



News Bulletin for Research Staff

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Items for inclusion in this bulletin

Please forward any items to Matt Randall (matt.randall@sci.monash.edu.au).

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

Previous copies of this bulletin

Previous copies are archived on the Faculty of Science website at

<http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/staff/research/index.html>

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Part A – News

1. 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/>

2. 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 2:00 – 5:00 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>

Part B - Events

3. Lunchtime meeting with Professor Max King - increasing our success rate for ARC grants

You are invited to meet with Professor Max King, Pro Vice-Chancellor - Research and Research Training, and other Science researchers to discuss possible means for our faculty and the university to improve our success rate for ARC grant programs.

Professor King aims to increase the number of ARC grant applications for the university while continuing to maintain their quality, noting that if Monash is to join the '100 successful applications club' (of which ANU, Sydney, Melbourne and UNSW are current members) we need at least 312 applications to achieve a success rate of 32%.

Please join us for interesting discussion and a light lunch next week.

Date: **Tuesday, 7 December 2004** from 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Venue: Science Meeting Room, building 19N, Clayton campus

RSVP to Mr Matt Randall by Monday, 6 December 2004 for catering purposes.

4. 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

Part C - Funding opportunities

5. 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

6. Monash University - CSIRO: Collaborative Research Support Scheme

Monash University and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) announce the launch of the Collaborative Research Support Scheme (CRSS) which is jointly funded by the two organisations.

The research project must be of high quality and form part of a recognised or developing research collaboration between Monash University and CSIRO. Preference will be given to applications where at least one of the Principal Investigators from either Monash University or CSIRO has less than 10 years postdoctoral research experience. Multidisciplinary applications are encouraged. The scheme provides seed funding only, not full project support.

(Please note that previous information stated that grants cannot be used for stipends. After further discussion with CSIRO, this restriction has been removed.)

Further information

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

It is expected that up to six (6) awards of up to \$50,000 p.a. will be made in 2005.

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 16 December 2004 with Monash University

7. Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff

Round 1, 2005 for travel between 1 January 2005 and 31 August 2005

Overseas Travel Grants provide support for Faculty of Science academic staff to present papers at international research conferences located overseas. Postdoctoral research fellows may apply for Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants.

Guidelines and application form

<http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/staff/fundingopportunities.html>

Deadline for applications

Wednesday, 22 December 2004 with the Faculty of Science

8. Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants

Round 1, 2005 for travel between 1 January 2005 and 31 August 2005

This is a new scheme that provides support for Faculty of Science postdoctoral research fellows to attend international conferences or to conduct short research visits to other overseas research institutions where such activities can be shown to be of benefit to Monash University. Up to three (3) grants of \$1000 each will be awarded in this round.

Guidelines and application form

<http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/staff/fundingopportunities.html>

Deadline for applications

Wednesday, 22 December 2004 with the Faculty of Science

9. International Polar Year (IPY) activities

The Australian National Committee for Antarctic Research (ANCAR) is inviting expressions of interest for research projects for the International Polar Year activities (March 2007- March 2009). There is no IPY funding, but endorsement from the IPY Joint Committee will provide a high-profile focus for polar research applications made to national funding bodies to support international collaboration.

Guidelines and application form

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

Deadline for Expressions of Interest

Expressions of interest must be emailed to ANCAR IPY by Friday, 7 January 2005 to Kerrie.Bidwell@acecrc.org.au.

10. Monash-King's Conference Grants

The Monash vice-chancellor and principal of King's College London have generously committed funds of \$125,000 and £50,000, respectively, to support five joint conferences over five years. Four of these will be at the Monash Prato Centre in Italy and one at the Monash South African campus in Johannesburg. Departments and schools at King's and Monash are invited to submit joint proposals for a conference in 2006.

Further information, guidelines and application form

<http://www.monash.ac.uk/conferences/kcl-monash-conference-series-grants.html>

Deadline for applications

Friday, 18 March 2005 to the Monash University London Centre (monash@kcl.ac.uk).

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>

Part D –Dates and deadlines

December 2004

Tuesday, 7 December 2004

- Meeting with Professor Max King - increasing our success rate for ARC grants [item 3]

Wednesday, 15 December 2004

- Deadline for applications for The LSB Leakey Foundation: Research Grants [item 5]

Thursday, 16 December 2004

- Deadline for applications for Monash University - CSIRO: Collaborative Research Support Scheme [item 6]

Wednesday, 22 December 2004

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff [item 7]
- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants [item 8]

January 2005

Friday, 7 January 2005

- Deadline for Expressions of Interest for International Polar Year (IPY) activities [item 9]

February 2005

(No events listed yet.)

March 2005

Friday, 18 March 2005

- Deadline for applications for Monash-King's Conference Grants [item 10]