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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. THE FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN GRANTS
Expressions of interest are currently being sought by The Foundation for Children for research projects.

Previously, participants were required to complete an entire grant application that would go to the Grants Committee then to the Foundation’s Board of Directors who would review and select the grants for the year.

As the full application requires detailed information that would be reasonably time consuming to collate and prepare, the Foundation introduced an Expressions of Interest (EoI) process whereby the participants can submit a two page summary.

The Grants Committee will review and then invite selected individuals to complete the full application.

The Foundation generally awards grants of around $50,000- $80,000 per year, and for either one or two years.

Expressions of Interest 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.

For more information and forms please see the website: http://www.foundationforchildren.com.au/scripts/runisa.dll?FFC.66272:LANDING::pc=L4

2. THE AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER STUDIES – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
Applications for AIATSIS research grants are now open. Applications are invited in any field relevant to Indigenous studies. We are particularly interested in applications involving Indigenous lead researchers, or collaborative projects involving Indigenous people and communities.

Whilst there is no specific maximum amount, grants over $40,000 are unusual.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), no later than, Monday 15th December 2008 for processing prior to the Christmas shutdown.

Details, including applications forms, are available at the AIATSIS website: http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program/grants.

SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ARC AND NHMRC APPLICATION OUTCOMES – NOTIFICATION

ARC outcomes
The ARC has just announced the outcomes of the 2008 funding rounds for ARC Discovery, Linkage Project and Linkage International Fellowships. Please note that LIEF outcomes have not yet been announced. Details of the successful Curtin-led grants are available at http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/fundingoutcomes.htm

Please note that if you are a named investigator on a successful non-Curtin led project please advise your Research and Development Officer asap so that we can capture a complete picture of Curtin success.

NHMRC Project Grant outcomes
It is anticipated that the NHMRC will announce the results of Project Grant applications in the near future.

The first named Chief Investigator on Curtin-led NHMRC applications will be notified by the Office of Research and Development via email when the announcements have been made. It is the responsibility of the first named Chief Investigator to advise other investigators of the outcome.
Researchers on non-Curtin led ARC and NHMRC applications should contact the first named Chief Investigator at the institution administering the project to find out the outcome.

As for ARC projects, please advise ORD asap if you are a named investigator on a successful non-Curtin led application so that we can capture a complete picture of Curtin success.

2. RESEARCH PROJECT APPLICATION TOOL (RPAT) NOW AVAILABLE WITH NEW SALARY LEVELS
The Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) has been updated to include the 1% salary increase recently announced by the Vice Chancellor. The updated RPAT (version 2.48) is available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm

3. ONLINE RESEARCH PROJECT APPLICATION TOOL (RPAT) and SCRIPT RESEARCH PROJECTS MODULE – COMING SOON
ORD will shortly be releasing the Research Projects module of SCRIPT for use by staff. The Research Projects module will enable researchers and research administrators to enter information on funding applications directly into SCRIPT and also extract project information out of SCRIPT. It also has an online RPAT function to assist in costing projects which will replace the current excel -based RPAT document. The online RPAT has greater functionality than the excel RPAT and, because it is web-based, can be accessed by both PC and Mac users. The release of the Module will be supported by training sessions, a comprehensive manual, online help function and helpdesk.

Benefits of the Research Projects Module:
- Researchers, Research administrators, Heads of School and Deans of Research will be able to extract information on applications and projects
- The additional features of the online RPAT allows for more accurate costing of projects
- Direct entry into the Research Projects Module throughout the year will reduce data entry during RPI rounds.
- The Module has scope to assist with post award management of projects

More information will be available in the near future, including the release date and details of the training sessions.

4. NATIONAL eRESEARCH ARCHITECTURE TASKFORCE (NeAT) ROUND TWO CALL FOR INPUT
Ideas are currently being sought from interested research communities on the ongoing investment strategy for next generation eResearch tools and services.

The National eResearch Architecture Taskforce (NeAT) is a committee of experts established under the NCRIS Platforms for Collaboration capability to develop and assist the adoption of new eResearch methods and tools. NeAT is tasked with overseeing the development and implementation of e-Research tools and embedding these into research communities.

NeAT is developing projects that require the support of the Australian National Data Service (ANDS) and/or the Australian Research Collaboration Service (ARCS), as the available funding resides within these activities, however ideas involving computational support or the use of advanced networking capabilities are also welcome.

Please see the attached Call for Input for further information.

Interested parties should contact Dr Paul Coddington or Dr Andrew Treloar (contact details in the attached document) to discuss their ideas in the first instance and the process for generating the necessary scoping input.

Input must be received by COB 7 November 2008.
5. THE 2009 TRIPLE HELIX VIII INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - CALL FOR PAPERS
The 7th Biennial International Conference on University, Industry and Government Linkages will take place in Glasgow from 17 - 19th June 2009. The theme for Triple Helix VII - “The role of Triple Helix in the Global Agenda of Innovation, Competitiveness and Sustainability” - reflects the interaction between academia, the private sector and the public sector.

The call for papers for this event is now open - you are invited to submit abstracts /papers for this event by 14th November 2008.

The key themes are:

- Analytical models for Triple Helix
- Innovation systems
- Triple Helix as a basis for innovation capacity building
- R&D priorities
- IP rights, knowledge, and exchange system
- Third mission of universities
- Global agenda for sustainable development
- Competitiveness and regional development

For further information please contact: Sheila Forbes at s.forbes@eee.strath.ac.uk or Girma Zawdie at g.zawdie@strath.ac.uk or visit the conference website at http://www.triple-helix-7.org

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

Human Ethics Committee: Reviewer training
Date: Thursday, 30th October 2008
Time: 10am to 12pm
Presenter: Dr Stephan Millett
Target Audience: This session is designed specifically for Reviewers of Ethics applications and staff interested in becoming Ethics application reviewers
Synopsis: This session will cover topics such as:
- legislation and regulations;
- the role of the reviewer;
- how to review applications;
- committee processes

Registration: For venue and online registration please go to the Seminars Booking website - http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=55

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

Building Your Research Career
This session has passed, however the lecture is available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/seminars/training.cfm
## HELP, TOOLS and TIPS

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### TOOLS AND TIPS

#### LINKS

- **Community of Science (COS)**
  - [www.cos.com](http://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

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 -

Call for input

Investment strategy for eResearch tools and services

Overview

Ideas are sought from interested research communities on the ongoing investment strategy for next generation eResearch tools and services.

This is not a call for formal proposals for funding. Rather, it is an invitation to research communities to come forward with ideas about the development of new tools and services that seek to transform researcher practice. Following an iterative process to prioritise and refine these ideas, there is scope to develop a detailed proposal to be submitted to the National eResearch Architecture Taskforce (NeAT) for consideration and funding.

Background

The National eResearch Architecture Taskforce (NeAT) is a committee of experts established to develop and assist the adoption of new eResearch methods and tools. NeAT is tasked with overseeing the development and implementation of e-Research tools and embedding these into research communities.

NeAT is developing projects that require the support of the Australian National Data Service (ANDS) and/or the Australian Research Collaboration Service (ARCS), as the available funding resides within these activities.

An initial set of projects was developed earlier this year in alignment with NCRIS investments. This is a second and deliberately broader call for input and ideas that will assist a range of research communities and contribute to the ongoing development of the investment strategy.

NeAT is seeking to develop a suite of eResearch tools and services projects that can be pursued through to June 2011. Ultimate approval of projects will come from the Australian eResearch Infrastructure Council (AeRIC).

Objectives of NeAT investments

It is expected that projects approved by AeRIC for investment on the basis of NeAT recommendations will:

- Focus on providing an eResearch tool or service to a research community;
- Encourage eResearch uptake, awareness raising and skills development;
- Be short (2 years), reflecting NeAT’s focus on getting tools into ‘production’;
- Identify participants willing to work with ANDS and ARCS;
- Include a ready, willing and engaged long term provider for the eResearch tools and services; and
- A ready, willing and engaged user community with identified co-investment.
Scale of investment

It is anticipated that a number of projects will be supported in the investment strategy that would be either large projects ($400k per annum) or small ($200k per annum), commencing in 2009 and concluding in June 2011. A total of $5 million is available for this second round of funding. Previous examples of successful NeAT projects are available at www.pfc.org.au/bin/view/Main/NeAT.

Initial scoping input

The deadline for input is 7 November 2008 and is limited to 2 pages describing:

- Overview: Summarise the context that leads to this idea.
- Needs: Describe the needs that this idea seeks to address and outline a project that would address the idea.
- Users: Identify the research communities and resource providers that this project serves; and any specific data federating or collaborating research groups, and any institutions that will participate by setting requirements or steering this project.

Development process

Following the prioritisation of ideas, NeAT members will work with those proposals most likely to lead to acceptable NeAT projects to define the result of the project in terms of the tool(s) or service(s) that will be implemented and demonstrated. Work will also be undertaken to clarify how the service could be operated in an ongoing fashion and identify the proposed operators who would be willing to participate in and support the project.

At the end of that development process, the following criteria will be used by NeAT to assess the resulting project proposals:

1) The project has a clear service objective and outcome
2) The services to be implemented address identified researcher needs
3) The project has a realistic scope and the proposed outcomes are achievable
4) The project has the potential to lead to services that may benefit a broader set of research communities; and
5) The project will deliver services or a product that enables new research processes.

Further information

Please contact one of the following NeAT members to discuss your ideas in the first instance and the process for generating the necessary scoping input.

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