference (December 1 - 2, 2008, Perth, Australia).

The main conference theme is: Physical and Mental Wellness - Integrative Approaches to Health and subthemes are:
- Nutrition and how it relates to physical and mental wellbeing
- Exercise and how it relates to physical and mental wellbeing
- The interaction of physical and mental health
- The role of the Professional in the holistic management of health
- Strategies for prevention and management of depression
- Strategies for prevention and management of dementia

The closing date for abstracts is 31st August, 2008.

Visit the conference website to find lodge your abstract or to register for the conference.

Find out more about the 2008 Vario Health Conference at http://www.varioinstitute.com/conference/2008/

2. 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) wesite.

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 ilecture 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** – 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

**Research Update newsletter**
If you have downloaded this Research Update newsletter from the ORD Website and don’t currently receive email reminders each time a new edition is released then please email Dianne Jeffery at D.Jeffery@curtin.edu.au to be added to the mailing list.

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website [www.research.curtin.edu.au](http://www.research.curtin.edu.au)