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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS
As staff will be aware, applications are now open for the new ARC Future Fellowships scheme that 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.

In recognition of the ‘newness’ of this scheme, and to provide applicants with sufficient time to prepare their application ORD’s internal deadline for the submission of applications for checking has been extended to no later than Thursday, 13th November 2008.

Applications received after the 13th may not receive feedback in time for preparation of the final application and will be flagged with the DVC R&D as received after the revised internal deadline.

ARC Future Fellowships, over a five-year period (2009 -2013) 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 – e.g. 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. Curtin’s current and emerging research strengths may be found at http://www.curtin.edu.au/research/expertise/index.cfm.

Given the highly strategic and competitive nature of this scheme anyone interested in applying must discuss their application with their Dean of Research before commencing their application in GAMS.

The Funding Rules and other documentation relating to the scheme is available at - http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/futurefel/future_default.htm

2. ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATIONS 2009 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
ORD will soon be calling for Expressions of Interest from researchers who are intending to submit an ARC Discovery Project application in the 2009 round.

Applicants will be required to complete a short EOI form and submit it to the Office of Research and Development.

An information session on applying for a Discovery Project is scheduled for Wednesday, 12th November 2008. Details and registration at http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#.
3. ANTI-DOPING RESEARCH PROGRAM 2008-09 FUNDING ROUND
The Anti-Doping Research Program of the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing offers funding for new research to improve the analytical capability for detecting banned substances and doping agents taken by athletes and to help lead to practical doping deterrence strategies.

Applications are now sought for research proposals in the areas of:

1. Detection of gene doping

2. Detection of novel substances with suspected doping potential, including:
   - new drugs
   - novel substances with clinical or field evidence of abuse for doping purposes
   - new or improved methods, including those based on indirect markers of doping (for example, biochemical variables or gene expression)

3. Improved detection of Prohibited Substances and Methods using mass spectrometry, immunological and/or biochemical methodologies

4. Social science research focused on interactions between athletes and their ‘world’ assessing issues such as:
   - susceptibility to illicit performance-enhancing activity
   - attitudes towards the control of such activity
   - possible forms of preventative action that might be taken against such activity.
   Such research might involve investigations of interactions between athletes and family/peers/coaches/sports administrators and similar agencies.

Proposals outside these priority areas are also invited if they demonstrate a very strong contribution to the aims of the Anti-Doping Research Program and excellent value for money.

Further information on the funding round, including the funding round guidelines, can be found at www.sport.gov.au (see link at bottom of page).

Applications, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT), are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development no later than Wednesday 10th December 2008.

If you have any questions after reviewing the information at www.sport.gov.au please email adrp@health.gov.au.

4. POSTDOCTORAL AND INVITATION FELLOWSHIPS IN JAPAN 2009 (previously advertised Update 32)
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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1. LAUNCH OF THE RESEARCH PROJECT MODULE IN SCRIPT – ONLINE RPAT
The Office of Research and Development (ORD) is launching the Research Project module of the SCRIPT database in mid November. This means that when researchers apply to external organisations for funding they will need to enter information on the project and calculate the costings online in the Research Project module of SCRIPT rather than completing the current excel Reseach Project Application Tool (RPAT). The excel RPAT document will gradually be phased out as the mechanism for providing this information to ORD.

One of the major benefits of moving to this online process is that researchers will be able to easily access information on their applications projects. The costing and pricing section of the module also has greater functionality than the existing excel document.

Training sessions will commence on Wednesday 19th November. Once you have attended a training session you will then be given access to the Research Projects module. A comprehensive step by step manual will be available in addition to a Helpdesk contact.

For further details and online registration please go to the Seminars Booking website -
http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#

Arrangements will be made over the coming months for training staff at non-Bentley campuses.

For more information and guides on what to do when applying for or bringing in external research funding into Curtin please see the ORD website.

2. SEAFOOD CRC INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR TRANSFORMATIONAL R&D
The Seafood Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) currently has an opening for existing Seafood CRC participants, or new industry participants to invest in up to $2,450,000 over six years in research that will deliver transformation improvement to the Australian seafood industry. Proposals to take up this opportunity must include collaboration with one or more existing Seafood CRC research providers (Curtin being one of these), or new research providers.

The CRC is now seeking Preliminary proposals from interested parties in a position to invest in the CRC. Researchers may wish to pass this information on to any parties they collaborate with who may be interested in the opportunity.

For more information and application forms please see -
http://www.seafoodcrc.com/stories%20new%20participants.html

Preliminary proposals should be delivered directly to the Seafood CRC no later than Friday 5th December 2008.

3. HEALTHWAY SEMINAR ON RESEARCH FUNDING
Please join us for an introduction and guide to Healthway’s research funding round for 2009. Our special guest speaker will be Ms Heather D’Antoine from the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research who will be presenting the research findings from her Healthway funded starter grant, ‘Alcohol and Pregnancy: Aboriginal Women’s knowledge, attitudes and practice.’

This will be followed by tea and coffee where Healthway staff will be available to answer your questions on funding available in 2009.

Date: Tuesday 18 November 2008
Time: 8.30am–10.30am
Venue: Lecture Theatre, Grace Vaughan House, 227 Stubbs Tce Shenton Park
RSVP: Vanessa on 08 9476 7000 by 5.00pm Friday 14 November healthway@healthway.wa.gov.au

For more information on Research at Curtin please visit the research website www.research.curtin.edu.au
4. ORD RESEARCH TRAINING SEMINARS
A full list of training seminars provided by the Office of R&D are available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/

Please note that due to the redevelopment of the ORD website, you will now find iLecture links, slides and other documents at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm.

Applying for an ARC Discovery Project Grant
Date: Wednesday, 12th November 2008
Time: 10am to 12pm
Presenter: Prof Harry Bloch and ORD staff
Target Audience: This session will be of interest to potential ARC Discovery Project applicants.
Synopsis: This session will cover the following topics:
- Preparing an application – the basics of what you need to know
- The assessment process – incl assessment criteria and the role of the College of Experts
- Project budgets – a general overview
- Characteristics of successful applications
- Tips, traps, tools and supports

Registration: For venue and online registration please go to the Seminars Booking website - http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training
For details and online registration please see - http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=83

At these sessions you will be shown how to use the Research Project module of SCRIPT. Step by step instruction will be provided, including topics such as how to create a project, how to complete the budget, how to submit the project to ORD and how to find projects previously entered onto the database.

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

Building Your Research Career
This session has passed, however the iLecture is available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm

Upcoming research training seminar topics:
- Post award processes – for ARC grant awardees – November/December 2008
- ARC Research Management System (RMS) - 2009
- An Introduction to conducting Research at Curtin
- Clinical Trials (TBC)

These will be advertised as details become available. In the meantime, a list of past ORD Research training seminars can be found at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/global/training.cfm; Links to the slides and iLecture recordings for the sessions that have been conducted are available at - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm.
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Links
Community of Science (COS)
www.cos.com – for funding opportunities

Research Project Application Tool (RPAT)
http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/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
Want to know more about applying for and managing external research funding?
The new look ORD website provides information on this topic. Please see the following page as a starting point:
http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/reqman.cfm