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The form is available here
FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1. ARC DISCOVERY PROJECTS 2009 FOR FUNDING IN 2010
Thank you to staff who have submitted their Expressions of Interest (EOIs) by the due date. These have now been sent to the Deans of Research in each Faculty with a view to feedback being provided to applicants prior to the Christmas closedown.

Please note the key dates for next year:

| Eligibility Exemption Ruling Requests due in the Office of R&D* | Monday 12th January 2009 |
| One hard copy of the full application is due in the Office of R&D** | Monday 9th February 2009 |
| Final copies of the final full application are due in the Office of R&D | Thursday 26th February 2009 |

* Situations where Eligibility Exemption Ruling requests may be required usually relate to eligibility of:
  - medical overlap – the project is medical or dental in nature
  - investigators
  - fellowship candidates

** Please note that there is an expectation that full applications must be reviewed by the Dean of Research prior to submission to the Office of R&D on 9th February 2009. If ORD receives an application that has not been through the Dean we will forward it to the Dean for their perusal.

ORD will review proposals in the order received and will match applications received by the 9th February with the list of endorsed EoI’s. Any application received by the 9th but not on the endorsed EoI list will be ‘relegated’ for review after those matched to an EoI i.e. preference will be given to full applications where an EoI was submitted.

Applications received and not matched to an EoI will, in the 1st instance be referred to the relevant Dean of Research for consideration and will not be reviewed by ORD until the Dean has advised if the application is endorsed (or otherwise) unless the application has been reviewed by the relevant Dean of Research, such review will be taken as endorsement to submit.

Please also note that there will be a seminar on completing the application form on Thursday 22nd January 2009. For more information see the ORD Training section below.

2. ROAD SAFETY RESEARCH GRANT PROGRAM
The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government is calling for invitations for the Road Safety Research Grant Program for 2009. This program awards a small number of grants to a maximum of $30,000 each, for road safety research projects that can be completed within 12 months.

Application forms and detailed information about the program is available from the Department website at: http://infrastructure.gov.au/roads/safety/research_grants_program/index.aspx

The program aims to encourage researchers from a range of disciplines to consider undertaking road safety research.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably generated through the SCRIPT database, no later than Friday 20th February 2009.

Successful applicants will be expected to commence their projects as soon as practicable after 1 July 2009 and to deliver a final report within 12 months.
### 3. HEART FOUNDATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

The Heart Foundation Research Program is again offering funding for high quality research projects looking into heart, stroke and blood vessel disease in 2009.

**Grants-in-Aid**

The Heart Foundation is offering funding to support research in the area of cardiovascular disease and related disorders. The work may be pursued as an investigation in biomedical, clinical or public health research (including health services research). The Heart Foundation is now calling for applications for funding to commence in 2010.

Please note that applications are to be submitted via the NHMRC Project Grant process.

Therefore the following dates apply:

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Please visit the [Grant-in-Aid page](#) to access forms, instructions and more information.

**Travel Grants Round One**

The Heart Foundation also calls for applications for travel grants. For this round, candidates may apply for reimbursement of costs for travel undertaken from 1 January to 30 May 2009.

Heart Foundation closing date: 6 February 2009 (Please check with your Research Administration Officer for your institute’s closing date)

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and Development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably generated through the SCRIPT database, no later than Thursday 15th January 2009.

Please visit the [Travel Grant page](#) to access forms, instructions and more information.

### 4. DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFAT) AUSTRALIA-KOREA FOUNDATION GRANTS

Australia-Korea Foundation (AKF) grants are intended to provide seed funds for innovative proposals relevant to the objectives of the foundation. This includes proposals that demonstrate the potential for the development of long-term links between individuals and institutions in Australia and counterparts in Korea. Preference will be given to projects in line with the objectives of the Australia-Korea Foundation and in the fields of

- geopolitical relations;
- economics and trade;
- education, science, and technology; and
- society, culture, the arts, and media.
The objectives of the AKF are:

- to promote within Korea an increased understanding of contemporary Australia and its importance to Korea, as well as of its history, culture, traditions and languages, particularly through targeted educational and media activities.
- to develop within Australia a better appreciation of contemporary Korea and its importance to Australia, and to promote understanding of Korean traditional society, culture, history and language especially through educational initiatives, media activities, and the promotion of Korean language studies.
- to promote better understanding and more extensive discussion of mutual economic and foreign policy interests between Australia and Korea, and to encourage the development of closer associations between Australian and Korean business.
- to foster opportunities for increased collaboration between Australian and Korea in industry, science, and technology, both through greater mutual awareness and through collaborative ventures; and
- to present Australia to the Korean people as a nation capable of outstanding creative and innovative achievement in cultural and artistic spheres, and a source of high quality productions in these areas.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably generated through the SCRIPT database, no later than Thursday 15th January 2009.

For more information please see - http://www.dfat.gov.au/akf/akf2.html#funding

5. DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (DFAT) THE AUSTRALIA INDONESIA INSTITUTE

The Australia Indonesia Institute (AII) in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) invites applicants to submit project proposals designed to contribute to a more broadly based and enduring relationship between Australia and Indonesia and to project a positive image of Australia in Indonesia.

The institute supports programs to enhance relations between the two countries in the areas of education, interfaith, youth, arts and culture, civil society, media, and Australian studies. Prospective applicants should note that the annual level of grant funding in the various areas will vary, depending on the priorities of the institute and the quality of applications.

The project should be a substantial new initiative of relevance to the institute’s objective of promoting a growing and deepening relationship between Australia and Indonesia. Such initiatives may promote new areas of contact between Australia and Indonesia or may serve to build on or develop existing contacts. The project should have a clearly defined benefit in terms of the institute’s objectives. Projects that involve Indonesian experience of Australia and the relation of that experience to a wide audience in Indonesia are particularly desirable.

Applications for funding may be submitted at any time throughout the year, but would normally be considered by the board at its regular meetings. The board usually meets three times a year, in March, August, and November (to be confirmed). Bearing in mind the board’s meeting schedule, applicants should therefore ensure that there is sufficient time for the board to consider their application for funding before the commencement of any proposed activity.

Applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably generated through the SCRIPT database, a month before the relevant board meeting.

For more information please see - http://www.dfat.gov.au/aii/scholarship_program/applications_for_project_funding.html

6. AUSTRALIAN FLORA FOUNDATION RESEARCH GRANTS

The Australian Flora Foundation was established in 1981 with the aim of fostering scientific research on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants. It was thought that by encouraging research, a greater awareness of the value of the Australian flora would be developed resulting in explicit measures for their conservation and utilisation. Funds for research are raised through the membership of the Foundation, donations from various sources and the income from bequests.
Applications for grants to support original scientific projects on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants are invited from research workers in Australia. The Australian Flora Foundation will consider all relevant applications, with special interest in the following categories:

**General:**

1) conservation of Australian plant diversity, particularly where there are threats from climate change
2) plant species with potential for cultivation
3) enabling cultivation of Australian plants
4) rare and endangered plants.

All applications on rare and endangered plants should indicate how the research relates to the management plan for the species. The Foundation does not fund projects that are predominantly for equipment or travel (other than for essential fieldwork), publications, research on orchids, or taxonomy. It gives a low priority to flora surveys per se.

Projects must be scientifically sound and aim to provide outcomes within the period of the grant. Applicants must be suitably qualified or identify a qualified project supervisor.

Grants are available for projects, which commence from December 2009. The Foundation expects to support between two and four projects at $5000 - $12,000 each in 2010 with possible extension into 2011.

Applications are in two stages. Preliminary applications of two A4 pages should indicate the purpose of the project, the likely costs and the research protocol. The institution or company to which the applicant is attached, a contact phone number and email and postal address must be included.

Please use the form provided at [http://www.aff.org.au/AFF2_Call_for_applications.htm](http://www.aff.org.au/AFF2_Call_for_applications.htm).

Preliminary applications are to be submitted to the Office of Research and development, along with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT) preferably generated through the SCRIPT database, no later than Monday 16th March 2009.

Short listed applicants will be asked to submit a full application.

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**SEMINARS, CONFERENCES, TRAINING AND INFORMATION**

1. **FUNDING TO STAGE SIR MARK OLIPHANT CONFERENCES IN AUSTRALIA**

Applications for funding to hold Sir Mark Oliphant International Frontiers of Science and Technology conferences in Australia between 1 July 2009 and 30 June 2010 are now open.

The objective of the scheme is to support the goal of the [International Science Linkages (ISL)](http://www.oliphant.org.au/index.html) program (part of the Australian Government's Backing Australia's Ability budget initiative) by providing financial support to stage strategically significant international conferences in Australia on high priority, cutting edge, multi-disciplinary themes.

The conference series is managed on behalf of the Australian Government Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research by the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering. The Conference Management Group consists of representatives of these organisations.

The closing date for applications is Monday 9 February 2009. Applications should be made directly to the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering.

2. 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/

We wish to highlight the following sessions coming up:

Discovery Projects Compliance session
Date: Thursday 22nd January 2009
Time: 10am to 11:30am
Venue and Registration: http://seminars.curtin.edu.au/index.cfm?theme=82#
Target Audience: Anyone preparing an application for the 2009 round of ARC Discovery Projects (for funding to commence in 2010)
Synopsis: This session will involve working through a Discovery application and highlighting the common compliance pitfalls that can affect an applications’ eligibility. There is a strong expectation that anyone who is putting together a Discovery application will attend or send a suitable representative from your team. It will be particularly useful for first time applicants, early to mid-career researchers and any research assistants or administrative staff who are pulling together applications on behalf of more senior staff.

SCRIPT Training
In preparation for the 2009 RPI round, training sessions on each of the key modules of the SCRIPT database are being offered. Please note that it may be necessary for some staff to attend a session on each module in order to complete their group’s RPI claim.

Details are set out below:

a) SCRIPT Publications Module Training
These sessions will show staff how to use the Publication module of the SCRIPT database - including entering and finding publications. The Module is used to capture information on research publications.

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

b) SCRIPT Research Project Module Training
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. Please note that in order to gain access to the Research Project module it is necessary to attend a training session. See below for arrangements for non-Bentley based staff.

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

c) SCRIPT Research Project Module Training for non-Bentley based staff
Non-Bentley staff who have not been provided with on-site training can now access this training via an ilecture. This is available for viewing at http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm. Please note that you will be required to complete and submit a short questionnaire to ORD after viewing the ilecture. Upon processing of the questionnaire you will then be given access to the Research Projects module itself. Further details and the Training Guide are available via the link above.

d) SCRIPT Research Groups (RPI )Training
Two types of sessions will be available:

• one for staff who have not used the Research Groups module before and
• another for experienced staff who will just need to be updated on changes and provided with a refresher.

Please ensure that you enrol in the appropriate session. Please also note, these sessions will not cover how to enter publications or projects. You will need to attend the separate Publications Module and Research Projects Module sessions outlined above.

For past ORD training sessions please see - http://research.curtin.edu.au/seminars/notes.cfm
# HELP, TOOLS and TIPS

## 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://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm).
You may also find the University of New England’s [Conversion Tool](http://research.curtin.edu.au/guides/tools.cfm) 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:

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