

FACULTY OF SCIENCE EMAIL BULLETIN FOR RESEARCH STAFF

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Part A: News and events

1. Establishment of Monash University Research Directory

A message from Ms Janet Gaffey, Manager of the Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEB):

Dear Colleagues

In mid 2003, in response to requests for an online directory of researchers' interests and areas of expertise, with particular reference to facilitating international collaborations, a project was commenced to set up a research directory.

In the first (interim) phase, the directory would simply provide a web search of existing data, accessing publications information as recorded for the purposes of the annual research publications collection. It would subsequently be expanded to include a range of biographical and other information, and finally enable customisation and extension of research profiles by individual researchers.

I am pleased to advise that the first phase Research Directory, accessing authors and publications, is available at: <http://www.monash.edu.au/research/directory/>.

Could you please make this known within your faculty or group?

In preparation for the next stage(s), various consultations and a Steering Group are being planned. This will be discussed further at the forthcoming CADRES [Committee of Associate Deans (Research)] meeting.

Regards
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2. National Health and Medical Research Council: Impact of Privacy Regulation in Australia on Health and Medical Research and Health Care

The NHMRC is conducting a major consultation with researchers and other stakeholders to determine the effects on research (if any) of the privacy regulation framework in Australia on Health and Medical Research and Health Care. Information regarding the consultation process is available on the NHMRC website at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/rao/rao2004/privreg.htm>.

3. Release of revised Monash University OHSE documentation

A message from Mr Paul Barton, Manager of Occupational Health, Safety and Environment, Student and Staff Services:

At the November meeting of the University's Occupational Health, Safety & Environment Policy Committee, the following documents were endorsed for implementation.

- OHSE Strategic Plan;
- Procedure on Protecting the Unborn Child from the Effects of Ionising Radiation

In addition, the Draft Procedures for Incident Reporting, Investigation and Recording was approved for distribution to the University community for comment by Monday, 16th February 2004.

The above documents can be found by viewing the OHSE website at:
<http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/ohse/latestnews/news.html>.

Comments and queries regarding the above documents can be directed to Paul Barton, Manager, OHSE, on extn 54049 or by email to Paul.Barton@adm.monash.edu.au.

4. Visit by senior delegation from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

A senior delegation from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation will visit Melbourne on Friday, 27 February 2004. The University of Melbourne is inviting interested staff and students from all Victorian Universities to attend an Information and Questions Session between 11.00 am and 12.30 pm, followed by a buffet luncheon in honour of the Humboldt delegation. The delegation has expressed a keen interest in meeting future postdoctoral fellows and other possible fellowship applicants.

About the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation grants research fellowships and research awards to highly qualified scholars and scientists of all nationalities not resident in Germany, enabling them to undertake periods of research in Germany, as well as research fellowships to highly qualified German scholars, enabling them to spend periods of research at the institutes of former Humboldt guest-researchers abroad.

For further information please visit <http://www.humboldtoundation.de/en/programme/index.htm>.

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Those wishing to attend are asked to inform Ms Lisa Batten (lbatten@unimelb.edu.au) by Friday, 20 February 2004.

5. Australian Academy of Science 'Science at the Shine Dome' event (5 - 7 May 2004)

The Australian Academy of Science is holding its annual three-day event, 'Science at the Shine Dome', in Canberra from Wednesday, 5 May to Friday, 7 May 2004. The activities are open to the research community.

As part of 'Science at the Shine Dome', the academy will be holding a special program for early-career researchers. Activities include the New Fellows Seminar, awards presentation, symposium ('A celebration of Australian science'), and a career development workshop with senior scientists.

Further information

Please visit <http://www.science.org.au/sats2004/>.

Part B: Grants and Fellowships opportunities

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

Please note (a) a recent email from Ms Gwyn Morgan at RGEB, followed by (b) Faculty of Science submission requirements.

(a) Email from Ms Gwyn Morgan, Research Coordinator, RGEB

Dear All

There appears to be some confusion about the submission dates for Discovery applications. The internal closing date is 16 February, however applications already submitted as advanced drafts are considered to have met this date. These applicants will have their drafts returned with full feedback, and will have at least a week to submit the final version.

Those applicants who have not submitted a draft must submit one copy of their complete application next week. These applications will only receive compliance checking. They will be returned to the applicant to make the required amendments before submission of three copies of the final version, complete with signed certification page.

16 February is NOT the Final Submission date. That will be set on individual applications when we ask for amendments to be done.

I hope this clarifies matters.

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(b) Faculty of Science submission requirements

1. Checking of applications by Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEB)

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. As the Faculty of Science has no control over the timeliness of checking of applications by RGEB, please contact Matt Randall should you expect any delays in the return of your application. It is important that the Faculty of Science office receives a copy of your final application by our deadline.

2. Receipt of final copies by Faculty of Science office

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 Professor Margaret Clayton, Associate Dean (Research), by Friday, 20 February 2004 at the latest.

Earlier submissions are very strongly encouraged as Professor Clayton will 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 the application has been improved in response to the input from reviewers.

Further information

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

7. ARC Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) 2005

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

Monday, 16 February 2004 at RGEB (please also forward a copy to the Faculty of Science office)

8. 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

9. 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>.

10. 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/>

11. 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>

12. 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 C: Dates and deadlines

13. Summary of upcoming dates and deadlines

Monday, 16 February 2004

- Deadline for ARC Discovery - Projects 2005 applications to be forwarded to RGEB for checking
- Deadline for expressions of interest for ARC Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) 2005 with RGEB (and the Faculty of Science office)

Wednesday, 18 February 2004

- Deadline for applications for Grants for Cancer Research Commencing in 2005 with The Cancer Council Victoria

Friday, 20 February 2004

- Deadline for submissions for ARC Discovery - Projects 2005 with the Faculty of Science office
- Deadline to register for visit by senior delegation from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Wednesday, 3 March 2004

- Deadline for submissions for ARC Research Networks with the Faculty of Science office

Wednesday, 5 May 2004 - Friday, 7 May 2004

- Australian Academy of Science 'Science at the Shine Dome' event

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