

# 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):

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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 ADRES [Committee of Associate Deans (Research)] meeting.

Regards  
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## **2. 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**

### **3. 2004 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes**

The Eureka Prizes are among Australia's premier science awards, rewarding excellence in Australian science and raising the profile of science in the community. A record 22 prizes worth \$220,000 will be awarded in 2004, including the following nine for a range of research activities.

- **Australian Catholic University Eureka Prize for Research in Ethics** (\$10,000) - for investigation of ethical issues (theoretical or practical) that contributes to the understanding and development of ethical standards;
- **Australian Skeptics Eureka Prize for Critical Thinking** (\$10,000) - for critical investigation of conventional wisdoms and/or beliefs that have no rational basis;
- **Botanic Gardens Trust Eureka Prize for Biodiversity Research** (\$10,000) - for innovative scientific research that makes an outstanding contribution to the conservation of Australia's biodiversity;

- **British Council Eureka Prize for Inspiring Science** (\$10,000) - for outstanding research, inventiveness, innovation or creativity by an Australian scientist between the age of 18-35 that has raised the profile of science, engineering, or technology;
- **GRDC Eureka Prize for Research to Improve the Environmental Sustainability of Graingrowing** (\$10,000) - for innovative grains research increasing the sustainability of the use of natural resources such as soil, species, or ecosystems;
- **Land and Water Australia Eureka Prize for Water Research** (\$10,000) - a new prize for innovative research that has made, or has the potential to make, an outstanding contribution to the protection, sustainable use and management of Australia's water resources and water-dependent ecosystems;
- **Royal Societies of Australia Eureka Prize for Interdisciplinary Scientific Research** (\$10,000) - for outstanding scientific research that involves the active collaboration and/or cooperation of scientists in two or more disciplines;
- **Sherman Eureka Prize for Environmental Research** (\$10,000) - for research leading to the resolution of an environmental problem or improvement in our natural environment;
- **University of New South Wales Eureka Prize for Scientific Research** (\$10,000) - for outstanding curiosity-driven scientific research, undertaken in Australia by an Australian scientist under the age of 40, judged to be under appreciated by the Australian public.

Readers are strongly encouraged to apply for these awards.

***Further information***

Please visit [www.amonline.net.au/eureka](http://www.amonline.net.au/eureka) for further information, including entry forms.

***Deadline for entries***

Entries close on Friday, 14 May 2004 with the Australian Museum.

**4. The Cancer Council Australia: National (Multi-State) Research Project Grants**

The Cancer Council Australia is Australia's national non-government cancer control organisation. The organisation comprises the eight state and territory cancer organisations, working together to undertake and fund cancer research, prevent and control cancer, and provide information and support for people affected by cancer. The council is calling for applications that are either clinical trials or epidemiological studies involving patient or participant recruitment from at least two states.

***Deadline for applications***

Applications should be submitted to the Cancer Council of the state of residence of the first named Principal Investigator by Friday, 16 April 2004 at 5 pm. (Contact details for The Cancer Council Victoria are given below.)

Applications will be included in the National Ranking of Cancer Research Grants process. Separate funding offers will be issued by each participating state, with funding being administered by the Cancer Council in the home state of the first named Principal Investigator.

***Further information***

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## **5. The Cancer Council Victoria: Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships commencing mid-2004**

The Cancer Council Victoria invites applications for Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships. The fellowships are provided as a way of providing research assistance to Victorian PhD candidates at the time of thesis submission. In applying, a strong case must be made to continue in the present project group for a further year. Two fellowships are offered in this round. The fellowships are for one year, and applicants must have submitted their PhD thesis between 1 October 2003 and 31 March 2004. The fellowship funding will be paid to the host institute at the NHMRC Personnel Support Package (PSP) Level 3 rate of \$58,500. The PSP amount covers all salary and salary on-costs as well as some additional support for minor operational maintenance.

### ***Deadline for applications***

Wednesday, 31 March 2004 at 5 pm with The Cancer Council Victoria.

### ***Further information***

[www.cancervic.org.au/research](http://www.cancervic.org.au/research)

## **6. Leukaemia Foundation of Victoria Research Grants for 2004**

The Leukaemia Foundation of Victoria is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to finding a cure and caring for patients of all ages with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other related blood disorders and their families. This is achieved through the provision of medical facilities and equipment, accommodation, transport, support, education, research, and advocacy.

The foundation welcomes applications for its first round of Research Grants for 2004.

The grants provide financial support to appropriately qualified individuals of all involved medical and scientific disciplines or groups conducting clinical or translational research specific to leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and other related blood disorders. Applicants must demonstrate an enthusiasm to work towards eliminating leukaemia and related malignancies or improving clinical research and patient treatment.

### ***Deadline for applications***

Thursday, 8 April 2004

Applications will be considered on merit and assessed by the Leukaemia Foundation of Victoria's multidisciplinary Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee.

### ***Further information***

Ms Jane Goode

Leukaemia Foundation

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## **7. 2004 Victoria Prize**

Each year the Victorian Government awards the prestigious Victoria Prize of \$50,000 to celebrate the excellence of Victoria's science, technology, and engineering achievements. Nominations are now open to individuals whose cutting-edge discovery or innovation has significantly advanced knowledge or has the clear potential to produce a commercial outcome or other benefit to the community. In association with the Victoria Prize, the Jack and Robert

Smorgon Families Foundation will award the \$100,000 Anne and Eric Smorgon Memorial Award to a research institute supporting the work of the 2004 Victoria Prize winner.

***Deadline for applications***

Thursday, 15 April 2004 .

***Further information***

[www.innovation.vic.gov.au](http://www.innovation.vic.gov.au)

## **8. 2004 Victoria Fellowships**

In 2004 the Victoria Government will award up to six Victoria Fellowships to encourage innovation and the commercial application of research among scientists and engineers in the early stages of their careers. The \$18,000 Fellowships enable researchers and innovators to undertake a short-term international study mission to further their research, pursue specialist training or develop a commercial idea. Applications are open to scientists, engineers and innovators working in industry as well as researchers and students.

2004 Victoria Fellows planning a study mission in France will also be eligible for a supplementary \$5000 AFAS FEAST-France Fellowship from the Australian French Association for Science and Technology and the Embassy of France.

***Deadline for applications***

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***Further information***

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## **9. State Library of Victoria / Victoria Government Creative Fellowships 2004-2005**

The State Library of Victoria in association with the State Government is inviting applications for Creative Fellowships 2004-2005 for research projects in any area of the Library's collections.

***Deadline for applications***

Wednesday, 31 March 2004

Applicants are requested to submit the original application (hard copy only) to the State Library and to provide a copy to RGEB

***Further information***

[www.statelibrary.vic.gov.au/creativefellowships/index.html](http://www.statelibrary.vic.gov.au/creativefellowships/index.html)

## **10. Plant Nutrition Trust Management - Alf Anderson Award and the Sam Tisdale Award**

The Plant Nutrition Trust has been established to encourage and promote research and technology transfer in the mineral nutrition of plants, soil fertility and fertiliser and soil amendment technology, and includes areas where these impinge on other fields such as plant breeding.

The Trust invites applications for awards to assist in carrying out a study tour or to attend a conference or such other activity related to the stated objectives. In making an award, an applicant's scholastic achievement and recent contribution to industry, research or technology transfer and their potential for future contribution will be considered. The Amount of each award will depend on circumstances, but is likely to be under \$2000.

In 2004 there are to be two categories of awards are offered:

- **Alf Anderson Award** - applicants should be actively involved in work in any of the areas of plant nutrition mentioned above
- **Sam Tisdale Award** - applications should have a strong emphasis on sulfur nutrition of plants

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents based in Australia, except that for the Sam Tisdale Award, Australian citizens may sponsor candidates from Asia and the south west Pacific region.

***Deadline for applications***

Friday, 30 April 2004

***Further information***

Application forms can be obtained from:

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**11. 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>.

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