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1. THE SPITFIRE MEMORIAL DEFENCE FELLOWSHIP 2009
Applications are invited for the 2009 award of the Spitfire Memorial Defence Fellowship valued at up to $15,000 to support Australian defence-related studies or research at the University of New South Wales or other appropriate institution.

This annually awarded Fellowship has been established as a lasting and dynamic recognition of the significant contribution of the Spitfire and its Squadrons during World War II.

Applicants will be Australian citizens who are suitably qualified graduates or persons with significant relevant work experience.

Further information is available from the website: http://www.unsw.adfa.edu.au/units/research/spitfire/index.html

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 24th October 2008.

2. 2008 ROUND 12 OF THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE FUND (MHRIF)
The WA Department of Health is now inviting applications for infrastructure grants under the 2008 Round 12 of the Medical and Health Research Infrastructure Fund (MHRIF). Applications are open to Western Australian medical and health researchers who have received an annualised minimum of $350,000 in research funding from all state, national and international competitive peer-reviewed granting sources during the previous three consecutive calendar years (2005-2007). State grants must be subject to national peer review and openly competitive (e.g. not restricted to researchers of one institution).

Application Forms and Guidelines for Applicants may be downloaded from the following website http://www.shrac.health.wa.gov.au/funding/mhrif.cfm. Further information is available from the Department of Health on 9222 2253 or via email shrac@health.wa.gov.au

Verified applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Wednesday 29th October 2008.

3. CSIRO FLAGSHIP COLLABORATION FUND – POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2008/09
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 and a further three new flagships were established in 2007. The full list is below:

- Energy Transformed
- Food Futures
- Light Metals
- Preventative Health
- Water for a Healthy Country
- Wealth from Oceans
- Climate Adaptation
- Minerals Down Under
- Niche Manufacturing

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 2008/09, the Fund will support up to 30 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 are now open. 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.

Applications should be submitted to the Scholarships Office no later than Friday 21st November 2008.

For further information, contact CSIRO Careers on 1300 301 509, the Flagship Collaboration Fund project manager on 02 6276 6183, or the relevant collaboration contact for each Flagship listed on the web at www.csiro.au/org/ps1e.html.

4. AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND (ARHRF) PHD SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications for PhD Scholarships, commencing in 2009, are being called for by the Australian Rotary Health Research Fund in the following areas:

- **Multiple Sclerosis - ARHRF Fenwick Scholarship**
  The value of the Scholarship is $25,000 per year for a maximum of three years. The funds will be provided through the ARHRF Funding Partners Program and the Rotary Club of Whyalla.

- **Parkinson’s Disease - Rotary of Parkes and Jack Scoble Scholarship**
  The value of the PhD Scholarship is $25,000 per year for a maximum of 3 years. The funds will be provided through the ARHRF Funding Partners Program and The Rotary Club of Parkes.

- **Kidney Disease - Rodney Tilden, Ted Atkinson and Bob McCallen Kidney Disease Research Scholarship**
  The value of the Scholarship is $25,000 per year for a maximum of three years. The funds will be provided through the ARHRF Funding Partners Program and the Rotary Clubs of Kellyville, Dural, Kurrajong and Gladesville.

- **Autism**
  The value of the grant is $36,000 (plus GST) for one year only. The funds will be provided through the ARHRF Funding Partners Program and the Rotary Club of Dapto.

- **Neuro-Degenerative Disease particularly Alzheimers**
  The value of the PhD Scholarship is $25,000 per year for a maximum of three years. The funds will be provided through the ARHRF Funding Partners Program and the Rotary Club of Crows nest – “The JKL Hooton Family”.

Applicants must be eligible to undertake study at an appropriate University or Research Institute in Australia. Contact Kelly Anne Martinez at the ARHRF on (02) 8837 1900 for details.

Applications are to be submitted to the Scholarship Office no later than Friday 5th December 2008.

Application forms are available directly from the Fund or will shortly be available to download from the website at www.arhrf.org.au

5. NHMRC–EUROPEAN UNION HEALTH RESEARCH GRANTS

The NHMRC-European Union (EU) Collaborative Research Grants scheme helps Australian researchers participate in projects with international researchers who have been selected for funding under the Seventh Framework Programme of the European community for research and technology development (FP7).

NHMRC has limited funds to help Australian participation in projects selected for funding by the European Commission under FP7.

Australian researchers must be part of the original application submitted to the European Commission and the NHMRC application must be forwarded to the Office of Research and Development a week after the European Commission closing date in order to meet the NHMRC closing date.
6. $1M FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE COLLABORATION
Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research has announced funding through the ISL Program of $1 million over the next three years to support international research engagement for the humanities and social sciences. See media release for more information. We will advise staff when more information is available.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. NHMRC SEEKING PEER REVIEW LEADERSHIP FOR 2009
NHMRC will soon contact all administering institutions, seeking nominations from distinguished Australian health and medical researchers to assist NHMRC in establishing peer review panels and nominating external assessors for Project Grants, Fellowships and Program Grants for the 2009 funding round.

The NHMRC will be seeking nominations of researchers who have a strong knowledge of their broad fields of research and a high reputation for integrity and fairness, and wo can help NHMRC over the April-May 2009 period in particular.

2. STATE CANCER CONFERENCE – EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION CLOSING SOON

The Cancer Council Western Australia is pleased to invite you to the sixth State Cancer Conference:
When: Thursday 23 October 2008
Where: Hyatt Regency Hotel, 99 Adelaide Terrace, Perth

For further information and to download an application form please visit the Cancer Council WA website – www.cancerwa.asn.au/research/conferences/

3. ORD RESEARCH TRAINING SEMINARS
Please see below details of upcoming seminars:

Writing Research Grant Applications
This session has passed, however the will soon be available for a short period of time at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/seminars/training.cfm

Building Your Research Career – FULLY BOOKED
Date: Monday 13th October 2008
Time: 10:00am to 12:00pm
Location: Room 408:2038 (CBS – School of Marketing) PLEASE NOTE VENUE CHANGE
Presenters: Prof Linda Kristjanson, Prof Harry Bloch, Prof Igor Bray
Target Audience: Curtin Fellows and Early Career Researchers in particular
Synopsis: This session will be an opportunity to hear from experienced respected researchers from a range of disciplines about their experiences and lessons learnt as they have build their research careers.

If you have registered but are unable to attend please advise Dianne Jeffery as soon as possible so that those on the waiting list can attend in your place.
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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.cf

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

Using the Community of Science (COS) database
A number of tutorials covering the various elements of the COS database are available via the Office of Research and Development website - http://research.curtin.edu.au/grants/community.cfm