

**ORD UPDATE / RESEARCH UPDATE  
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Dear Colleagues

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

1. COMMUNITY OF SCIENCE (COS) SEMINAR – 26<sup>th</sup> September
2. MAKING EFFICIENT GRANT AND ACQUITTAL PROCESSES – “*LESS TIME FIGHTING PAPER AND MORE TIME RESEARCHING*”
3. TENDER OPPORTUNITIES DISABILITY SERVICES QUEENSLAND

**1. COMMUNITY OF SCIENCE (COS) SEMINAR – 26<sup>th</sup> September**

Jeff Baer, COS President will in Perth and giving a presentation on COS at ECU on Wednesday, 26 September from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Joondalup campus (Building 1.447).

The seminar will provide an update on the latest features, products etc and allow plenty of time for questions.

Details of the seminar are attached.

Please advise Dianne if you wish to attend on [D.Jeffery@curtin.edu.au](mailto:D.Jeffery@curtin.edu.au) by 5pm Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**2. MAKING EFFICIENT GRANT AND ACQUITTAL PROCESSES – “*LESS TIME FIGHTING PAPER AND MORE TIME RESEARCHING*”**

Mr Andrew Ng has been seconded from Internal Audit to the Office of Research and Development (ORD) for a year. One of his first projects is to identify efficiency opportunities in the grant and acquittal processes. Andrew had spoken to a number of researchers and administrators on the difficulties they face and for ways to improve. We are most thankful to the following researchers and administrators for their generous time and their invaluable contributions:

- Mr Amandeep Sidhu
- Mr Antony Stark
- Mrs Carolyn Bennett
- Prof. Elizabeth Chang
- Dr Farookh Hussain
- Prof Graham Pervan
- A/P Ha Ming Ang
- Mr Hans Keil
- Mr John Rees
- Mr Joseph Valenti
- Mr Juris Varpins
- Prof Moses Tade
- Prof Tharam Dillion
- Dr Vidyasagar Potdar

A Working Committee will be established shortly to prioritise efficiency opportunities and to work these priorities into products. Some aspects for consideration are: improved ORD website,

automated reporting, FAQ, ORD and Researcher checklists, Training manual, ORD Financial Guidelines and ORD guidelines on specific areas of interest.

Andrew is of the opinion that the input of administrators and researchers is critical to delivering efficiencies to the grant and acquittal processes. After all, it's going to be a win-win outcome. Researchers, administrators and ORD staff benefit by the freeing up of invaluable time, as bureaucracy is fine-tuned. If you are interested to participate in an informal Forum, please email [a.ng@curtin.edu.au](mailto:a.ng@curtin.edu.au).

### **3. TENDER OPPORTUNITIES - DISABILITY SERVICES QUEENSLAND**

**Disability Services Queensland wishes to advise that an advertisement has been placed in The Australian Newspaper Higher Education and the Courier Mail on 12 September 2007 requesting offers from professional contractors for the following services:**

#### **Offer No DSQ0011 - Intensive Behaviour Support Teams**

Evaluative research to develop evidence on outcomes for people with a disability who present with challenging behaviours.

#### **Offer No DSQ0012 - Post School Services**

Evaluative research to identify outcomes for young people with a disability transitioning from school to adult day activities.

#### **Offer No DSQ0013 - Early Childhood Intervention**

Research to examine the effectiveness of early childhood intervention services provided for children with a physical disability and their families.

#### **Offer No DSQ0014 - Family Support Program**

Evaluation to ascertain the merits of the Family Support Program, and identify areas for improvement.

Offer documentation is available at [www.projects-services.qld.gov.au/etenderqgm/](http://www.projects-services.qld.gov.au/etenderqgm/)

Enquiries to Helen Fudali on (07) 3224 7830 or [helen.fudali@corporatelink.qld.gov.au](mailto:helen.fudali@corporatelink.qld.gov.au)

**Applications to be submitted as Research projects must be provided to the Office of Research and Development no later than Friday 12th October. Applications to be submitted as a Consultancy job should follow normal procedure for Consultancy jobs.**  
The offer closing date is 2.00pm Friday 19 October 2007

Regards

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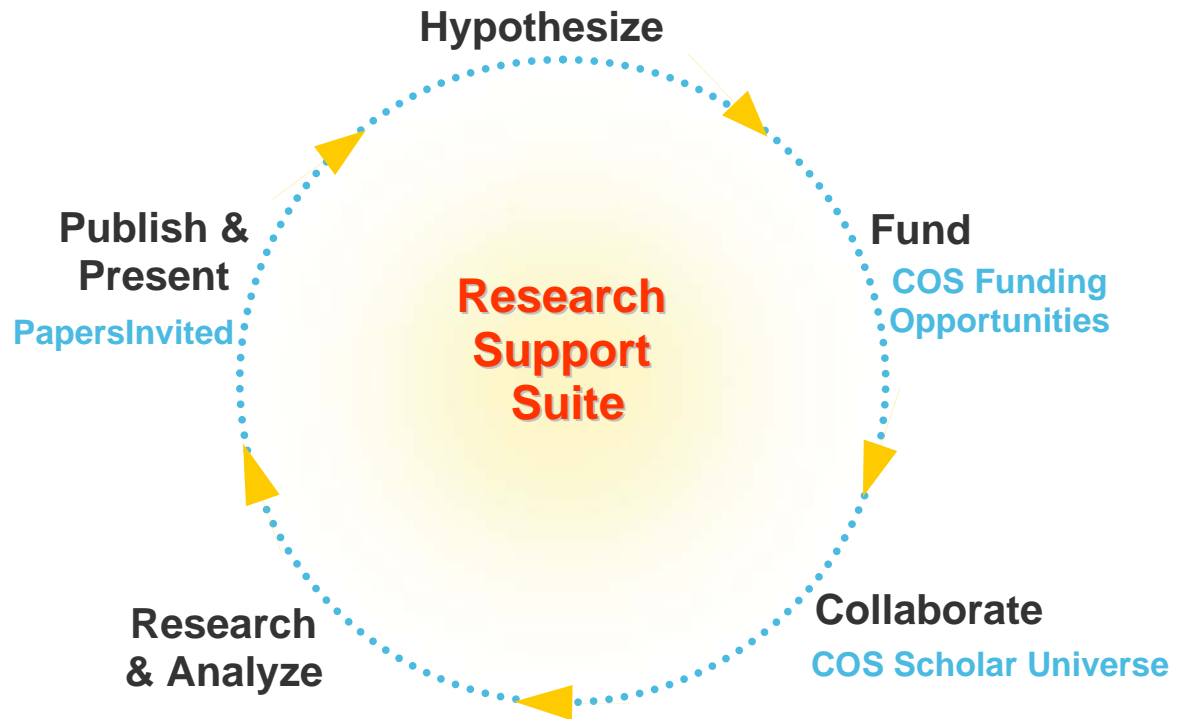
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## COS Information Session

Wednesday 26th September ■ 1:00pm to 2:30pm ■ Joondalup Campus Building 1.447  
presented by Jeff Baer, COS President

**Please join us** for a brief presentation about the latest developments at COS, including new products and features and what our recent merger with ProQuest (one of the world's largest information companies) to our customers in the future. **A significant portion of the time will be set aside for you to ask questions, offer suggestions, and share COS experiences with colleagues from nearby institutions.**