



Faculty of Science News Bulletin for Research Staff

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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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Vale Muslina Sulaiman

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Ms Muslina Sulaiman, a PhD student in the School of Applied Sciences and Engineering. Muslina died suddenly of a heart attack at her home in Malaysia after returning home earlier this year.

A memorial service to celebrate the life of Muslina will be held at the Gippsland Campus in the Spiritual Centre at 11:00 am on Friday, 7 October 2005. All are welcome and this is an opportunity for staff and students to gather together and remember her. Tea and coffee will follow the service outside the Spiritual Centre. A map of the Gippsland campus is available online at www.monash.edu.au/pubs/maps/4-Gippslandcolour.pdf.

PART A - NEWS

1. Research Office Weekly now 'Research Office GrantsWatch'

The Research Office maintains a page of announcements and funding opportunities updated each week at www.monash.edu.au/research/contacts/research-office/weekly/. The title of this resource has changed from 'Research Office Weekly' to 'Research Office GrantsWatch'.

PART B - EVENTS

2. ARC Linkage Forum

Dr Stephen Walker, the ARC Executive Director responsible for competitive funding for research and research training in the discipline areas of Engineering and Environmental Sciences, and coordinator of the ARC Linkage-Projects scheme, will give an overview of the Linkage grants available and identify ways to secure effective links with industry.

Date and times

Thursday, 13 October 2005

- Morning Session : 11:00 am - 1.00 pm in Room L2, building 12, Clayton campus
- Afternoon Session: 1:30 – 3:30 pm, Lecture Theatre S2, Building 25, Clayton campus

Registration

Please register by email to Coral.Lindupp@adm.monash.edu.au

3. Research Supervisor Training Program: 'Master Class 2 - External Supervision and Supervision in Teams'

This is the second of six Master Classes for experienced and newly accredited supervisors who have completed Level 1 of the Research Supervisor Training Program.

Date and time

Friday, 14 October 2005 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Venue

Room H3, Building 11 (Menzies Building), Clayton campus

Further information

www.monash.edu.au/phdschol/forms/trainprog.html

Registration

Please register by email anna.lucas@adm.monash.edu.au, indicating whether you wish to stay for a light lunch afterwards

4. Research Office Events, Seminars and Information Sessions

The Research Office maintains a page of upcoming events for researchers at <http://monash.edu.au/research/contacts/research-office/news-events/index.html>

PART C - FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

5. Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities - First Round of CERF National Funding

The Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities (CERF) is a \$100 million grant initiative for research that addresses the environmental challenges facing Australia. The Department of the Environment and Heritage (DEH) is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from research institutions for funding of Research Hubs. Research Hubs are large scale, multi disciplinary, multi year research programs organised as partnerships between a range of collaborating research institutions, organisations and research teams, and requiring funding for up to four years. Applicants whose research concept (as outlined in the Expressions of Interest) is assessed as worthy of further consideration will be requested to submit a Full Application.

Further information

www.deh.gov.au/programs/cerf/first-round.html

Submission requirements

www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/applications/monash-requirements.html

Deadline to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)

Wednesday, 19 October 2005 with the Research Office

This includes EOIs where Monash is the lead organisation with responsibility for administering the project **and also where Monash researchers are a partner in another bid**

6. 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

7. ARC Linkage – Projects (Round 2/2005 for funding in 2006)

The objectives of the ARC Linkage Projects are to:

- encourage and develop long-term strategic research alliances between higher education institutions and industry in order to apply advanced knowledge to problems, or to provide opportunities to obtain national economic or social benefits;
- support collaborative research on issues of benefit to regional and rural communities;
- enhance the scale and focus of research in Designated National Research Priorities;
- 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 of Australian industry.

The Designated National Research Priorities and associated Priority Goals are:

- An Environmentally Sustainable Australia;
- Promoting and Maintaining Good Health;
- Frontier Technologies for Building and Transforming Australian Industries; and
- Safeguarding Australia.

Funding Amount

Linkage Project grants may be awarded for 1 - 5 years, the normal duration being 3 years. The minimum grant size is \$20,000 per annum and the maximum is \$500,000 per annum. Proposals must contain an industry contribution, in cash and/or in kind.

Deadline for requests for eligibility and exemption with the ARC

Friday, 14 October 2005 with the ARC

Deadlines for applications

Monday, 14 November 2005 with the Research Office

Further information / application form

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

8. Faculty of Science Bridging Research Grants

The Faculty of Science has established a new grants scheme to support high quality research proposals that have narrowly missed out on funding in ARC Discovery - Projects and NHMRC Project Grant schemes and thereby help to ensure continuity of expertise and productivity.

A maximum of \$35,000 may be awarded per application. Funding is for one year only.

Further information

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

Deadline for applications

Applications will be due not more than three weeks following the release of ARC / NHMRC results. Late applications will not be accepted.

9. Research Office funding opportunities web page

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PART D - AWARDS AND PRIZES

(No listings.)

PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES

October 2005

Thursday, 13 October 2005

- ARC Linkage Forum [item 2]

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 7]
- Research Supervisor Training Program: 'Master Class 2 - External Supervision and Supervision in Teams' [item 3]

Wednesday, 19 October 2005

- Deadline for Expressions of Interest (EOI) for Commonwealth Environment Research Facilities - First Round of CERF National Funding [item 5]

Monday, 24 October 2005

- Deadline for applications for NHMRC Equipment Grant scheme 2005 [item 6]

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 7]

December 2005

(No entries.)