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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 Monash University Human Ethics website

The Research Office has advised that the new Human ethics website has been released. Visit www.monash.edu.au/research/ethics/human/index.html

2. United Kingdom (UK) Cabinet Office Researcher Database

The University of Manchester is compiling a database of researchers who might be interested in being approached by UK government departments to respond to tenders. The database will be used only by UK government departments and only for this purpose. Researchers who would like to be listed in the database should visit www.ccsr.ac.uk/methods/researchers/.

3. Standing Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Inquiry

The House of Representatives Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Committee is inquiring into rural skills training, research and extension. The committee will examine:

- The availability and adequacy of education and research services in the agriculture sector;
- The skills needs of agricultural industries in Australia;
- The provision of extension and advisory services to agricultural industries, including links and coordination between education, research and extension; and
- The role of the Australian government in supporting education, research and advisory programs to support the viability and sustainability of Australian agriculture.

Deadline for submissions

Written submissions are invited from persons and organisations with an interest or expertise in any of these matters should be emailed to aff.reps@aph.gov.au by Thursday, 19 May 2005.

Further information

www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/primind/

PART B - EVENTS

4. 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

5. Monash North America – Research and Travel Grants

The Monash University North America Steering Group is offering support in the following areas:

- Collaborative research funding
- Academic staff travel grants
- Monash North America fellowships
- Postgraduate travel grants

1. Collaborative research funding

The North America Steering Group has set aside AU\$120,000 in 2005 to support major collaborative research projects between Monash and North American universities.

Proposals must:

- Strengthen cooperative links with partner institutions on an ongoing basis and/or draw upon North American sources of research funding ie. NIH, NSF, NOAA;
- Involve collaboration with one or more North American institutions. Priority will be given to projects involving current or proposed Preferred Partners; however, meritorious projects which may lead to the development of a broad research-focussed partnership with another distinguished North American university will also be considered; and
- Assist in raising the research profile of Monash University within North America

Deadline for proposals

Friday, 29 April 2005 (email to Ms Helen Fletcher-Kennedy at Helen.Fletcher-Kennedy@monint.monash.edu)

Further information

www.monash.edu.au/international/oid/matw/nam-restravgrants.html

2. Academic staff travel grants

Limited funding is available to provide top-up travel funds to support academic staff travelling to North America, as part of an OSP program or to attend a conference, to enable a visit to one or more partner or potential partner institutions, with the explicit aim of developing new or strengthening existing relationships.

Deadline for applications

Friday, 29 April 2005 (email to Ms Helen Fletcher-Kennedy at Helen.Fletcher-Kennedy@monint.monash.edu)

Further information

www.monash.edu.au/international/oid/matw/nam-restravgrants.html

3. Monash North America fellowships

Funding is available for four fellowships of up to AU\$12000 in 2005.

Deadline for applications / further information

Open – see www.monash.edu.au/international/oid/matw/nam-fellowships.html

4. Postgraduate travel grants

Five awards of AU\$3000 are available to assist currently enrolled, Monash postgraduate research students to work with researchers at any of the Monash partner or potential partner institutions in North America.

Students must have a recommendation from their supervisor to be eligible.

6. 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

7. Australian Academy of Science: International Scientific Collaborations Program - Scientific Visits to Europe, North America and North East Asia

The Australian Academy of Science is inviting applications from professional scientists to visit Europe, North America (USA, Canada and Mexico), and North East Asia (China, Japan, Korea and Taiwan), between 1 July 2006 and 30 June 2007 to collaborate with researchers in those countries. Proposals in any field of natural science, basic and applied, including mathematics and engineering science, will be considered.

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 16 June 2005 with the Research Office

Further information

www.monash.edu.au/resgrant/grantinfo/digest/awardfel/aasscivisits.html

8. Monash Fellowships

Monash University has established the Monash Fellowships to attract internationally competitive researchers to undertake research of national and international significance (including young researchers from overseas with great future potential) and provide them with the best possible environment to establish a productive laboratory or other research team and to foster collaborations.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from researchers outside Monash University, in any discipline, with normally not less than two and not more than eight years of post-doctoral research experience as at 1 September 2005, calculated from the date of submission of PhD thesis, and with demonstrated research outcomes at international level. The Fellowships are tenable only at Monash University and it is expected that most of the time will be spent at the relevant Monash department / centre.

Funding

Following a Monash-conducted competitive process, up to four successful applicants will be awarded up to \$140,000 per annum (comprising a salary in the Research Fellow Level B range - including on-costs - plus a research support grant of up to \$50,000 per annum) for 5 years. Any Fellow who subsequently secures externally funded salary support would retain a research support grant of up to \$50,000 per annum for the remainder term of the fellowship. The Fellow's Faculty/Department/School is responsible for providing accommodation and access to facilities and services necessary for the Fellow's research program.

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 30 June 2005 with the Research Office.

Further information

www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/monash/monash-fellowships.html

9. 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 –AWARDS AND PRIZES

(No entries.)

PART E –DATES AND DEADLINES

April 2005

Friday, 29 April 2005

- Deadline for applications for Monash North America – Research and Travel Grants [item 5]

May 2005

Tuesday, 31 May 2005

- Deadline for applications for Rolex Awards for Enterprise 2006 [item 6]

June 2005

Thursday, 16 June 2005

- Deadline for applications for Australian Academy of Science: International Scientific Collaborations Program - Scientific Visits to Europe, North America and North East Asia [item 7]

Thursday, 30 June 2005

- Deadline for applications for Monash Fellowships [item 8]

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

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.

December 2005

(No entries.)