



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. Dr Leone Spiccia: Vice-Chancellor's Award for Postgraduate Supervision for 2005

Congratulations to **Dr Leone Spiccia** (School of Chemistry) who has been selected for the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Postgraduate Supervision for 2005. The award recognises Dr Spiccia's significant and sustained achievements in postgraduate supervision and his commitment to the support of students' research and learning.

2. New Faculty of Science procedure for international travel approval

With the implementation of the new Monash University Staff International Travel Policy (see <http://sssd.adm.monash.edu.au/sss/sg/inter/>), a new detailed 'International Travel Approval Plan' must be completed by ALL staff travelling overseas on university business at least a fortnight before their departure.

This 'International Travel Approval Plan' form can be found on the Faculty of Science website at www.sci.monash.edu.au/staff/forms/index.html.

3. Malaysia's largest ICT research institute seeks to collaborate with Australian institutions

The Malaysian Institute of Microelectronic Systems (MIMOS) is seeking to establish collaborative agreements / partnerships with Australian universities and research institutions. Currently, their main area of interests are:

- Biometrics Security;
- Photonics;
- Wireless Technology;
- Semiconductors; and
- MEMS (Micro-electric Mechanical System).

Further information about MIMOS may be obtained from www.mimos.my.

Further information

Australian Education International (AEI) advises stakeholders who are interested in exploring collaborative links with MIMOS to contact AEI Malaysia in the first instance. AEI will be able to provide further assistance to interested parties by providing up to date market information for Australian higher education institutions and door-opening services.

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4. ITS request for input into development of new 'IT Security For Researchers' publication

Information Technology Services (ITS) is currently producing a newsletter / brochure on 'IT Security For Researchers' for academic staff and postgraduate / honours students on key issues regarding IT security, and to provide guidelines on how to protect research that is undertaken using IT to ensure that users do not jeopardise their research in terms of confidentiality, integrity, and availability of data.

ITS would be grateful for the input of researchers, either during the production process or to receive a copy of the completed brochure at the end of the process for review / comments.

Please register your interest by contacting:

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5. Research Office - News and Events

The Research Office maintains a page of news and events at www.monash.edu.au/research/contacts/research-office/news-events.html.

PART B - EVENTS

6. Invitation to Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) Final 2005 Forum for graduate studies coordinators and other interested parties

Professor Max King, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Research Training) and Director of the MRGS, invites you to the final MRGS forum for 2005. Professor King will provide an update on the Research Quality Framework (RQF) among other topics.

Date and time

Monday, 21 November 2005 between 12:00 – 2:00 pm

(A buffet finger food luncheon will be served at approximately 1:30 pm. Please advise if you have any special dietary requirements.)

Venue

Lecture Theatre E7, Alexander Stewart Conference Centre, Building 72, Clayton campus

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7. 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

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.jpff.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 Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff

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.

Two rounds are offered for travel funding for 2006:

- Round 1/2006: for travel between 1 January 2006 - 31 August 2006
- Round 2/2006: for travel between 1 July 2006 - 28 February 2007

Applications are now open for Round 1/2006.

Deadline for applications

Wednesday, 21 December 2005 with the Faculty of Science office

Further information including application procedures

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

11. Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants

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 each round.

Two rounds are offered for travel funding for 2006:

- Round 1/2006: for travel between 1 January 2006 - 31 August 2006
- Round 2/2006: for travel between 1 July 2006 - 28 February 2007

Applications are now open for Round 1/2006.

Deadline for applications

Wednesday, 21 December 2005 with the Faculty of Science office

Further information including application procedures

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PART D - AWARDS AND PRIZES

(No listings.)

PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES

November 2005

Monday, 21 November 2005

- Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) Final 2005 Forum for graduate studies coordinators and other interested parties [item 6]

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]

Wednesday, 21 December 2005

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff [item 10]
- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants [item 11]