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CURTIN FELLOWSHIPS CLOSE
FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2008
Application information is available at
http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/fellowships.cfm
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS ROUND 2 – APPLICATION FORM NOW AVAILABLE IN GAMS
The Linkage Projects Round 2 Application Form is now available in the Grant Application Management System (GAMS) - https://gams2.arc.gov.au/. All named investigators will need a GAMS id. Please contact Jenni Gaugg (J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au) to obtain a GAMS id.

The Funding Rules, Instructions to Applicants and other documentation are available at:

One hard copy of the final application for Round 2 is to be submitted to ORD by 5pm Friday 31st October 2008.

2. ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS
Applications are now open for the new scheme, ARC Future Fellowships, which is designed to promote research in areas of critical national importance by giving outstanding researchers incentives to conduct their research in Australia. The aim of ARC Future Fellowships is to attract and retain the best and brightest mid-career researchers.

Over a five-year period (2009-2013), ARC Future Fellowships will offer four-year fellowships of up to $135,000 a year to 1,000 outstanding Australian and international researchers in the middle of their career. In addition, each researcher’s Administering Organisation will receive funding of up to $50,000 per year to support related infrastructure, equipment, travel and relocation costs.

Preference will be given to those researchers who can demonstrate a capacity to build collaboration across industry and/or research institutions and/or with other disciplines. Although international experience is important for Australian researchers, it is also important they have the opportunity to return home to continue their work. ARC Future Fellowships will aim to encourage outstanding Australian researchers currently based overseas to return to Australia.

Please note that the scheme varies from other ARC schemes in several ways:

- Applicants working in the dental and medical areas of research are also eligible to apply for a Future Fellowship;
- A wider range of organisations are eligible to apply for these fellowships – eg hospitals and other non-university research institutes; and,
- The application must include a detailed statement signed off by ORD explaining how the applicant/project aligns with and contributes to current and emerging research strengths of the organisation, as well as how the applicant fits into the staffing profile of the organisation and how the $50,000 will be spent.

Given the highly strategic and competitive nature of this scheme anyone interested in applying must discuss their application with their Dean of Research and advise their Research and Development Officer.

Eligibility Ruling Requests must be lodged with Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 10th October 2008.

One hard copy of the Application is to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development for checking no later than Monday 3rd November 2008.

The Funding Rules and other documentation relating to the scheme is available at -

Applications are to be submitted via the usual ARC process – ie in the GAMS application database and also in hard copy. All applicants will be required to obtain a GAMS id. Please contact Jenni Gaugg (J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au) to obtain a GAMS id.

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
3. AUSTRALIAN WEEDS RESEARCH CENTRE – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
The Australian Government has committed $15.3 million over 4 years 2008-12 to establish an Australian Weeds Research Centre.

In the centre’s first year $2 million is available for research projects. Applications for funding are currently invited for projects that address one of the following key priority areas:

Building on existing work
Applications are sought for activities which build on previous or current weeds research projects that require further investigation for completion, and/or assistance to make technology or findings available for use. Projects may include:
- improvement in best practice methodology
- biological control
- weed control technology
- improving technical capacity for mapping and reporting across jurisdictions to assist the gathering of good spatial information
- better understanding of the impacts of climate change on weed spread.

Innovation
Applications are being sought for projects that investigate adaptive integrated weed management strategies including integrated approaches to help reduce energy and chemical inputs in agriculture. Projects may include investigations into:
- multi-disciplinary technologies and multi species approaches
- new methods which reduce reliance on herbicides
- quantifying the impact of weeds of national significance on biodiversity.

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 17th October 2008.

For more information on the Australian Weeds Research Centre—including details on the open call for applications process and an application form—visit the website at: www.daff.gov.au/australianweedsresearchcentre or email australianweedsresearchcentrefunding@daff.gov.au or call 1800 136 100.

4. AUSTRALIAN ROTARY HEALTH RESEARCH FUND (ARHRF) PhD SCHOLARSHIPS – BOWEL CANCER

Bowel Cancer - D9640 Bowelscan Scholarship and D9650 & D9640 Bowelscan Scholarship

Applications for two PhD Scholarship, commencing in 2009, researching Bowel Cancer are being called for by Australian Rotary Health Research Fund. The value of each grant 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 Districts of 9640 and 9650.

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. A list of other ARHRF scholarships currently open is available at this site also.

5. POSTDOCTORAL AND INVITATION FELLOWSHIPS IN JAPAN 2009
The Australian Academy of Science, in association with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), invites applications from Australian researchers to undertake a variety of Postdoctoral and Invitation Fellowships in Japan.

Postdoctoral Fellowships are for a period of 12 to 24 months, Invitation Fellowships short-term for a period of 14 to 60 days and the Invitation Fellowship long-term is for 2 to 10 months.
Researchers in any field of natural sciences, including technology, engineering and medicine can apply.

Applications in the humanities and social sciences are also accepted BUT ONLY for the Postdoctoral Fellowships. Please see website for information and guidelines.

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 28th November 2008**.


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**SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION**

1. **UPDATING NHMRC ASSESSOR DETAILS**
   In the coming weeks NHMRC will be seeking the availability of suitably qualified and experienced health and medical researchers to assess grant applications through its various funding schemes in 2009. Researchers will also be asked to indicate their willingness to be considered for membership of one of our peer review panels. NHMRC's peer review processes can only be sustained if researchers participate as assessors or panel members.

   While many researchers have recently provided NHMRC with contact details, all researchers are asked to return the completed form to allow their database to be updated. The form seeks information on your current areas of expertise. NHMRC will contact researchers either directly or through ORD.

2. **NHMRC ACADEMY – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**
   NHMRC is providing an opportunity for distinguished researchers to join the organisation in a vital advisory role. From the 2009 funding round onwards, NHMRC will appoint a group of eminent researchers to the NHMRC Academy to help us with the peer review processes.

   They anticipate the tasks performed by the Academy will, over a year, amount to about four weeks of full-time commitment. NHMRC will offer each member of the Academy, through their employing institution, a supplementary grant payment of up to $10,000 to allow their research activities to be supported during the period.

   **If you are interested in nominating to be an Academy member please contact Glenn Jones (Glenn.Jones@curtin.edu.au) no later than Monday 13th October 2008.**

   Once nominations have been reviewed the successful Curtin nominees will then be advised to complete a full application addressing the criteria which will then need to be submitted to Glenn no later than 27th October 2008.

   Please see the attached documents for more information.

3. **REVIEW OF THE NHMRC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SCHEME**
   NHMRC Development Grants support the development of health or medical research that has commercial potential and which has the potential to benefit the Australian community. Development Grants provide funding for research commercialisation at the early proof-of-principle stage.

   The scheme is being reviewed and the next round of grants will open in early 2009. Find out [more information](http://www.science.org.au/internat) on the scheme.
4. HEART FOUNDATION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SEMINAR – 14TH OCTOBER 2008

When: 12:30pm, Tuesday 14th October 2008
Where: Woolnough Lecture Theatre - Room 1.07 (Geology and Geography building), UWA
Online Registration: www.heartfoundation.org.au/information_sessions

Come and find out about how you can obtain funding for your research from the Heart Foundation. Find out about the funding available, the assessment criteria and peer review process. The session will also include tips on what to do to give yourself and your team the best chance of receiving funding. The Foundation provides a range of grants, fellowships and scholarships.

5. 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.
HELP, TOOLS and TIPS

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.cfm

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

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For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
Dear Colleague,

I am writing to you about an opportunity for distinguished researchers to join the NHMRC in a vital advisory role.

From the 2009 funding round onwards, NHMRC will appoint a group of eminent researchers to assist us with our peer review processes. The characteristics of this group, to be formally recognised as the NHMRC Academy, and the tasks that they will undertake, are summarised on the attachment.

We are seeking to appoint individuals with considerable knowledge of the Australian and international health and medical research fields, and are persons of high integrity.

We anticipate the tasks performed by the Academy will, over a year, amount to about four weeks of full-time commitment. NHMRC will offer each member of the Academy (through their employing institution) a supplementary grant payment of up to $10,000 to allow their research activities to be supported during this period.

I would be very grateful if you could distribute this letter widely in your organisation, and actively support participation of your staff in this, and other NHMRC Peer review processes.

Applications for appointment as a member of the NHMRC Academy can be made through your Research Office to Grantnet.help@nhmrc.gov.au and must reach NHMRC by 4 November 2008. Applications should include a brief statement from applicants addressing the Member Characteristics, and a full CV.

Yours sincerely

Professor Warwick Anderson
Chief Executive Officer

1 October 2008
2009 NHMRC Academy

Member Characteristics

Academy members will:

- Be able to assist NHMRC in meeting strict timelines for the peer review process. This means NHMRC will need Academy members to be able to set aside their other duties during specified periods in order for us to meet our deadlines (for example, by assisting in establishing peer review panels in November/December 2009, assigning assessors to Fellowship applications at the end of February 2009, and assisting with assigning assessors to Project Grants – about a full week in late March/early April 2009, attending the Assigner’s Day meeting on 20 April 2009, and intermittently, in May/June 2009).
- Be highly knowledgeable about the broad fields(s) and disciplines in which they work.
- Be recognised as leaders in their field/s of expertise. They will have held positions in scientific or professional societies and have knowledge of the key international researchers in their fields of expertise.
- Have an established reputation for fairness, integrity and equity. They will strive always to help NHMRC provide fair and high quality peer review processes.

NHMRC will appoint the Academy members taking into account these characteristics, with consideration given to geographical and gender balance, and previous record of service to NHMRC (if relevant).

Roles and Responsibilities

Academy members will:

- Provide NHMRC with expertise in establishing the 2009 funding round peer review panels, including their disciplinary make-up and their membership (in accordance with NHMRC policy).
  
  For example, for Project Grants, it is anticipated that each Academy member will be given prime responsibility for advice and action relating to 2-3 Grant Review Panels, including establishment of the committees and providing external assessors.

  Assistance may be sought, as appropriate, for other funding schemes, though the primary focus will be on Projects and Fellowships.

  Should the need arise assistance may be sought in providing a small number of assessments of grant applications.

- Provide advice and refine the allocation of grant applications to appropriate peer review panels and spokespersons.

- Assist in nomination and allocation of appropriate external assessors for a number of funding schemes.

- Provide support when needed to the other members of the Academy in areas in which they have expertise. NHMRC staff will support Academy members administratively in this task, and will be responsible for contact with all external reviewers. NHMRC will also provide access to a list of potential assessor via electronic means.