

RESEARCH UPDATE – ORD UPDATE – 40-2007

Dear Colleagues

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

1. ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT APPLICATIONS 2008 FOR FUNDING TO COMMENCE IN 2009 – FUNDING RULES NOW AVAILABLE
2. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – THE HAROLD MITCHELL FOUNDATION AND THE MACQUARIE BANK FOUNDATION
3. EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – TRAVEL GRANTS

1. ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT APPLICATIONS 2008 FOR FUNDING TO COMMENCE IN 2009 – FUNDING RULES NOW AVAILABLE

The ARC have released the Funding Rules for Discovery Projects 2008 to commence funding in 2009. They are available at - http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_fundingrules.htm

The Office of Research and Development will shortly be calling for Expressions of Interest for the 2008 Round of applications and will be providing details of upcoming Discovery information sessions.

2. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES – THE HAROLD MITCHELL FOUNDATION AND THE MACQUARIE BANK FOUNDATION

While not exclusively research funding organisations, the Harold Mitchell and Macquarie Bank Foundations are potential sources of funding for research projects.

The Harold Mitchell Foundation joins with others who wish to improve our society - to create positive change by recognising new opportunities in the Arts and Health.

The Harold Mitchell Foundation invests in:

- DISCOVERY in the arts and or health fields to break new ground and set up opportunities for the future.
- CAPACITY of communities to foster their arts and health activities and the capacity of talented individuals with the commitment and potential to improve our world.
- ESTABLISHMENT of arts or health activities with real potential to take off and be ongoing.

Applications are assessed throughout the year so there is no set closing date. However, research applications are still to be submitted through the Office of R&D and accompanied with a completed Research Project Application Tool (RPAT).

For more information on the Foundation please see <http://www.haroldmitchellfoundation.com.au/>

The Macquarie Bank Foundation is one of Australia's oldest and largest corporate foundations. The Foundation focuses its resources on:

- The Arts,
- Education,
- Environment,
- Health care,
- Health research, and
- Welfare

Each application is assessed on its individual merit, with priority given to programs which:

- Support a broad section of the community at a regional, state or national level
- Have the involvement or potential for involvement of Macquarie staff through volunteering, fundraising, pro bono work and board and/or management committee involvement
- Are located in cities/countries where Macquarie staff are located
- Deliver long-term benefits and build community sustainability

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For more information on the Foundation please see:

http://www.macquarie.com/foundation/aboutus/application_process.htm

3. EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – TRAVEL GRANTS

A scheme between COST (European Cooperation in Science and Technology) and Australia and New Zealand is available to provide for a number of travel grants worth €2,500 to support the travel and subsistence costs of European scientists travelling to Australia or New Zealand, and scientists from those countries coming to Europe.

The schemes will focus on five main areas:

- medical and health research;
- agriculture; biotechnology and food;
- nanotechnology;
- information and communications technology;
- and environment and climate change.

The New Zealand scheme will also focus on forestry.

This scheme aims to address a major practical barrier to global scientific research, which is the lack of funding for travel. COST's main aim is to boost cooperation between nationally-funded research activities.

The short-term scientific missions (STSM) support is available to institutions in Australia and New Zealand based on a reciprocal agreement between the COST Office and a dedicated partner organisation. The dedicated partner organisation will receive a specific budget from the authorities of the respective country to ensure the reciprocity. In Australia this scheme is supported by the Department of Education Science and Training's International Science Linkages - Science Academies Programme established under the Australian Government's innovation statement, *Backing Australia's Ability* and administered by the Australian Academy of Science.

Australian researchers travelling to Europe may receive a grant in aid of up to A\$5,000 for a STSM, covering a return airfare of up to A\$2,500 and daily living allowances. Daily living allowances, covering accommodation and meals are provided at the rate of A\$200 per day or a maximum of A\$2,500 per month, whichever is the smaller amount.

All STSMs must be for five days minimum and three months maximum duration.

The COST Office will provide up to € 25,000 p.a. respectively for travel of European scientists in the respective COST Actions to the Australian and New Zealand institutions. An adequate amount will be provided by each dedicated partner organisation as additional support for the participation of researchers from respectively Australia and New Zealand in COST Actions.

More information is available at: <http://www.science.org.au/internat/cost.htm>

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Regards

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