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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 Equity Travel Grant scheme for postgraduate research students**

Approximately 80 equity travel grants of up to \$3000, depending on an applicant's personal circumstances, will be awarded in 2006 to eligible applicants through the Monash Access program. Unlike the existing postgraduate travel grants, these special awards meet not only air fares, but may also meet other associated costs, for example: conference registration; accommodation; and incidentals such as meals and local transport.

A number of factors may affect a candidate's ability to undertake a period of essential study away to pursue fieldwork, visit archives and laboratories or attend a conference. These include, for example: a disability or long-term medical condition; socio-economic disadvantage; and / or adverse long-term family or domestic circumstances.

Applicants seeking equity travel grants should complete the postgraduate travel grant form that is available at [www.mrgs.monash.edu.au/scholarships/grants/postgradtravelgrants.html](http://www.mrgs.monash.edu.au/scholarships/grants/postgradtravelgrants.html). The entire form, including Section A1, must be completed. Applicants will automatically be considered for both these equity and the standard postgraduate travel awards. However, successful applicants will only be able to accept one award for any single period of study away.

### **2. 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](http://www.monash.edu.au/research/contacts/research-office/news-events.html).

## **PART B - EVENTS**

### **3. GAMS Training Sessions**

A training session on using the Grant Application Management System (GAMS) for Australian Research Council (ARC) grant applications will take place on the following date:

**Wednesday, 1 February 2006**

2:30 to 3:30 pm

Studio 7, Short Course Centre

Clayton Campus

#### ***Registration***

Please email Ms Coral Lindupp (Research Office) at [Coral.Lindupp@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:Coral.Lindupp@adm.monash.edu.au) as limited spaces are available.

Note: Those attending are required to have a GAMS ID Number.

## 4. Research Supervisor Training Workshop: Semester 1, 2006

### ***Date and time***

Thursday, 23 February 2006 from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm (social drinks from 5:00 – 6:00 pm)

Morning and afternoon teas and lunch will be provided.

### ***Venue***

Bayview Conference Centre, next to Monash University Clayton campus

### ***Registration***

The deadline for registrations is Tuesday, 31 January 2006

A registration fee of \$100 per person will apply. Payment will normally be authorised by the appropriate school / centre finance officer. Details for payment are given on the registration form that is available from Ms Ruth Farr: extension 52041 or email at [Ruth.Farr@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:Ruth.Farr@adm.monash.edu.au)

Places will be allocated the following week. Submission of a registration form does not guarantee a place: the MRGS will confirm registration.

### ***Further information***

[www.sci.monash.edu.au/postgrad/supervisor.html](http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/postgrad/supervisor.html)

## 5. Commercialisation Expo 2006

Commercialisation Expo 2006 will showcase Australia's research and development capabilities and commercialisation opportunities. It builds on the success of the inaugural event in March 2003, after which exhibited technologies attracted almost \$40 million in investment. It will feature:

- Expo Marketplace that showcases outstanding partnering, commercial and investment opportunities;
- **Peter Doherty Prize for Innovation worth \$100,000 plus other category prizes;**
- Commercialisation Conference presenting the views of renowned specialists in the field;
- Book of Ideas containing details of all new opportunities presented at the event; and
- Careers in Innovation Seminar.

### ***Dates***

Sunday, 18 June 2006 – Tuesday, 20 June 2006

### ***Venue***

Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre

### ***Further information***

[www.expo2006.com.au/](http://www.expo2006.com.au/)

## 6. 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**

### 7. ARC Discovery – Projects 2007

The Research Office website has updated its instructions for applicants at [www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/arc/arc-discovery-projectsincludingfellowships.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/arc/arc-discovery-projectsincludingfellowships.html). Included are the Monash processes and deadlines and some resources including sample budgets.

#### ***Upcoming deadlines***

Please note the following deadlines:

- Submission of first drafts of applications for review by the Research Office:  
**Monday, 6 February 2006**
- Creation of GAMS ID  
**Thursday, 9 February 2006**
- Completion and validation of application in GAMS:  
**Monday, 13 February 2006**
- Submission of complete application (all sections and attachments) to the Research Office along with the signed ARC Discovery Certification Page and Research Office Cover Sheet: The application will be returned to the researcher for changes as appropriate.  
**\* Monday, 13 February 2006**

(\* Please note that the cover sheets need to be signed by the Associate Dean (Research) and thus applications should be forwarded to the Faculty of Science office before 13 February 2006.)

### 8. CSIRO Flagship Clusters

Flagship Clusters fund a large scale of activity (up to three years at a minimum of \$1 million) with an emphasis on people and partnerships working on a collection of research projects relevant to a Flagship program.

#### ***Deadline for expression of interest***

Wednesday, 1 February 2006 with the Research Office

#### ***Further information***

[www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/other/csiro-flagship-clusters.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/other/csiro-flagship-clusters.html)

## 9. Cooperative Research Centres (CRC): 2006 Selection Round - Stage 1

The Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Programme funds collaborations between researchers and industry to improve the effectiveness of Australia's research and development effort. The CRC Programme currently supports 72 CRCs in the following broad areas: manufacturing technology; information and communication technology; mining and energy; agriculture and rural based manufacturing; environment; and medical science and technology.

### ***Deadline***

Tuesday, 28 February 2006 with the Research Office

### ***Further information***

[www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/dest/dest-crc.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/dest/dest-crc.html)

<https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/CRC/Information/default.aspx>

## 10. Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP)

The Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) supports basic research with emphasis placed on novel, innovative and interdisciplinary approaches to fundamental investigations in the life sciences, which involve scientific exchanges across national boundaries. Applications are invited for grants to support projects on the theme of complex mechanisms of living organisms.

The HFSP research grant program places strong emphasis on the involvement of other disciplines such as chemistry, physics, mathematics, computer science and engineering in projects within the general areas of neuroscience and molecular approaches to biological functions. Research grants provide three years of support for basic research carried out jointly by research teams, normally two to four members in different countries. Two types of grants are available:

- **Young Investigators' Grants:** for teams of scientists who are all within five years of establishing an independent laboratory and within 10 years of obtaining their PhD. Successful teams will receive up to US\$450,000 per year for the whole team depending on the size of the team - \$250,000 for a team of two, \$350,000 for a team of three, and \$450,000 for a team of four or more; and
- **Program Grants:** may be applied for by independent scientists at all stages of their careers, although the participation of younger scientists is especially encouraged. Program grants provide up to \$450,000 per year for the whole team.

### ***Deadline for pre-registration***

Monday, 20 March 2006 with HFSP

### ***Further information***

[www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/other/hfsp-grants.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/other/hfsp-grants.html)

## **PART D - AWARDS AND PRIZES**

(None listed.)

## **PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES**

### **January 2006**

#### **Tuesday, 31 January 2006**

- Deadline to register for the Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) Research Supervisor Training Workshop: Semester 1, 2006 [item 4]

### **February 2006**

#### **Wednesday, 1 February 2006**

- GAMS training session [see item 3]
- Deadline for expression of interest for CSIRO Flagship Clusters [item 8]

#### **Monday, 6 February 2006**

- Deadline for submission of first drafts of applications for ARC Discovery – Projects 2007 review by the Research Office [item 7]

#### **Thursday, 9 February 2006**

- Creation of GAMS ID for ARC Discovery – Projects 2007 [item 7]

#### **Monday, 13 February 2006**

- Completion of application in GAMS for ARC Discovery – Projects 2007 [item 7]
- Submission of complete application for ARC Discovery – Projects 2007 [item 7]

#### **Tuesday, 28 February 2006**

- Deadline for applications for Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) 2006 [item 9]

### **March 2006**

#### **Monday, 20 March 2006**

- Deadline for pre-registration with Human Frontier Science Program (HFSP) [item 10]

### **April 2006**

(No entries.)

### **May 2006**

(No entries.)

### **June 2006**

#### **Sunday, 18 June 2006 – Tuesday, 20 June 2006**

- Commercialisation Expo 2006 [item 5]