

ORD UPDATE / RESEARCH UPDATE 31-2007

Dear Colleagues

The following information may be of interest to you, your research teams and students:

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1. IAN POTTER FOUNDATION GRANTS AVAILABLE

The Ian Potter Foundation provides funds in the following areas:

- Arts
- Community Wellbeing
- Education
- Medical Research
- Science
- Travel

Their next round of grants close in September. For more information please refer to their website - <http://foundation.ianpotter.org.au/>

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) no later than Friday 7th September 2007.

2. THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION RESEARCH (NCVER) VET RESEARCH GRANTS

NCVER is seeking the services of research centres or consortia to provide a three year program of research aligned with one or more of the five national research priority areas governing the Australian vocational education and training (VET) sector. The five research priority areas are:

1. Growing the labour supply
2. Motivating individuals to participate in VET
3. Sustaining a skills base through apprenticeships and traineeships
4. Enhancing the productive capacity of enterprises
5. Enabling VET providers to compete effectively

A total budget in the order of \$2.0 million is available to fund up to four research centres or consortia over three years. NCVER is particularly keen on broadening our research base by providing opportunities to researchers new to the VET field or early career VET researchers.

This is a nationally competitive grants scheme. **Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), no later than Wednesday 10th October 2007.**

For an information kit which provides further details about this funding opportunity please visit <http://www.ncver.edu.au/newsevents/tenders.html>

3. OUTCOME OF CURTIN INTERNAL RESEARCH GRANTS AND CURTIN LINKAGE GRANTS SCHEMES

There have been some unforeseen delays in the assessment process for the Curtin Internal Research Grants and Curtin Linkage Grants. However, it is anticipated that applicants will be notified of the outcome within the next two weeks.

Applicants will be notified by email.

4. CSIRO FLAGSHIP COLLABORATION FUND POST GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS – EARLY ADVICE

Please find attached a flyer for this year's round of Flagship Collaboration Fund postgraduate scholarships. This is intended to help raise awareness about the program prior to advertising and applications opening in mid-September. The flyer has also been circulated within CSIRO with the aim of prompting university and CSIRO researchers to encourage promising students considering a PhD in an area relevant to one of the Flagships to apply. This year the Fund will support up to 50 new scholarships across the nine National Research Flagships:

- Climate Adaptation (new Flagship)
- Energy Transformed
- Food Futures
- Light Metals
- Minerals Down Under (new Flagship)
- Niche Manufacturing (new Flagship – focus on nanotechnology)
- Preventative Health
- Water for a Healthy Country
- Wealth from Oceans

The Flagships will again this year list priority areas of research to help target scholarship applications. These will be listed on the web at www.csiro.au/FlagshipScholarships when applications open in mid-September. The closing date for applications will be at the end of October.

Regards

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Flagship Collaboration Fund – postgraduate scholarships 2007/08



The National Research Flagships program is an initiative of CSIRO, designed to bring together large multidisciplinary teams to focus on Australia's major challenges and opportunities. Six Flagships were established in 2003:

- Energy Transformed
- Food Futures
- Light Metals
- Preventative Health
- Water for a Healthy Country
- Wealth from Oceans

Additional government funding was provided in 2007 to support the establishment of three new Flagships:

- Climate Adaptation
- Minerals Down Under
- Niche Manufacturing (nanotechnology)

A portion of Flagship funding was set aside to be spent outside of CSIRO, to further enhance collaboration and to bring "the full weight of Australian scientific expertise to bear on major national challenges". This led to the creation of the Flagship Collaboration Fund.

Each year, the Fund supports postgraduate (PhD) scholarships for students co-supervised by researchers in an Australian university and CSIRO, and working on a project relevant to one of the Flagships. In 2007/08, the Fund will support up to 50 new scholarships.

Top-up scholarships are available to PhD students who have gained (or expect to gain) an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or equivalent scholarship. In certain circumstances, full scholarships are also available. International students are eligible to apply, but must be able to show evidence of admission to an Australian university.

Applications will open in mid-September and close at the end of October. Each Flagship will list a number of priority areas of research in which it is particularly seeking applications. These priority areas, along with the Fund guidelines and links to the application forms, will be available on the web at www.csiro.au/FlagshipScholarships.

For further information, contact CSIRO Careers on 1300 301 509, the Flagship Collaboration Fund project manager on 02 6276 6638, or the relevant collaboration contact for each Flagship listed on the web at www.csiro.au/org/ps1e.html.

Flagship Collaboration Fund

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