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Part A – Grants and Fellowships opportunities

1. ARC Discovery-Projects 2005: Faculty of Science 2004 deadline and Submission requirements

A message from Professor Margaret Clayton (Associate Dean, Research):

Please note that all applicants for ARC Discovery Grants should submit four (4) copies of the final version of their full application (original + three (3) single sided copies) to the Faculty of Science office for signing by Monday, 9 February 2004 at the latest. Earlier submissions are very strongly encouraged as I shall be absent on a 3rd year field excursion between 23 and 27 February 2004.

As in 2003, all applications must be accompanied by copies of critical comments provided by two reviewers plus a brief statement indicating how you have improved the application in response to the input from reviewers.

Please check the RGEB submission procedures carefully (URL below) and note that they require one (1) copy of the application for checking by Monday, 16 February 2004.

Further information

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/ARC/ARCsubmissionprocedures.html#disco>

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/ARC/arcdispr.html>

Deadline for applications

Monday, 9 February 2004 with the Faculty of Science office

2. Australian Research Council (ARC) Federation Fellowships - Funding commencing in 2004

Applications are invited from outstanding individuals with exceptional, internationally renowned research careers in any discipline. ARC Federation Fellowships aim to:

- (i) attract and retain outstanding researchers of international renown;
- (ii) build and strengthen world-class research capability in Australia;
- (iii) expand Australia's knowledge base by supporting ground-breaking, internationally competitive research;
- (iv) forge strong links between researchers, industry and the international research community; and
- (v) support research that will result in economic, environmental and social and cultural benefits for Australia.

The types of research supported are pure basic research, strategic basic research and applied research. The priority areas of research for the 2004 funding rounds are:

- (a) An Environmentally Sustainable Australia;
- (b) Promoting and Maintaining Good Health;
- (c) Frontier Technologies for Building and Transforming Australian
- (d) Industries; and
- (e) Safeguarding Australia.

Up to 25 Federation Fellowships with a standard tenure of five years will be awarded in 2004. Federation Fellowships are open to applications from qualified researchers currently working in Australia or overseas, but particularly encourages applications from Australian researchers currently working overseas and non-Australian researchers.

Federation Fellows will receive a salary of \$235,201 per annum (2003 dollars) plus 26% on-costs.

Further information

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/ARC/arcfed.html>.

Deadline for applications

Tuesday, 20 January 2004 with the Faculty of Science office

3. ARC Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) 2004

The ARC Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) program provides funding for collaborative proposals by two or more institutions for larger equipment and facilities. Funding is for the development of research infrastructure in higher education institutions. The minimum grant under this program is \$100,000. Up to 75% of the total cost (incl. of GST) may be requested.

Funding for this program is available for high quality research endeavours in all areas except clinical medicine and dentistry. This includes work in the social sciences and humanities as well as the natural sciences and engineering. Funding is normally for one year only and is not recurrent, except where international agreements and national facilities are involved.

Further information

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/ARC/arclinkinf.html#synopsis>

Deadline for expressions of interest

Friday, 13 February 2003 at RGEB (please also forward a copy to the Faculty of Science office)

4. ARC Research Networks and Seed - funding

The ARC Research Networks is a new program designed to provide an environment supporting collaborative and highly creative, inter-disciplinary research which aims to move a field of research forward or to follow significant new research directions, especially in Australia's priority areas of research, announced in late 2002 and enhanced and refined in 2003 to take greater account of the contributions of the social sciences and humanities research.

Networks link researchers, research groups and others involved in innovation, both nationally and internationally.

Funding Rules for the new ARC Research Networks program are currently posted on the ARC webpage at <http://www.arc.gov.au>.

The ARC will soon be incorporating the new National Research Priorities (see <http://www.dest.gov.au/priorities/>) into the existing Research Networks Funding Rules. The revised Funding Rules will be posted shortly on the ARC webpage, together with the Research Networks application form and Instructions-to-Applicants.

Potential applicants and other researchers are invited to visit the ARC Research Networks website <http://arc.janison.com.au>. The website has been commissioned by the ARC to provide a platform for discussion and to help strengthen links between networking researchers.

The ARC anticipates that the outcomes if the Seed-funding round will be announced within a few days. In order to make payments of Seed-funding in 2003, the ARC will expedite the processing of Funding Agreements. As soon as the announcement is made, the ARC will send two signed copies of the Funding Agreement to successful institutions, inviting the institutions to accept the offer by signing both copies and returning one signed copy to the ARC.

Further information

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/ARC/resnetworks2004.html>

Deadline for submissions

Wednesday, 3 March 2004 with the Faculty of Science office

5. Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST): Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) - 2004 Selection Round

The Minister for Science has called for applications for the 2004 Selection Round, the ninth round of the CRC Programme.

Applications are invited biennially from business, university and government groups. The Programme currently supports 71 CRCs in the following broad areas:

- manufacturing technology;
- information and communication technology;
- mining and energy;
- agriculture and rural based manufacturing;
- environment; and
- medical science and technology.

Applications for funding may be for:

- new CRC applications;
- 'new from existing' CRC applications, ie applications involving substantially similar core participants and focus of research as an existing CRC; and
- supplementary funding applications from existing CRCs that have already had funding approved beyond 2004-05 to support new programmes combining research and commercialisation/utilisation or new commercialisation/utilisation activities. Such applications cannot extend the term of the current CRC contract.

To be eligible for CRC Programme funding, applications need to be from collaborations with:

- at least one Australian higher education institution (or research institute affiliated with a university) among its core participants; and
- at least one private sector participant among its core participants.

Deadline for submissions

- Friday, 30 January 2004 for Compulsory Notification of Intent with with DEST
- Monday, 15 March 2004 for Stage 1 Full Application with RGEB (31 March 2004 with DEST)
- Thursday, 24 June 2004 for Stage 2 Invited applicants only and Supplementary funding applications for existing CRCs (2 July 2004 with DEST)

Further information

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/grants/destcrc.html>

6. National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC): key Dates for Program Grants for funding in 2005

The Key Dates for NHMRC Program Grants for funding in 2005 are now on the NHMRC website at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/rao/rao2003/keydates.htm>.

The Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEB) also has information on their website at <http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/NHMRC/index.html>.

7. CASS Foundation Limited

The CASS Foundation Limited is a private philanthropic foundation created to support and promote the advancement of education, science and medicine, and research in those fields.

The Foundation evolved from the assets created by the former T K Schools Limited, which owned and operated Taylors College until 1998. These assets are now being used for the greater benefit of Australian society through its transformation to a philanthropic organisation able to award, sponsor or support grants, undertakings, research and development through financial, in kind, or other assistance, either alone, or in conjunction with government or other public or private organisations.

A range of grants are available including Travel grants, Education grants, and Science and Medicine grants.

Further information

<http://www.cassfoundation.org/>

8. The Cancer Council Victoria - Grants for Cancer Research Commencing in 2005

The Cancer Council Victoria invites expressions of interest for Grants-in-Aid for cancer research in Victoria. The application process has two stages. For stage 1, applicants will submit a short expression of interest which will be used to select applicants for invitation to submit a more detailed application (stage 2). Stage 2 applications will undergo a national peer review and ranking process. Application forms and a Guide to Applicants may be obtained from the website address given below, or from Ms Felicity Fairbairn by telephone on (03) 9635 5101 or email, research@cancervic.org.au.

Deadline for applications

Wednesday, 18 February 2004 with The Cancer Council Victoria

Further information

<http://www.cancervic.org.au>

9. Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEb): funding opportunities web page

The Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEb) maintains monthly lists of research grant funding opportunities on its website at <http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/indexes/rgmonth.html>.

Part B – Services

10. Help available for Science postgraduate students: Language and Learning Services

Language and Learning Services, Faculty of Science offers help to postgraduate students, particularly where English is not the students' first language.

Students can make an appointment to discuss drafts of sections of their thesis, especially aspects of written expression that cannot be dealt with during normal supervision sessions. Individual consultations are not a proof reading service, but are designed to assist students to improve their writing.

Appointments are possible on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and should be made at least one week in advance. If possible, students should leave a copy of the material they want to discuss at the Faculty of Science Office prior to the appointment.

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