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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. Research Web Site User On line Survey

The Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) and Marketing and Public Affairs (MAPA) are currently undertaking a redevelopment of the Research web site. Before the design phase begins, we would like to know what you think about the current website. The current site can be viewed at www.monash.edu.au/research.

Please complete a short survey before **Friday, 26 August 2005** to ensure your thoughts and comments are included in the development process. Information reported from this survey will not be made available in any form that would allow your individual responses to be identified. The survey can be accessed at www.monash.edu.au/research/usersurvey.html.

2. ARC College of Experts: appointments for 2006

Please note that the information below has been amended since the last News Bulletin.

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 process (as advised by the Research Office)

Written nominations (in the form of a brief expression of interest) should be submitted to Ms Prisca Cradick (Grants Officer) at the Research Office by **31 August 2005**. Each nomination should include a brief statement of the nominee's expertise, suitability for and interest in serving as a member of the College of Experts. Self-nominations as well as nominations by the Dean, Associate Dean (Research) and / or Head of School are acceptable. Shortly thereafter, the Research Office will notify the nominees who should proceed to complete the online application form (to be accompanied by a hard copy). The Monash Research Fund (MRF) will support 20 per cent of the panel member's salary, to be paid to the school.

Deadline for nominations

Wednesday, 31 August 2005 with the Research Office

Further information

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

[ARC, ARC College of Experts](#)

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

3. 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

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. 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

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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]

12. DEST International Science Linkages (ISL) Programme

The International Science Linkages programme supports Australian scientists, from both the public and private sectors, to collaborate with international partners on leading edge science and technology in order to contribute to Australia's economic, social and environmental wellbeing. A total of \$2.5 million is available for this round.

Deadline for applications

Friday, 9 September 2005 with DEST

Further information

<https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/isl/Pages/Home.aspx>

13. AINSE Award Application 2006

The Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) provides funds to assist researchers from member universities to gain access to ANSTO and other AINSE facilities. Awards are awarded for one year commencing in January.

Deadlines for applications

Thursday, 15 September 2005 with AINSE (online application)

Further information / application form

www.ansto.gov.au/ainse/2006grant/grant.htm

14. NHMRC Equipment Grant scheme 2005

The NHMRC has advised that a sum of \$789,836 has been allocated to Monash University as equipment grants for 2005. This amount has been calculated by allocating funds pro rata to the NHMRC health and medical research grants held by Monash University in 2005.

The following factors should be taken into consideration when making decisions on the equipment to be supported:

The equipment should support highest quality research health and medical research, as supported by the NHMRC (or other competitive grant support); Lack of access to similar equipment in the institution or region and; Collaborative gain through use of the equipment, e.g. - multi-user equipment which crosses disciplines, research groups and departments.

Note: If an item of equipment has been purchased in 2005, this Equipment Grant may be used as reimbursement for this purchase, but receipts must be provided. Final acquittal of funds is due by 30 June 2006 at NHMRC.

Deadline for applications

Monday, 24 October 2005 with the Faculty of Science office

Further information and application form

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

15. 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

16. 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

17. B-HERT Awards

The Business / Higher Education Round Table (B-HERT) aims to pursue initiatives that will advance the goals and improve the performance of both business and higher education for the benefit of Australian society. Applications are closing soon for the 2005 B-HERT Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Collaboration in Research & Development and Education & Training. Winners will be announced by the Hon Dr Brendan Nelson, Minister for Education, Science and Training at the B-HERT Awards Dinner on 22 November 2005 in Sydney.

Deadline for applications

Wednesday, 31 August 2005 with B-HERT

Further information / application form

www.bhert.com

PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES

August 2005

Friday, 26 August 2005

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff (Round 2/2005) [item 8]
- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants (Round 2/2005) [item 9]
- Deadline to participate in the Research Web Site User On line Survey [item 1]

Monday, 29 August 2005 – Tuesday, 30 August 2005

- 2005 PhD Commercialisation Retreat [item 5]

Tuesday, 30 August 2005

- Deadline for nominations for Australian Academy of Science Awards for scientific excellence for junior and senior researchers [item 16]

Wednesday, 31 August 2005

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Linkage – Project Application Support (LPAS) scheme [item 10]
- Deadline for nominations for ARC College of Experts 2006 [item 2]
- Deadline for applications for B-HERT Awards [item 17]

September 2005

Thursday, 1 September 2005

- Deadline for draft applications for ARC Federation Fellowships with the Research Office [item 11]

Friday, 9 September 2005

- Deadline for applications for DEST International Science Linkages (ISL) Programme [item 12]

Wednesday, 14 September 2005

- MRGS mock advisory panel for intending supervisors of doctoral students [item 3]

Thursday, 15 September 2005

- Deadline for applications for AINSE Award Application 2006 [item 13]

Friday, 30 September 2005

- Deadline for final applications for ARC Federation Fellowships with the Research Office [item 11]

October 2005

Friday, 14 October 2005

- Deadline for final applications for ARC Federation Fellowships with the ARC [item 11]
- Australian Research Council (ARC): Linkage Projects 2006 (Round 2 of 2005): deadline for requests for eligibility and exemption with the ARC

Monday, 24 October 2005

- Deadline for applications for NHMRC Equipment Grant scheme 2005 [item 14]

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.)