



## News Bulletin for Research Staff

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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 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](http://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. Research Office Presence at Caulfield Campus**

The Research Office is establishing a presence at the Caulfield Campus on a weekly basis, in Building A, Level 1, Room 19 (A1.19).

Every Wednesday afternoon from 2 pm, two staff members from the Research Office (on rotational roster) will be available to assist you in matters pertaining to Research, including:

- How to get an ARC grant
- How to get a NHMRC grant
- How to get state or international funding
- Human Ethics obligations
- Animal Ethics obligations
- Monash University Research Data (MURD) - including weekly on-site support for the ResearchMaster database

### **4. 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 15** in this bulletin for further information.

### **5. 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 late-February 2005.

## **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](http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/grants/accvrg.html)

National Breast Cancer Foundation: Kathleen Cuninghame Research Grants 2006  
[www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/grants/nbcfkc.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/grants/nbcfkc.html)

## **PART B - EVENTS**

### **7. Monash Research Graduate School Induction Forum**

The Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) is holding an Induction Forum for new or recently appointed graduate studies coordinators, postgraduate research administrators and research supervisors. A light finger food luncheon will be provided.

#### ***Date and time***

Wednesday, 23 February 2005 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm

#### ***Venue***

Room 365, Level 3, Building 11 (Menziess), Clayton campus.

#### ***RSVP***

[Anna.Hussar@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:Anna.Hussar@adm.monash.edu.au) by Friday, 18 February 2005.

### **8. 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](http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/general/latestnews/index.html)

## **PART C - FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **9. 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)

## **10. 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](http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/arcdiscovery.html)

**Upcoming deadlines:**

- **Friday, 4 March 2004** ARC deadline for receipt of final applications

## **11. 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](http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/grants/fastprog.html)

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

Friday, 25 February 2005 with DEST

## **12. 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](http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/arc/arclinkint.html)

## **13. 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](mailto:monash@kcl.ac.uk)).

## 14. 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>

## 15. 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 ICT infrastructure.

***Deadline for applications***

Monday, 14 March 2005 with the Research Office

***Further information***

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

## **16. 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](http://www.cancervic.org.au/cancer1/sub_research.htm)

## **17. Australian Flora Foundation (AFF): Research Grants**

The Australian Flora Foundation (AFF) is inviting applications for grants to support original scientific research on the biology and cultivation of Australian plants, commencing from December 2005. The Foundation expects to support between two (2) and four (4) projects at \$5,000 - \$12,000 each in 2006 with possible extension into 2007.

The AFF will consider all relevant applications, with special interest in the following categories:

### **General**

- Conservation of Australian plant diversity;
- Plant species with potential for cultivation;
- Cultivation of Australian plants; and
- Rare and endangered plants.

### **Targeted areas**

- Projects that address aspects of dryland salinity or mycorrhizal associations of WA *Fabaceae*.

### ***Deadline for Expressions of Interest (EOI)***

Monday, 4 April 2005 with the Australian Flora Foundation (AFF). Full Applications are due by mid June 2005.

Full applications will be invited from those which best fit the AFF criteria. An EOI is to be submitted electronically as an email attachment to [richard.williams@uq.edu.au](mailto:richard.williams@uq.edu.au).

### ***Further information, guidelines and application form***

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

## **18. Victoria Prize and Fellowships 2005**

Do you know of a Victorian leading scientist, engineer or innovator whose work deserves rewarding? Are you a young scientist, engineer or innovator working in research? Need to advance your ideas and contacts?

The Victorian Government's annual prestigious Victoria Prize and Fellowships are now open.

Totalling over \$250,000, the Victoria Prize and Fellowships are one of Australia's most valuable innovation awards and are designed to reward excellence and encourage research, development and commercialisation.

### ***Eligibility***

Applications are open to any young researcher working in private enterprise or research institutions.

### ***About the awards and fellowships***

- \$50,000 Victoria Prizes: for a leading scientist or engineer whose groundbreaking discovery or innovation is advancing knowledge and has the clear potential to be commercialised.
- \$18,000 Victoria Fellowships: to enable young researchers and innovators to travel overseas on a short-term study mission to pursue specialist training or to develop a commercial idea.

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

Thursday, 7 April 2005 with the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development. It is anticipated that the winners will be publicly announced in August 2005.

### ***Further information, guidelines and application form***

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

## **19. Australian Research Council (ARC): Linkage Projects 2006**

The objectives of the ARC Linkage–Projects are to:

- Encourage and develop long-term strategic research alliances between higher education institutions and other organisations, including within industry in order to apply advanced knowledge to problems, or to provide opportunities to obtain national economic or social benefits.
- Enhance the scale and focus of research in Designated National Research Priorities and associated Priority Goals.
- Foster opportunities for postdoctoral researchers to pursue internationally competitive research in collaboration with industry, targeting those who have demonstrated a clear commitment to high quality research;
- Provide industry-oriented research training to prepare high-calibre postgraduate research students; and
- Produce a national pool of world-class researchers to meet the needs Australian industry.

## ***Deadline for applications***

### **Round 1**

- Thursday, 24 March 2005: deadline for requests for eligibility and exemption with the ARC
- Friday, 22 April 2005: deadline for full applications with the Research Office
- Friday, 6 May 2005: deadline for full applications with the ARC

### **Round 2**

- Friday, 14 October 2005: deadline for requests for eligibility and exemption with the ARC
- Monday, 14 November 2005: deadline for full applications with the Research Office
- Friday, 25 November 2005: deadline for full applications with the ARC

### ***Further information***

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

## **20. 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](http://www.rolexawards.com)

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

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

## **21. 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](http://www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/indexes/rgmonth.html)

## **PART D –DATES AND DEADLINES**

### **February 2005**

#### **Friday, 25 February 2005**

- DEST: French Australian Science and Technology Programme (FAST) - Calls for Proposals 2005 [item 11]

#### **Monday, 28 February 2005**

- Deadline for applications for Recreational Fishing Licence (RFL) Trust Account – Recreational Fishing Grant Program 2004/2005 – other projects [item 9]

### **March 2005**

#### **Friday, 4 March 2005**

- Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery - Projects 2006: ARC deadline for receipt of final applications [item 10]

#### **Tuesday, 8 March 2005**

- Deadline for applications for ARC Linkage-International Fellowships (for 2006) [item 12]

#### **Monday, 14 March 2005**

- Special Research Initiatives for e-Research Support: deadline for applications with the Research Office [item 15]

#### **Friday, 18 March 2005**

- Deadline for applications for Monash-King's Conference Grants [item 13]

#### **Monday, 21 March 2005**

- Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP): deadline to register for a password [item 14]

#### **Thursday, 24 March 2005**

- Australian Research Council (ARC): Linkage Projects 2006 (Round 1 of 2005): deadline for requests for eligibility and exemption with the ARC [item 19]

#### **Thursday, 31 March 2005**

- Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP): deadline for Letter of Intent [item 14]

### **April 2005**

#### **Monday, 4 April 2005**

- Deadline for Expressions of Interest for Australian Flora Foundation (AFF) research grants [item 17]
- Deadline for applications for The Cancer Council Victoria: Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships Commencing Mid 2005 [item 16]

#### **Thursday, 7 April 2005**

- Deadline for nominations for Victoria Prize and Fellowships 2005 [item 18]

#### **Friday, 22 April 2005**

- Australian Research Council (ARC): Linkage Projects 2006 (round 1 of 2005): deadline for full applications with the Research Office [item 19]

## **May 2005**

### **Friday, 6 May 2005**

- Australian Research Council (ARC): Linkage Projects 2006 (Round 1 of 2005): deadline for full applications with the ARC [item 19]

### **Tuesday, 31 May 2005**

- Deadline for applications for Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2006 [item 20]

## **June 2005**

(No entries.)

## **July 2005**

(No entries.)

## **August 2005**

(No entries.)

## **September 2005**

(No entries.)

## **October 2005**

### **Friday, 14 October 2005**

- Australian Research Council (ARC): Linkage Projects 2006 (Round 2 of 2005): deadline for requests for eligibility and exemption with the ARC [item 19]

## **November 2005**

### **Monday, 14 November 2005**

- Australian Research Council (ARC): Linkage Projects 2006 (round 2 of 2005): deadline for full applications with the Research Office [item 19]

### **Friday, 25 November 2005**

- Australian Research Council (ARC): Linkage Projects 2006 (Round 2 of 2005): deadline for full applications with the ARC [item 19]

## **December 2005**

(No entries.)