

Research Update

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ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST ARE
DUE IN THE OFFICE OF R&D ON
MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2008

The EOI form is available [here](#)

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. NHMRC CALL FOR GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP APPLICATIONS

The call for applications for NHMRC funding commencing in 2010 opens on 8 December 2008 for:

FUNDING SCHEME	APPLICATIONS OPEN	ORD CLOSING DATE
Practitioner Fellowships	Monday 8 December 2008	Friday 23 January 2009
Research Fellowships	Monday 8 December 2008	Friday 23 January 2009
Australia Fellowship (EOIs)	Monday 8 December 2008	Tuesday 24 February 2009
Project Grants	Monday 8 December 2008	Expressions of Interest to ORD Wednesday 17 December 2009 Full applications Tuesday 24 February 2009

More information will be made available on the [NHMRC website](#) on Monday 8th December.

Please note that prior to submission, applicants must obtain an NHMRC ID number for any application from Glenn Jones (Glenn.Jones@curtin.edu.au or ext 1013).

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2. ORD CALL FOR NHMRC PROJECT GRANT EOIs

The Office of Research and Development is now calling for Expressions of Interest from researchers who will be submitting an application via the NHMRC Project Grant process. We are particularly interested in projects where Curtin will be the lead organisation, but would also appreciate information on non Curtin-led applications.

Please provide the following information via email to Jenni Gaugg (J.Gaugg@curtin.edu.au) no later than Wednesday 17th December 2008:

- Lead Investigator
- Lead Organisation
- Other Investigators & corresponding organisations
- Title of the project
- Funding Scheme (eg NHMRC Project grant, Cancer Council etc)

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3. DAIRY INNOVATION AUSTRALIA RESEARCH GRANTS

Dairy Innovation Australia Limited is calling for applications from researchers for its Processes and Products Grants for research and innovation. Proposed projects should be targeted to provide research solutions in line with DIAL strategic objectives and current priorities

Dairy Innovation Australia invests in and manages research projects that are in line with its strategic objectives:

- to shape and contribute to the future commercial success of Australian dairy manufacturing
- to create and support the timely development, commercialisation and operation of smarter dairy manufacturing processes.
- to provide knowledge that supports the timely creation of higher returning products faster by dairy company members.

Applications are invited in any related research area. However, priority areas for this round of applications are:

- Cheese, fermented dairy foods and cultures – future processes and product innovations
- Thermal and non-thermal processing of milk.

A minimum of \$200,000 in funding is available in each year of this program. Funding will be considered for projects on any scale within the program budget.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, accompanied by a signed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) document (preferably generated via SCRIPT) no later than Tuesday 16th December 2008.

Further information is available at <http://www.dairyinnovation.com.au/research.html>

Please note that this is a nationally competitive grant.

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4. ALCOA FOUNDATION CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY FELLOWSHIP

The Alcoa Foundation's Conservation and Sustainability Fellowship Program is one of several prestigious fellowship schemes available at the University and adds to the growing reputation of Curtin University of Technology as a research intensive organisation.

Through its Conservation and Sustainability Signature Program, the Alcoa Foundation aims to support and foster global sustainability initiatives with a current focus on improved education in sustainability issues. To this purpose, the Foundation has awarded five grants to academic partners in the United Kingdom (The London School of Economics and Political Science), Brazil (University of Sao Paulo), China (Tsinghua University), USA (University of Michigan) and Australia (Curtin University of Technology).

For more information visit
http://www.alcoa.com/global/en/community/info_page/foundation.asp

The Program has supported the appointment of five postdoctoral research fellows who are attached to the Alcoa Centre for Stronger Communities at Curtin. **They are now seeking applications for a sixth and final Fellowship for 12 months from February 2009 to January 2010.** Applications are sought from suitably qualified applicants with preference given to those applicants who are able to make a significant contribution to the area of identified research priorities.

For more information on the priorities, selection criteria and application process please contact Prof Dani Stehlik – D.Stehlik@curtin.edu.au or phone 08 9266 1094.

Applications are to be submitted directly to the Alcoa Centre for Stronger Communities at Curtin no later than 12th December 2008.

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5. NEW GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRES (CRC) AND NEW SELECTION ROUND ANNOUNCED

The CRC Program provides funding to build critical mass in research ventures between end-users and researchers which tackle clearly-articulated, major challenges for the end-users. CRCs pursue solutions to these challenges that are innovative, of high impact and capable of being effectively deployed by the end-users.

The new Cooperative Research Centres Program Guidelines are now available. These new Guidelines cover all aspects of the Program, not just the selection round requirements. The Guidelines will provide current CRCs and prospective applicants with a comprehensive overview of the Program.

They reflect the new policy and program design principles developed in response to the review of the CRC Program conducted as part of the broader Review of the National Innovation System. The key changes to the Program may be found in the Executive Summary of the Guidelines.

The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research, Senator the Hon Kim Carr, also announced the opening of the 11th Selection Round of Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs).

Please click [here](#) for the Media Release.

Applications close on 20 March 2009, and it is expected that results of the selection process by the middle of next year.

The guidelines are now available at the CRC Program [website](#) and information sessions are being conducted. Please see details on the next page.

Date: Wednesday 10th December 2008

Time: 9am to 12pm

Venue: University of Western Australia
Woolnough Lecture Theatre
Room 107, Geography and Geology Building
35 Stirling Highway
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RSVP: by Monday 8th December 2008 to crc.program@innovation.gov.au.

Further information about the guidelines, the information sessions and application materials can be found on the CRC Program [website](#).

Please note that any potential Curtin-led CRC bids should be discussed with senior management within your Faculty and the Office of Research and Development.

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SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

1. ARC PROGRESS REPORT FORM NOW AVAILABLE

The 2008 Progress Report template is now available on the ARC's web site at the following location:
http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/reported_requirements_progrep.htm

2008 Progress Report submissions are due 31 January 2009 for the following ARC schemes:

- * Discovery
- * Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development
- * Federation Fellowship
- * Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities
- * Linkage International
- * Linkage Projects - APAI (report to be held on file by Administering Organisation)
- * Linkage Projects
- * Thinking Systems, ANZCCART and AAO

Please forward the completed Report to Pia Meehan no later than Friday 23rd January 2009.

Please note that late Progress Reports may reflect badly on any future ARC applications you may submit.

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2. NHMRC POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS GET TOPPED UP

NHMRC intends to increase the 50 per cent restriction on top-up funding for Postgraduate Scholarships to bring NHMRC into line with the 75 per cent allowed by the Australian Postgraduate Awards (APA).

This increase will apply to all current NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarship holders from 1 January 2009 and will only apply from that date forward.

The change will also be reflected in the NHMRC Postgraduate Scholarships Policy for the next round that will open in May 2009.

While the NHMRC have not yet released the 2009 closing dates for their scholarships, it is anticipated that they will be due in mid to late July.

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3. 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>.

UPCOMING TRAINING

SCRIPT Publications Module Training

Date: 12th December 2008

Time: 10am to 11am

Registration and venue details: <http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=83>

Audience: Researchers and Research/RPI administrators

Synopsis: At this session you will be shown how to use the Publications module of SCRIPT to manage research publications.

Please note that the session has been moved to a larger venue due to demand. If you tried to register but received a message that the session was full, you should now be able to go back and register for the session.

SCRIPT Research Project Module Training

Date: There are still five training sessions on offer in 2008.

Registration and venue details: <http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=83>

Audience: Researchers and Research/RPI administrators

Synopsis: 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.

More sessions on both the Publications and Research Project modules will be provided in 2009, as will RPI sessions.

Managing ARC grants at Curtin - Info session for new ARC grant winners

Date: 8th December 2008

Time: 11am to 12pm

Registration and venue details: <http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82>

Audience: Researchers who were recently awarded an ARC Discovery or Linkage grant and their administrators

Synopsis: This intention of the session is provide attendees with the information you need to manage the project within both the ARC's and Curtin's requirements and to alert you to the common pitfalls so that they can be avoided. At the session we will cover the following topics:

- Contractual obligations
- Finances – information on setting up cost centres, how payments are made and managing the project budget
- ARC Reporting requirements
- Scholarships
- Ethics
- Project Variations

PAST SESSIONS

Applying for an ARC Discovery Project Grant

This session has passed, however the iletecture is available for a short period of time at – <http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm>

Writing Research Grant Applications

This session has passed, however the iletecture 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 iletecture is available at - <http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm>

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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/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/regman.cfm>

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