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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 response to RQF - preferred model

The Australian Research Council (ARC) has released the following three papers in response to the Research Quality Framework (RQF) Preferred Model:

- ARC response to Research Quality Framework Preferred Model;
- A proposed panel structure for the RQF; and
- Assessing research impact in the RQF.

Each is available to download from www.arc.gov.au/publications/arc_publications.htm.

2. 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

3. 2006 DIIRD CRC Bid Information Session

The Victorian Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development (DIIRD) is hosting an Information Seminar for those participating in the next Commonwealth Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) funding round in 2006. The following will be covered:

- **Session 1 - CRC Collaboration - What to Expect and How it is Managed**

This session is particularly for new and potential CRC participants and will look at such issues as the benefits of involvement, CRC structures, access rights, exit strategies, IP issues and commercialisation in the collaborative context. Speakers will include a partner from the legal firm Francis, Abourizk Lightowlers and industry participants from current CRCs.

- **Session 2 - The Process - Developing a Competitive Bid**

This session will look at key issues for the development of a successful CRC application and will particularly focus on any lessons from the 2004 round. A speaker from the Department of Science, Education and Training (DEST) will give an overview of the current program and a Commonwealth CRC Committee member and a CRC CEO (successful in the last round) will draw upon their 2004 experiences to give insight into what is required.

Date and time

Wednesday, 2 November 2005 from 3:00 pm (for 3:15 pm start) - 5:00 pm

Venue

Theatrette, Level 46, 55 Collins Street, Melbourne

Registration

Please email Jaylene at jaylene.napoli@iird.vic.gov.au or telephone (03) 9651 9446.

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. 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 the 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 (for example, 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 the 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

6. 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.

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

7. 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.

Deadline for applications

Tuesday, 15 November 2005 with the Faculty of Science office

[Please note that the deadline has been brought forward from the previously advertised deadline of 30 November 2005. Apologies for any inconvenience. The webpage will be updated shortly.]

Further information and application form

www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/lpas/

8. Japan Foundation Grants Program

The Japan Foundation Headquarters offers a diverse range of grant programs worldwide, with the aim of deepening mutual understanding between Japan and other countries. Among these are the Intellectual Exchange Conferences that provides grants to partially cover the expenses of implementing intellectual collaborative projects that might include international conferences, seminars, workshops and training events.

The following types of projects from Australia are eligible:

- Projects that address common problems in Asia and Oceania requiring international co-operation; and
- Projects contributing to fostering mutual understanding and trust in the region among people with diversified values.

In addition, emphasis is placed on the following types of projects, regardless of region:

- Projects that increase mutual understanding and tolerance for diversity;
- Projects that contribute to the development of an equitable and open society;

- Projects that contribute to the solution of global problems; and
- Projects that contribute to the solution of common problems Japan shares with the world.

You may be eligible for this grant if you are planning an international conference, seminar or similar project in Asia and / or Oceania between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2007 that falls within these categories.

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 1 December 2005 with The Japan Foundation

Further information including application procedures

www.jpj.org.au/07_grants/index.htm

9. Victorian Government Bid Support Grants

The Victorian Government's CRC Bid Support Grants assist groups who are applying for CRC Commonwealth funding. These grants are designed to off-set costs associated with business case development and interview preparation.

Benefits

Grants of between \$20,000 and \$80,000 will be available, with amounts allocated on a competitive basis. Applications that strongly support economic development are preferred.

Deadline for applications

Friday, 16 December 2005 with the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development (DIIRD)

Further information including application procedures

www.innovation.vic.gov.au/programs (under CRC Support Programs)

10. 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.

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.

Further information

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

11. 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/.

PART D - AWARDS AND PRIZES

(No listings.)

PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES

October 2005

Monday, 24 October 2005

- Deadline for applications for NHMRC Equipment Grant scheme 2005 [item 5]

November 2005

Wednesday, 2 November 2005

- 2006 DIIRD CRC Bid Information Session [item 3]

Monday, 14 November 2005

- Australian Research Council (ARC): Linkage Projects 2006 (round 2 of 2005): deadline for full applications with the Research Office [item 6]

Tuesday, 15 November 2005

- Deadline for Faculty of Science Linkage – Project Application Support (LPAS) scheme, Round 2/2005 [item 7]

December 2005

Thursday, 1 December 2005

- Deadline for Japan Foundation Grants Program [item 8]

Friday, 16 December 2005

- Deadline for Victorian Government Bid Support Grants [item 9]