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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.

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PART A – NEWS

1. New name for the Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEB)

The Research Grants and Ethics Branch (RGEB) will be known as the Research Office as from February 2005, although a formal announcement has yet to be made.

2. New Research Office cover sheet for research funding applications

Ms Gwyn Morgan (Research Coordinator for Science, Information Technology and Engineering, Research Office) has advised that the Research Office has released a new cover sheet for research funding applications (including grants), contracts and donations. Research funds will not be created unless this cover sheet is completed and signed by all relevant persons.

The new cover sheet may be accessed from
www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/general/coversh.html

For ARC applications, the Research Office also requires the RO Certification Page for ARC Discovery-Project grants, to be found on the same web page. This page has been updated to remove duplication of information, but the old form will still be accepted. Please note that both the RO Cover Sheet and the RO DP Certification Page are still required.

3. Special Research Initiatives for e-Research Support

The Australian Research Council (ARC) is inviting applications under the Special Research Initiatives for e-Research Support for funding to commence in 2005. This scheme aims to foster both new and existing collaborative efforts across disciplines and institutions for the open exchange of information and sharing of resources, making better use of existing information and communications technology (ICT) infrastructure.

→ Please see **item 16** in this bulletin for further information.

4. ARC Linkage—Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) 2006

The Research Office advises that the next round of LIEF is imminent. Guidelines and a deadline are not yet available, but there will probably be a deadline for Expressions of Interest in mid-February 2005.

5. Research Supervisor Training Program – possible faculty workshop

Staff members undertaking the Research Supervisor Training Program (see www.monash.edu.au/phdschol/forms/trainprog.html) who have attended a Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) Research Supervisor Training Workshop and need to complete the second half of Modules 5, 7 and 8 in order to complete the program (and be accredited as main supervisors of doctoral students) are asked to register their interest in a possible faculty workshop to Matt Randall (matt.randall@sci.monash.edu.au).

6. Changes to Cancer Council grants

The Cancer Council Victoria, other state cancer councils, and the National Breast Cancer Foundation have agreed that commencing in 2005, all cancer research grant applications will be assessed and ranked via the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Project Grant process.

Further information

Cancer Council of Victoria: Victorian Research Grants-in-aid and Multi-State Research Grants
www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/grants/accvrg.html

National Breast Cancer Foundation: Kathleen Cuningham Research Grants 2006
www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/grants/nbcfk.html

PART B - EVENTS

7. Faculty of Science meeting to discuss ARC Linkage - Project grant applications 2005

Researchers in the Faculty of Science who are interested in applying for ARC Linkage - Project grants in 2005 are invited to an informal meeting / discussion with Professor Margaret Clayton, Associate Dean (Research) and Mr Graham Thurston, Faculty Business Development Manager. The meeting is aimed at researchers who may require some assistance or advice with the process of identifying research partners.

Date: Wednesday, 16 February 2005 at 11:00 am

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

8. 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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9. Research Office 'What's coming up?' web page

The Research Office maintains a page of upcoming news and events for researchers at www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/general/latestnews/index.html

PART C - FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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. **[This category has now closed.]**

- **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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Deadline for applications

Monday, 28 February 2005 with the Department of Primary Industries (DPI)

11. Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery - Projects 2006

Faculty of Science guidelines for prospective applicants are available on the faculty website at

www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/arcdiscovery.html

Upcoming deadlines:

- **Friday, 4 February 2005** Research Office deadline for draft applications
- **Monday, 14 February 2005** Research Office deadline for receipt of complete applications
- **Friday, 4 March 2004** ARC deadline for receipt of final applications

12. DEST: French Australian Science and Technology Programme (FAST) - Calls for Proposals 2005

The FAST Programme promotes and supports scientific and technological co-operation between Australian and French researchers in both public and private sectors. FAST will provide financial assistance, on a competitive basis, for small, strategically focussed workshops and for collaborative research projects in leading edge areas of research.

The Department of Education, Science and Technology (DEST) administers and provides funds towards this scheme and intend to release new programme guidelines (with a few changes) next week.

Further information, guidelines and application form

www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/grants/fastprog.html

Deadline for applications

Friday, 25 February 2005 with DEST

13. ARC Linkage-International Fellowships (for 2006)

The ARC Linkage-International Programme provides funds under international agreements for the reciprocal exchange of researchers between Australian research institutions and centres of research excellence overseas and by funding extended collaborations.

Deadline for applications

- **Fellows:** Tuesday, 8 March 2005 with the Research Office
- **Awards** (submitted in 2005): Year round applications accepted

Further information and guidelines

www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/arc/arclinkint.html

14. Monash-King's Conference Grants

The Monash vice-chancellor and principal of King's College London have 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).

15. Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)

The HFSP supports international collaborations in basic research focused on complex mechanisms of living organisms. The NHMRC will contribute approximately \$670,000 in 2004/05 to support HFSP programs with annual budget of about \$70 million.

Particular emphasis is placed on:

- bringing scientists together from a range of fields such as physics, mathematics, chemistry, computer science, bioinformatics, nanoscience and engineering together with biologists; and
- supporting novel, innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to understanding complex biological systems; and supporting scientists early in their careers.

There is a current call for Research grants and two types are available:

Young Investigators' Grants - for teams of scientists who are all within 5 years of establishing an independent laboratory and within 10 years of obtaining their PhDs.

Program Grants - for independent scientists at all stages of their careers, although the participation of younger scientists is especially encouraged.

Please note that Australian researchers can apply as Principal Applicants on Research Grants under this Program as of 2005.

Deadline to register for a password

Monday, 21 March 2005

Deadline for Letter of Intent

Thursday, 31 March 2005

Further information

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research/general/hfsp.htm>

<http://www.hfsp.org/home.php>

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Deadline for applications

Monday, 14 March 2005 with the Research Office

Further information

<http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/arc/e-research.html>

17. The Cancer Council Victoria: Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships Commencing Mid 2005

The Cancer Council Victoria is offering two fellowships as a way of providing research assistance to Victorian PhD students at the time of thesis submission. A strong case must be made to continue in the present project group for a further year.

Benefits

The fellowships are offered for one year, and will be paid to the host institute at the NHMRC Personnel Support Package (PSP) Level 3 rate of \$61,000 per annum. The PSP covers all salary and salary on-costs (for example, payroll tax, worker's compensation, leave loading, compulsory and contributory superannuation) as well as some additional support for minor operational maintenance, such as postage, phone / fax, printing, stationery, and computer hardware.

Eligibility

Applicants must have submitted their thesis between 1 October 2004 and 31 March 2005

Deadline for applications

Monday, 4 April 2005 (5:00 pm) with the Cancer Council Victoria

Further information, guidelines and application form

www.cancervic.org.au/cancer1/sub_research.htm

18. Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2006

Australian applications for the Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2006 are 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

www.rolexawards.com

Deadline for applications

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

19. Research Office funding opportunities web page

The Research Office maintains monthly lists of research grant funding opportunities on its website at www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/indexes/rgmonth.html

PART D –DATES AND DEADLINES

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Friday, 25 February 2005

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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, 4 March 2005

- Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery - Projects 2006: ARC deadline for receipt of final applications [item 11]

Tuesday, 8 March 2005

- Deadline for applications for ARC Linkage-International Fellowships (for 2006) [item 13]

Monday, 14 March 2005

- Special Research Initiatives for e-Research Support: deadline for applications with the Research Office [item 16]

Friday, 18 March 2005

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Monday, 21 March 2005

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Thursday, 31 March 2005

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April 2005

Monday, 4 April 2005

- Deadline for applications for The Cancer Council Victoria: Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships Commencing Mid 2005 [item 17]

May 2005

Sunday, 8 May 2005 - Thursday, 19 May 2005

- Conference on 'Digital Challenges for Universities: Perspectives from the United States' [item 8]

Tuesday, 31 May 2005

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