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**Items for inclusion in this bulletin**

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Requests should include full information on application / nomination procedures, dates and deadlines, and contact details or web links to further information.

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## **Part A – News**

### **1. New Faculty of Science OHSE Consultant**

Ms Sharon Lockhart is the new faculty OSHE Consultant. She has a background in scientific research and was formerly with the Department of Medicine at The University of Melbourne.

Ms Sharon Lockhart

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Office location: Room 156, Building 19N, Clayton campus

### **2. ScienceAlert**

The Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEB) wishes to draw your attention to ScienceAlert, a free web service that includes a comprehensive calendar of science, technology, and innovation conference and events. The site allows organisations to add their own conferences, workshops, public lectures, and events on to this calendar, free of charge.

#### ***Further information***

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/>

### **3. Research involving humans - weekly seminar and discussion sessions**

The Standing Committee on Ethics in Research Involving Humans (SCERH) and the Human Ethics Office invite you to a weekly seminar and discussion session on 'Ethical Issues in Research Involving Humans' to provide staff and students with support for the conduct of their research projects.

#### ***Venue and time***

Thursday afternoons from 2 – 5 pm

Elizabeth Burchill Room

Building 68, Clayton campus

#### ***Registration***

Registration is required and each session will be designed based on the needs of the registrants. Please register via the Human Ethics website by 12 pm on the Thursday morning of the session you would like to attend.

#### ***Further information***

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/human-ethics/seminars.html>

Human Ethics Officer

Telephone: (03) 9905 2052

Email: [SCERH@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:SCERH@adm.monash.edu.au)

#### **4. French Embassy grants -double doctoral degree "Cotutelle"**

The French Embassy in Australia, in association with the Australian Academy of Science, invites applications for the French-Australian Cotutelle program. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) students of any nationality enrolled in a Cotutelle project between a French and an Australian university are eligible as long as they have not previously applied to the French Embassy.

##### ***Further information***

<http://www.ambafrance-au.org/science/>

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

Friday, 19 November 2004 with the French Embassy

#### **Part B - Events**

#### **5. Research Supervisor Training Workshop**

The Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) invites intending supervisors of doctoral candidates to register for a Research Supervisor Training Workshop.

##### ***Date***

Thursday, 2 December 2004 from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm (with social drinks from 5:00 – 6:00 pm)

##### ***Venue***

Bayview Conference Centre (near the Clayton campus)

##### ***About the Research Supervisor Training Program***

Monash University has developed a fast-track approach to research supervisor training which will act as an alternative to the existing apprenticeship model.

Under the apprenticeship model, trainee supervisors need to first undertake the role of associate supervisor for the duration of a candidature, from admission through to submission of a thesis, before they are eligible to be a main supervisor in their own right.

In the new fast-track model, intending supervisors need to complete a series of nine modules. Approximately 90 per cent of the requirements of these nine modules can be covered by attendance at a research supervisor training workshop.

##### ***Registration***

The registration form can be downloaded from  
<http://www.monash.edu.au/phdschol/forms/trainprog.html>

A registration fee of \$90 per person will apply

Registrants will need to have a mentor allocated to them by their faculty, school, or centre.

The deadline for registrations is **Friday, 5 November 2004** and places will be allocated the following week. Submission of a registration form does not guarantee a place.

##### ***Further information***

<http://www.monash.edu.au/phdschol/forms/trainprog.html>

## **6. National Committee on Antarctic Research (NCAR) symposium: "The Role of Antarctic Research in Australian Science and Policy Advice"**

The National Committee on Antarctic Research (NCAR) is to hold a symposium in Canberra in November on "The Role of Antarctic Research in Australian Science and Policy Advice". The first day reviews the past performance of the scientific research program and looks forward to the future, while the second day examines the manner in which Antarctic research helps policy development in a number of areas.

Registration is free and you are invited to attend one, or both days.

### ***Date***

Thursday-Friday, 11-12 November 2004

### ***Venue***

Shine Dome, Australian Academy of Science, Canberra

### ***Further information / registration***

<http://www.aad.gov.au/default.asp?casid=14460>

## **7. FEAST - Marie Curie Seminar**

You are invited to a free seminar on the opportunities provided by the Marie Curie Actions, the European Union's human resources and mobility initiatives that give researchers at all stages in their career an opportunity to work with their overseas colleagues. These seminars will provide practical information for individuals and institutions seeking to participate in this programme. The European Commission Delegation to Australia and New Zealand, and the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST) will also outline a number of funding opportunities. Representatives from other agencies may also be present.

### ***Date***

Friday, 12 November 2004

### ***Venue***

Gryphon Gallery, Graduate Centre  
The University of Melbourne  
Gratton Street, Parkville VIC 3052

### ***Registration***

Advance registration to attend is essential. Please register online at  
[www.feast.org/register.php](http://www.feast.org/register.php)

### ***Further information***

[http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/index\\_en.html](http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/mariecurie-actions/index_en.html)  
<http://www.cordis.lu/fp6/mobility.htm>

## 8. Australian Research Council Report-Back Tour

Monash University researchers and research office staff are invited to attend a Report-Back Tour on the outcomes of the 2004 grant cycle.

### **Date**

Thursday, 18 November 2004

### **Presenters**

- Dr Mandy Thomas, Executive Director (Humanities and the Creative Arts)
- Professor Alan Johnson (Biological Sciences and Biotechnology)
- Other ARC staff

### **Venue**

La Trobe University, Bundoora campus

Free car parking will be available on the day in Car Park 7

See [http://www.latrobe.edu.au/bg/drawings/bundoora\\_site.pdf](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/bg/drawings/bundoora_site.pdf)

### **Schedule**

2:00 – 3:00 pm: Research Office Session

John Scott Meeting House - Room 3

*Open to researchers only*

3:00 – 3:15 pm

Tea / coffee break

John Scott Meeting House - Foyer

3:15 – 4:45 pm

Researcher Session (including Early Career Information)

John Scott Meeting House - Council Chamber

*Open to researchers and research office staff*

### **Registration**

Research Office staff are asked to contact to register in order to determine if the venue is adequate.

Dr Caroline Northwood

Telephone: (03) 9479 1008

Email: [c.northwood@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:c.northwood@latrobe.edu.au)

Researchers are not required to register as the venue will accommodate a large number of people.

## 9. Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEb): 'What's coming up?' web page

The Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEb) maintains a page of upcoming news and events for researchers at [www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/general/latestnews/index.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/general/latestnews/index.html)

## **Part C - Funding opportunities**

### **10. French Embassy Grants**

Due to late travel cancellations, several airfares between France and Australia have become available, and the French Embassy invites you to apply to two calls for proposals:

*One-off travel to France for S&T Cooperation*  
(4 return airfares to France)

*One-off travel to France and one-off travel to Australia for Social Sciences cooperation*  
(1 return Airfare to France and 1 return airfare to Australia)

#### ***Application requirements***

The selection criterion for these calls for proposals will be based on the significance of proposal in terms of the potential benefit to the development of the Australian / French research collaboration in Science and Technology and Social Sciences.

Departure is to occur before 31 December 2004.

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

Wednesday 10 November 2004 with the Embassy of France in Australia

#### ***Further information***

<http://www.ambafrance-au.org/science/files/S&T-Invitations.doc>

<http://www.ambafrance-au.org/science/files/SHS-InvitMission.doc>

### **11. Monash Synchrotron Fellowships**

The Monash Centre for Synchrotron Science (MCSS) has been created to encourage and promote cross faculty and interdepartmental research programs in synchrotron related fields at Monash University, prior to the Australian Synchrotron coming on line in 2007.

The Monash Synchrotron Fellowships have been established to attract individuals to undertake synchrotron-based research of international significance. The scheme is open both to experienced synchrotron researchers, as well as those who wish to utilise and develop synchrotron-based science as part of their research.

Each Fellow is expected to promote the use of synchrotrons to others within the university and to foster collaborative and cross-disciplinary research programs. Evidence of a collaborative and cross-disciplinary research record will also be viewed favourably.

#### ***Number of awards***

Up to six (6) awards will be made and each award will be for a three year fixed period. The Synchrotron Fellowships are tenable only at Monash University and it is expected that most of the time will be spent working at Monash, ideally located at the Clayton campus, and collaborating with Synchrotron-based researchers.

#### ***Eligibility***

Applicants should have a PhD and demonstrated excellent research outcomes at international level, or potential to achieve such outcomes. Applications are invited from all medical,

engineering and science disciplines. Applicants are invited to contact the MCSS prior to submitting the application to discuss eligibility requirements.

### **Salary**

Appointments will be offered within the Research Fellow / Senior Research Fellow Level A to C range, currently AUD \$49,525 - \$79,046 per annum. The starting salary will be dependent upon experience, up to a maximum within the appropriate range.

### **Research and travel budget**

In addition, the Fellow will have access to a research and travel budget of up to \$40,000 per annum for synchrotron related research activities, at the discretion of the Director of MCSS.

### **Sponsor**

Applicants should approach potential supervisors and departments within Monash University before applying for the Fellowship, as support from the proposed supervisor and sponsoring school or department is necessary.

### **Further information**

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

### **Submission requirements**

An electronic copy of the application (PDF or Word format) must be emailed to [Nancy.Place@sync.monash.edu.au](mailto:Nancy.Place@sync.monash.edu.au)

A signed original application (in hard copy) must also be sent to:

Ms Nancy Place  
Monash Centre for Synchrotron Science (MCSS)  
PO Box 27  
Monash University 3800

or faxed to (03) 9905 3637

### **Deadline for applications**

Friday, 19 November 2004 with the Monash Centre for Synchrotron Science

## **12. Ray & Joyce Uebergang Foundation: Research Grants**

The Ray & Joyce Uebergang Foundation supports research that will advance Victoria in any one or more public scientific, public educational or other public charitable purpose in particular if the focus is on the Warrnambool area. Priorities include the housing and maintenance of historical records, preservation of flora and fauna, the environment and heritage matters, particularly in the Western District of Victoria.

### **Further information**

Further information is available in hard copy format only from RGEB.

### **Application requirements**

There is no set form of application. Applicants should provide as much information as necessary to support the application but avoid large quantities of material. Please send the original plus two copies to RGEB.

### **Deadline for applications**

Tuesday, 30 November 2004 with RGEB

### 13. Taft Fellowships

The Taft Fellowship has been made possible by the generous gift of Emeritus Professor Ron and Mrs Ellen Taft, who have a long association with Monash University. The purpose of this fellowship is for Monash University to:

- provide an early-career researcher the opportunity to conduct research for three years, of which at least two years in total must be spent at an Israeli university; and
- build sustainable collaboration between Monash and Israeli scholars.

At this stage you are invited to:

- express interest in hosting and supervising a Taft Fellow;
- suggest research programs or disciplines; and
- suggest potential partners in Israel.

#### ***Further information***

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#### ***Deadline for expressions of interest***

Tuesday, 30 November 2004 with RGEB

### 14. The LSB Leakey Foundation: Research Grants

The LSB Leakey Foundation general grants support research into human origins. Advanced doctoral students as well as established scientists are eligible to apply. Priority for funding is given to the exploratory phases of promising new research projects that meet the stated purpose of the Foundation. Recent priorities include research into:

- the environments, archaeology, and human palaeontology of the Miocene, Pliocene, and Pleistocene;
- the behaviour, morphology, and ecology of the great apes and other primate species; and
- the behavioural ecology of contemporary hunter-gatherers.

The funding for doctoral students are between US\$3,000 to US\$12,000 range, however, postdoctoral students and senior scientists may be funded up to US\$20,000.

#### ***Further information***

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

#### ***Application requirements***

Original plus one copy with attachments to RGEB. The relevance of your project to understanding human origins must be explicit throughout your application.

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

Wednesday, 15 December 2004 with RGEB

## **15. Australian Mathematical Sciences Institute (AMSI) and ARC Centre Of Excellence For Mathematics And Statistics of Complex Systems (MASCOS) AMSI / MASCOS Fellowships**

AMSI funds a number of fellowships each year to enable workers in Complex Systems from within Australia to work full-time for a period of up to 3-4 months with MASCOS Chief Investigators and others already employed by MASCOS.

A MASCOS Fellowship provides research-intensive time either as part of or separate from usual outside studies programs. Please note that fellowships are not restricted to staff of university mathematics and statistics departments.

The fellowships are tenable at the site of the Chief Investigator with whom the fellow proposes to collaborate. The MASCOS sites are The University of Melbourne, La Trobe University, ANU, UNSW and The University of Queensland. A flexible financial assistance package will be negotiated with each successful applicant. This may include travel and accommodation costs if the fellow is not already based at one of the MASCOS node universities.

### ***Further information***

[www.complex.org.au](http://www.complex.org.au)

### ***Application requirements***

Applications, including the proposed scientific program, an endorsement from the nominated collaborating Chief Investigator, a CV of the applicant, and a requested budget should be forwarded to:

Professor Garth Gaudry  
Director, AMSI  
111 Barry Street  
C/o The University of Melbourne, Victoria 3010

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

Any time

## **16. 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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## **Part D –Dates and deadlines**

### **November**

#### **Friday, 5 November 2004**

- Deadline to register for MRGS Research Supervisor Training Workshop [item 5]

#### **Wednesday, 10 November 2004**

- Deadline for applications for French Embassy Grants [item 10]

#### **Thursday – Friday, 11-12 November 2004**

- National Committee on Antarctic Research (NCAR) symposium: "The Role of Antarctic Research in Australian Science and Policy Advice" [item 6]

#### **Friday, 12 November 2004**

- FEAST - Marie Curie Seminar [item 7]

#### **Thursday, 18 November 2004**

- Australian Research Council Report-Back Tour [item 8]

#### **Friday, 19 November 2004**

- Deadline for applications for Monash Synchrotron Fellowships [item 11]
- Deadline for applications for French Embassy grants - "Cotutelle" [item 4]

#### **Tuesday, 30 November 2004**

- Deadline for Ray & Joyce Uebergang Foundation Research Grants [item 12]
- Deadline for expressions of interest for Taft Fellowships [item 13]

### **December**

#### **Wednesday, 15 December 2004**

- Deadline for applications for The LSB Leakey Foundation: Research Grants [item 14]