



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

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<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>

3. Student survey into research funding and peer review mechanisms

Ms Karen Mow, a student undertaking a Doctorate in Public Administration at the University of Canberra, requests that researchers who have applied for ARC / NHMRC funding in 2003 complete her survey into research funding and peer review mechanisms. Her project has received relevant ethics clearances, was noted at the Committee of Associate Deans, Research (CADRES) meeting of 6 December 2004, and has the general support of Go8 research office directors.

The survey is online at <http://survey.blis.canberra.edu.au>
The USER ID is - resfund04 and the PASSWORD is - peers

The survey is expected to take between 10 and 15 minutes, and contributions will be anonymous - electronic addresses will not be stored with responses.

Part B - Events

4. Talk by Robyn Williams: “Healthy Cities – Healthy Communities What science and technology can do”

Dr Robyn Williams, presenter of ‘The Science Show’ on ABC Radio National, will be speaking at the end-of-year cocktail party for the Victorian Chapter of the Australasian Research Management Society (ARMS) on the topic “Healthy Cities – Healthy Communities What science and technology can do”.

Date and time

Wednesday, 15 December 2004 at 3:45 pm

Venue

Level 12, Function Room 1, Victoria University, 300 Flinders Street, Melbourne

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5. Conference on ‘Digital Challenges for Universities: Perspectives from the United States’

The ‘Digital Challenges’ program will provide opportunities to meet and interact with leading experts in major American universities on digital developments affecting research, teaching and learning and information policy in universities. Particular emphasis will be placed on strategic planning in the above areas in relation to the convergence and linking of services for effective provision of teaching and research activities, including pedagogical processes.

Participants will be able to interact with US leaders in the strategic planning and implementation of digital activities in teaching and research and information provision and infrastructure. Particular focus will be given to the impact of digital content, for teaching and learning programs, scholarly communication change, library and information developments, information infrastructure convergence, campus networking and security, digital libraries (e-science and e-humanities), electronic publishing, and digital copyright policies.

Date

Sunday, 8 May 2005 - Thursday, 19 May 2005

Venues

Washington DC and Los Angeles, United States of America

Registration

The final date for registration and payment is Friday, 8 April 2005.

Advance Booking Fee: A\$11,750 (+ A\$400 GST), available if registration is lodged and payment in full is completed by Wednesday, 22 December, 2004.

Early Bird Fee: A\$13,250 (+ A\$400 GST), available if registration is lodged and payment in full completed by Friday, 25 February 2005.

Standard Program Fee: A\$14,000 (+ A\$400 GST).

Further information

<http://www.mgtfrontiers.com.au/education/Digital%20Challenges%20for%20Universities.doc>

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6. 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

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. Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account – Recreational Fishing Grant Program 2004/2005

The Department of Primary Industries (DPI) of the Victorian Government works in partnership with the community to manage Victoria's land, water and living resources. A Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account and the Fisheries Revenue Allocation Committee (FRAC), has been established to meet annually to seek proposals for projects that will improve Victoria's recreational fishing.

Funding is available for the purpose of improving recreational fishing in Victoria, in four project categories:

- **Category 1: Recreational fisheries sustainability and habitat improvement (including fish stocking)**

Projects in this category must be designed with the clearly defined objective that will result in the maintenance or improvement of fish stocks or recreational fish catches. Projects that could expect favourable consideration would include habitat improvement programs for recreational species; fish stocking programs for particular species; and development of breeding capacity for specific recreational species.

- **Category 2: Recreational fishing access and facilities**

Projects must meet an identified demand and provide a direct benefit to recreational fishers – not recreational boaters / boating, including providing access to coastal and inland waters; improving facilities in areas of high current or expected demand; and minimising maintenance costs and improving signage.

- **Category 3: Recreational fisheries-related education, information and training**

Projects should be designed to improve the current practices, procedures and experiences of recreational fishers and to preserve the rich heritage of this recreational pursuit. Projects that could expect favourable consideration would include development of educational programs designed to promote recreational fishing; preservation of angling history; and assessment of new techniques for fishing and transfer of information to recreational fishers.

- **Category 4: Recreational fisheries research**

Projects for inclusion in the research category must be designed to provide practical knowledge to enable better management of recreational target fish species in Victorian waters. Projects will typically be funded for one to three years. Research projects will be expected to have fisheries research professionals or principal investigators. Projects that could expect favourable consideration would include research on biology and habitat use of recreational fish species; research on response to, and impacts of fishing on recreational fish species; evaluation of the success of fish habitat improvement programs; evaluation of specific recreational fish stocking programs; investigations of the impacts of environmental factors on recreational fisheries; and research on the human-dimension of recreational fisheries.

Further information, guidelines and application form

<http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/dpi/>

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Facsimile: (03) 9658 4380
Email: Robert.krix@dpi.vic.gov.au

Deadline for applications

- Friday, 14 January 2005 for applications for fish stocking projects
- Monday, 28 February 2005 for applications for other projects

11. 2005 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (GBRMPA) Science For Management Awards

The Science for Management Awards are intended to assist the research projects of students working towards a doctorate or masters degree, which make a contribution to the management of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park. The Authority will therefore consider applications from a variety of disciplines. Studies may involve any aspect of the physical, biological or social, cultural and economic environments of the Great Barrier Reef.

Applicants should already be supported by their administering institution for basic expenses and have access to general equipment, library, laboratory and computing facilities for the research. Grants are usually in order of between \$1000 and \$2,000 (including GST).

Further information, guidelines and application form

http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp_site/info_services/science/grants/index.html

Applicants are encouraged to review the GBRMPA's research priorities at http://www.gbrmpa.gov.au/corp_site/info_services/science/research_priorities/index.html and to discuss their research with GBRMPA staff (contact Rory Hutchings as below).

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Deadline for applications

Monday, 31 January 2005 with the GBRMPA

12. 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).

13. Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2006

Australian applications for the Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2006 are now open. This is a worldwide philanthropic program that recognises the spirit of enterprise in visionary individuals, providing financial support and recognition for projects that advance human knowledge and well-being.

The Awards are presented every two years in five areas:

- Science and Medicine;
- Technology and Innovation;
- Exploration and Discovery;
- The Environment; and
- Cultural Heritage.

A project may be submitted in almost any field of endeavour, provided it contributes to the betterment of humankind. Anyone of any age, from any country is eligible to apply.

Further information, guidelines, and application form

<http://www.rolexawards.com>

Deadline for applications

Tuesday, 31 May 2005 with the Secretariat, Rolex Awards for Enterprise

14. 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

Wednesday, 15 December 2004

- Talk by Robyn Williams: “Healthy Cities – Healthy Communities What science and technology can do” [item 4]

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]

Friday, 14 January 2005

- Deadline for applications for Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account – Recreational Fishing Grant Program 2004/2005 - fish stocking projects [item 10]

Monday, 31 January 2005

- Deadline for applications for 2005 Great Barrier Reef Marine Park (GBRMPA) Science For Management Awards [item 11]

February 2005

Monday, 28 February 2005

- Deadline for applications for Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account – Recreational Fishing Grant Program 2004/2005 – other projects [item 10]

March 2005

Friday, 18 March 2005

- Deadline for applications for Monash-King's Conference Grants [item 12]

April

(No events listed yet.)

May

Sunday, 8 May 2005 - Thursday, 19 May 2005

- Conference on ‘Digital Challenges for Universities: Perspectives from the United States’ [item 5]

Tuesday, 31 May 2005

- Deadline for applications for Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2006 [item 13]