



Faculty of Science 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. ARC College of Experts: appointments for 2006

The ARC is calling for nominations from suitably qualified individuals to join its College of Experts in 2006. The areas of expertise that the ARC will be targeting in its recommendations for new appointments include (from a more detailed list) **marine ecology; environmental sciences; experimental atomic and molecular physics; sedimentology, oceanography, and geophysics**. Potential nominees may wish to contact the relevant Executive Director if they have any questions about the areas of expertise being targeted.

Nomination form

<https://gams.arc.gov.au/CoEnominations>

Deadline for nominations

Friday, 16 September 2005 with the ARC

Further information

[ARC, ARC College of Experts](#)

[ARC, ARC Information Kit for Nominations for Appointments for 2006](#)

[Research Office, ARC College of Experts Expertise sought under appointments for 2006](#)

2. Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) mock advisory panel

The MRGS is holding a mock advisory panel for intending supervisors of doctoral students who need to complete the second half of module 8 in the Research Supervisor Training Program. The total number of attendees will be 50. There is no cost for this seminar.

Date

Wednesday, 14 September 2005

Registration

A registration form is available from Ms Ruth Farr at the MRGS:

Telephone: (03) 990 52041

Email: Ruth.Farr@adm.monash.edu.au

3. Serbian request for help with research proposal assessment

The ARC has received a request from the Serbian Ministry of Science and Environmental Protection via the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) seeking Australian help with international peer-review assessment for research proposals. The application round in all disciplines is underway with projects planned to commence on 1 January 2006. The peer-reviewing period is planned for September 2005. If you are interested in providing assistance or would like more information, please contact:

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4. Research Office Weekly

The Research Office maintains a page of upcoming news and events for researchers at: www.monash.edu.au/research/contacts/research-office/weekly/thisweek.html

PART B - EVENTS

5. Science information sessions on applying for postgraduate research scholarships

Dr Tony Patti, Associate Dean (Graduate Studies) of the Faculty of Science, will give an outline of the scholarships on offer, and run attendees through the scholarship selection criteria and procedures. Tony will be able to provide advice on what the university looks for in an application and how applicants can maximise their chances of success.

Date and times

Tuesday, 16 August 2005 [please note the change in date from 18 August 2005]

- Afternoon session: 1:00 - 2:00 pm, Theatre S12, Building 25, Clayton campus
- Evening session: 6:00 – 7:00 pm, Theatre S9, Building 25, Clayton campus

Further information

www.sci.monash.edu.au/postgrad/2005seminars.html

Bookings

Bookings can be made by emailing matt.randall@sci.monash.edu.au

6. Research Quality Framework Forums

The Australian Government is committed to introducing a new quality-based assessment of research. It is likely that the so-called Research Quality Framework (RQF) will have many elements in common with the UK's Research Assessment Exercise (RAE). (For details of the Faculty of Science response to the proposed RQF, see the agendas and minutes from meetings of [the Faculty Research Committee](#) (FRC) held in 2005.)

With this in mind an open forum session for all staff will be held with Dr Robin Jackson, Regional Consultant, London, HEFCE (UK equivalent to DEST) and Nicola Sainsbury, Senior Assistant Registrar (Quality Assurance, King's College London), providing an overview of the RQF and the strategies used by UK universities to thrive within the RAE framework.

Date

Tuesday, 23 August 2005 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue

Bayview Conference Centre, Clayton

Further information / registration

www.monash.edu.au/research/quality

7. 2005 PhD Commercialisation Retreat

Due to the success of last year's inaugural event, Monash Commercial is once again coordinating a PhD student retreat on commercialisation. All PhD students at Monash University are welcome to attend.

Students will improve their understanding of areas such as commercialisation, intellectual property and patents, the role and use of business plans, the importance of confidentiality, ethical issues surrounding commercialisation and the role of Monash Commercial.

Dates

Monday, 29 August 2005 – Tuesday, 30 August 2005

Venue

Colonnades Conference Centre, Phillip Island, Victoria

Registration fee

The all inclusive registration fee is \$80, but places are strictly limited

Further information / registration

www.monashcommercial.com/news/articles/phd-retreat.html

8. Taiwan Nano Tech 2005

Taiwan Nano Tech will bring together government, academic and industry leaders to showcase the Taiwan's burgeoning nanotechnology industry to the world. The week will feature six dedicated events addressing nanotechnology policy and management in Taiwan, business-matching opportunities between foreign and Taiwanese organisations, and academic symposiums on various aspects of nanoscience.

Dates

Wednesday – Sunday, 21 - 25 September 2005

Further information

www.taipeitradeshows.com.tw/nano/general.htm

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. Collier Charitable Fund Equipment Grants for Research and Teaching

The Collier Charitable Fund offers up to \$2500 towards the purchase of each item of equipment for research and teaching purposes. The amount requested from Collier Charitable Fund must be supported at the minimum, by matching faculty or department financial contributions towards the cost of the equipment.

Deadline for applications

Monday, 15 August 2005 with the Faculty of Science office

Further information

www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/other/collierfund-grants.html

11. The CASS Foundation Limited Postdoctoral Travel Grants

In order to further the career opportunities for Australian Post-Doctoral researchers, The CASS Foundation Limited is continuing its travel grants scheme, which will be offered in 2005. The Travel Grants of up to \$5000 each, are awarded to postdoctoral researchers, (or equivalent) to travel overseas for a conference or to extend a funded travel grant. No applicant may be awarded more than one CASS travel grant in a calendar year.

Deadline for applications

Tuesday, 23 August 2005 with the Research Office

Further information

www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/other/cassfoundation-travel.html

12. Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff (Round 2/2005)

Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff provide support for Faculty of Science academic staff to present papers at international research conferences located overseas. Up to \$1200 will be awarded to each successful applicant.

Deadline for applications

Friday, 26 August 2005 with the Faculty of Science office

Further information and application form

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

13. Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants (Round 2/2005)

Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants provide 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.

Deadline for applications

Friday, 26 August 2005 with the Faculty of Science office

Further information and application form

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

14. Faculty of Science Linkage – Project Application Support (LPAS) scheme

The Faculty of Science Linkage - Project Application Support (LPAS) scheme is aimed at assisting staff members in the preparation of applications for ARC Linkage – Projects and thereby increasing the number of applications and improving the success rate. Up to five (5) grants of up to \$10,000 each to support the process of preparing an application for an ARC Linkage - Project grant during the six months leading up to the submission date.

Further information / application form

<http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/lpas/>

Deadline for applications

Wednesday, 31 August 2005 with the Faculty of Science office

15. ARC Federation Fellowships 2006

ARC Federation Fellowships are for outstanding internationally renowned researchers in any discipline, with leadership skills and experience in building research capacity, who propose ground-breaking research programs which are likely to deliver significant economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits to Australia.

Federation Fellows will receive a salary of \$A246,290 per annum (2005 dollars) plus 26 per cent on-costs. In addition to salary support, the ARC may provide some successful applicants with a start-up project grant of up to \$400,000.

Further information

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/arc-arc-federationfellowships.html>

Deadlines for applications

- Research Office: Thursday, 1 September 2005 (Draft applications)
- Research Office: Friday, 30 September 2005 (final applications)
- [ARC: Friday, 14 October 2005]

16. 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

17. Australian Academy of Science Awards for scientific excellence for junior and senior researchers

The Australian Academy of Science is a private organisation of some 380 of Australia's leading research scientists, elected for their personal contributions to science. The Academy recognises research excellence by conferring medals and awards on younger scientists and recognises lifetime contributions to specific disciplines by more senior scientists. You are invited to nominate candidates for the prestigious awards of the Australian Academy of Science.

Deadline for nominations

Tuesday, 30 August 2005 with the Australian Academy of Science

Further information

www.science.org.au/awards

PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES

August 2005

Monday, 15 August 2005

- Deadline for applications for Collier Charitable Fund Equipment Grants for Research and Teaching [item 10]

Tuesday, 16 August 2005

- Science information sessions on applying for postgraduate research scholarships [item 5]

Tuesday, 23 August 2005

- Research Quality Framework Forums [item 6]
- Deadline for applications for The CASS Foundation Limited Postdoctoral Travel Grants [item 11]

Friday, 26 August 2005

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff (Round 2/2005) [item 12]
- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants (Round 2/2005) [item 13]

Monday, 29 August 2005 – Tuesday, 30 August 2005

- 2005 PhD Commercialisation Retreat [item 7]

Tuesday, 30 August 2005

- Deadline for nominations for Australian Academy of Science Awards for scientific excellence for junior and senior researchers [item 17]

Wednesday, 31 August 2005

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Linkage – Project Application Support (LPAS) scheme [item 14]

September 2005

Thursday, 1 September 2005

- Deadline for draft applications for ARC Federation Fellowships with the Research Office [item 15]

Wednesday, 14 September 2005

- MRGS mock advisory panel for intending supervisors of doctoral students [item 2]

Friday, 16 September 2005

- Deadline for nominations for ARC College of Experts: appointments for 2006 [item 1]

Friday, 30 September 2005

- Deadline for final applications for ARC Federation Fellowships with the Research Office [item 15]

October 2005

Friday, 14 October 2005

- Deadline for final applications for ARC Federation Fellowships with the ARC [item 15]
- 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.)