



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. 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.

2. Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) Christmas thesis submission deadline

All doctoral and Master of Philosophy (MPhil) candidates who wish their theses to be sent out for examination before Christmas must submit by **Friday, 16 December 2005** (5:00 pm).

The nomination of examiners form must have been received and approved prior to submission, and all paperwork must be complete, if theses are to be dispatched before university closedown on Wednesday, 21 December 2005.

MRGS will of course accept theses for submission up until the close of business at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, 21 December 2005, but do not guarantee that theses submitted after 16 December 2005 will be sent before the university re-opens on Tuesday, 3 January 2006. This is an extremely busy period for the examinations staff, as well as for postal services, and they require time to process submissions properly.

Please contact Ms Fiona Neilson (Senior Administrative Officer, Examination and Special Projects) if you have any queries:

Email: fiona.neilson@adm.monash.edu.au
Telephone: (03) 990 55063

3. 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:

Mr Jarrod Loidl
IT Security Officer, ITS
Email: Jarrod.Loidl@its.monash.edu.au

4. 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

5. Faculty of Science seminar on writing ARC Discovery – Projects applications

The Faculty is offering a lunchtime seminar to assist staff (especially early career researchers) with advice from experts, successful applicants, and the Research Office.

Date and time

Tuesday, 13 December 2005 between 12:00 and 2:00 pm

Venue

Theatre S2, building 25, Clayton campus

Speakers

- Professor Glen Deacon, School of Chemistry
- Professor David Smyth, School of Biological Sciences
- Dr Kathy Avent, Research Office

RSVP

Please RSVP to Mrs Emily Keoylian, Graduate Studies Officer:

Email: Emily.Keoylian@sci.monash.edu.au

Telephone: (03) 990 59052

Please also indicate if you have any dietary requirements.

6. Research Office grant writing seminar for new applicants

The Research Office will be holding a special grants writing workshop for researchers in the Faculty of Science. The presenter is Julie Egan, an experienced science journalist who has successfully presented workshops to CSIRO researchers.

Places are limited to 15 and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Date and time

Thursday, 15 December 2005 at 9:30 am

Venue

Sir George Lush Room, Ground Floor, building 3A, Clayton campus

RSVP

Please RSVP to Ms Coral Lindupp by Monday, 12 December 2005

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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.jpf.org.au/07_grants/index.htm

9. Faculty of Science 'Bridging' Grants 2006

Applications for Faculty of Science 'Bridging' Project Grants are invited from Faculty of Science staff whose ARC or NHMRC grant application (with Monash University as host institution) has been rejected as being in top 10 per cent of unsuccessful projects for 2006.

Applications will not be accepted from investigators who:

- have other major ARC or NHMRC project funding in 2006.
- Plan to undertake an Outside Studies Program (OSP) during the term of the grant.

An applicant may be a Chief Investigator on one application only.

'Near miss' ARC applicants (who have been identified individually by the Research Office) may apply for a Faculty of Science bridging grant in addition to a centrally-sponsored 'Near miss' grant, but the faculty matching component will be deducted from any bridging grant awarded.

Deadline for applications

Monday, 5 December 2005 with the faculty office

Further information including application procedures

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

10. Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs) Programme - 2006

The Research Office has advised that procedures and guidelines for the next round of CRC bids and rebids are now available at:

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/dest/diird-vic-support.html>

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

There you will find:

- (a) The new Monash guidelines and Expression of Interest forms;
- (b) A link to the DIIRD Victorian Support Program for CRC Round 10; and
- (c) A link to the DEST CRC site (but please note that final DEST guidelines and application forms are not yet available).

Deadline for Expression of Interest

Please note that all potential Monash applicants for CRCs should submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi) to the Research Office by Wednesday, 7 December 2005 (11:00 am).

Further information

Dr Kathy Avent:

Email: Kathy.Avent@adm.monash.edu.au

11. 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)

12. 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

13. 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

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

PART D - AWARDS AND PRIZES

(No listings.)

PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES

November 2005

(None.)

December 2005

Thursday, 1 December 2005

- Deadline for Japan Foundation Grants Program [item 8]

Monday, 5 December 2005

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science 'Bridging' Grants 2006 [item 9]

Wednesday, 7 December 2005

- Deadline to submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi) for the Cooperative Research Centres (CRCs) Programme – 2006 [item 10]

Tuesday, 13 December 2005

- Faculty of Science seminar on writing ARC Discovery – Projects applications [item 5]

Thursday, 15 December 2005

- Research Office grant writing seminar for new applicants [item 6]

Friday, 16 December 2005

- Deadline for Victorian Government Bid Support Grants [item 11]
- Deadline for PhD / MPhil theses to be submitted to the Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) for dispatch in 2005 [item 2]

Wednesday, 21 December 2005

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff [item 12]
- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants [item 13]