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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. Research Quality Framework (RQF): release of 'Final Advice Paper'**

The Minister for Education, Science and Training, the Hon Julie Bishop MP, has released the 'Final Advice Paper' on the RQF, which is available from:

[www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research\\_sector/policies\\_issues\\_reviews/key\\_issues/research\\_quality\\_framework/final\\_advice\\_on\\_preferred\\_rqf\\_model.htm](http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/research_sector/policies_issues_reviews/key_issues/research_quality_framework/final_advice_on_preferred_rqf_model.htm)

### **2. Second consultation draft of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research**

Monash has been invited to make a submission on the second consultation draft of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research. The draft code can be found at [www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/policy/code.htm](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/policy/code.htm).

The draft code covers all research disciplines, general principles of responsible research, the management of research and research records, authorship and publication, supervisory responsibilities, conflicts of interest, collaborative research and research misconduct.

A university submission is being co-ordinated by the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research). If you wish to contribute to this submission, please forward comments to Ms Shae Cox ([Shae.Cox@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:Shae.Cox@adm.monash.edu.au)) by **Friday, 21 April 2006**.

### **3. Research Office - News and Events**

The Research Office maintains a page of news and events of interest to researchers 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**

### **4. Research Supervision training Program: mock advisory panel**

The Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) is holding a mock advisory panel that will cover the second half of Module 8 in Level 1 of the Research Supervisor Training Program. All those on the waiting list have been contacted and will be given first preference in the allocation of places. The total number of attendees will be 50. There is no cost for this seminar.

#### ***Date***

Thursday, 27 April 2006 from 9:45 am – 12:00 pm

#### ***Venue***

Conference Rooms 2 and 3, Building 50, Monash University Club, Clayton Campus

#### ***Registration***

<http://mrqs.monash.edu.au/research/staff/supervision/programs.html#participation>

Registration forms must be submitted to the MRGS by **Friday, 7 April 2006**.  
Places will be allocated after the closing date.

## 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;
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- 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. 6th Australian Space Science Conference

The Australian Space Science Conference (ASSC) is the focus of scientific cooperation and discussion in Australia on research relating to space. It is a peer reviewed forum for space scientists, engineers, educators and industry. This conference will no doubt be of relevance to a very broad cross section of the space community, and should therefore generate an enlightening and timely exchange of ideas and perspectives.

### ***Dates***

Wednesday, 19 July 2006 – Friday, 21 July 2006

### ***Venue***

Canberra Hyatt hotel, Canberra, ACT

### ***Further information***

[www.6assc.nssa.com.au](http://www.6assc.nssa.com.au)

## 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. ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 1/2006** (for funding commencing in January 2007)

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.

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

- ~~Deadline for requests for eligibility exemptions~~  
**Friday, 17 March 2006**
- Deadline for draft applications to be submitted for review / comment by the Research Office  
**Monday, 10 April 2006**
- Deadline for the complete application to be submitted to the Research Office  
**Wednesday, 19 April 2006**

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

[www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/arc/arc-linkageprojects-round1.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/arc/arc-linkageprojects-round1.html)

### **9. AINSE Neutron Scattering 2nd Round**

The Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) has a second round for Neutron Scattering facilities at ANSTO to be awarded for 2006 for neutron scattering experiments to be carried out between 1 July 2006 and 31 December 2006. Applications are invited from university researchers in the fields, or applications, of nuclear science and associated technology. A research project of interest to the Institute will usually require some use of the national facilities at the Lucas Heights Research Laboratories.

**Funding amount**

The average size of an AINSE Award is approximately \$7,000, and usually provided in the form of credits against which payments are made by AINSE to cover the cost of equipment and / or materials, the costs associated with the use of the AINSE listed facilities, and / or contribution towards the cost of travel and / or accommodation, when the university researcher lives in a city different from that in which the facility is located.

**Deadline for applications**

Monday, 3 April 2006 with the Research Office

**Further information**

<http://monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/acgr/ainse-neutron-grants.html>

**10. The Cancer Council of Victoria Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships**

The Cancer Council Victoria Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships are offered to provide Victorian scientists who have recently completed a PhD with support for an additional year of research based on their thesis work. The application must establish that the research will be greatly enhanced by having the candidate spend a further year with the same research group (ie. where the recipient was a PhD candidate).

**Eligibility**

- The research must relate to cancer aetiology, prevention, diagnosis or treatment, but preference will be given to candidates whose research focuses on the biological or clinical aspects of cancer.
- Applicants must have submitted a PhD thesis between 1 October 2005 and 31 March 2006.
- Applicants must nominate the institute and research group where it is intended that the fellowship will be held and provide written agreement from the head of that institute.

**Funding and duration**

The fellowship funding will be paid to the host institute at the NHMRC Personnel Support Package (PSP) Level 3 rate of \$61,000 pa. The PSP amount covers all salary and salary on-costs (eg. payroll tax, workers compensation, leave loading, compulsory and contributory superannuation) as well as some minor operational support.

Fellowships will be awarded for a period of one year.

**Deadline for applications**

Monday, 10 April 2006 with The Cancer Council Victoria

**Further information**

[www.cancervic.org.au/cancer1/research/applygrant/postdoctoral\\_fellowships/postdocadvice.htm](http://www.cancervic.org.au/cancer1/research/applygrant/postdoctoral_fellowships/postdocadvice.htm)

## **11. AINSE Post Graduate Award 2006**

The Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) offers awards to postgraduate students whose research projects are associated with nuclear science, or its applications, and require access to the unique national facilities at the Lucas Heights Science and Technology Centre.

### ***Benefits***

Research Supplements of \$7500 per annum are the principal form of award and are offered to scholars who are (or will be) in receipt of an Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) or equivalent scholarship. The award also provides \$5500 per annum for costs involved in using the facilities and services at Lucas Heights. Certain travel and accommodation costs to enable students to work at Lucas Heights are also provided.

Candidates for the Research Supplement must be nominated by their school where the PhD enrolment is held or proposed for tenure commencing before 30 June 2005.

### ***Deadline for applications***

Friday, 14 April 2006 with AINSE (online)

### ***Further information***

[www.ainse.edu.au/01post.html](http://www.ainse.edu.au/01post.html)

## **12. Dairy Australia Innovation Fellowships (for science PhD students)**

The Australian Dairy Industry invites applications for the inaugural Dairy Australia Innovation Fellowship to outstanding engineering and science PhD students who are passionate about dairy. The fellowship includes a two-year placement to carry out further research with a leading dairy manufacturer starting in July 2006. Applicants must be PhD students who will have completed their studies by 30 June 2006.

### ***Deadline for applications***

Friday, 14 April 2006 with Dairy Australia

### ***Application and further information***

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

## **13. Plant Nutrition Trust Management awards**

The Plant Nutrition Trust has been established to encourage and promote research and technology transfer in the mineral nutrition of plants, soil fertility and fertiliser and soil amendment technology, and includes areas where these impinge on other fields such as plant breeding. The Trust invites applications for awards to assist in carrying out a study tour or to attend a conference or such other activity related to the stated objectives. In making an award, an applicant's scholastic achievement and recent contribution to industry, research or technology transfer and their potential for future contribution will be considered. The amount of each award will depend on circumstances, but is likely to be under \$2000.

Two categories of awards are offered:

- **Alf Anderson Award:** for work in any of the areas of plant nutrition mentioned above; and
- **Sam Tisdale Award:** for work that has a strong emphasis on sulfur nutrition of plants.

Applicants must be Australian citizens or permanent residents based in Australia, except that for the Sam Tisdale Award, Australian citizens may sponsor candidates from Asia and the south west Pacific region.

***Deadline for applications***

Friday, 28 April 2006 with the Plant Nutrition Trust

***Further information and application form***

Dr Peter Randall  
CSIRO Plant Industry  
GPO Box 1600  
CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Email: [Peter.Randall@csiro.au](mailto:Peter.Randall@csiro.au)

## **14. CSIRO Flagship Visiting Fellowships**

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Flagship Visiting Fellowships are available for distinguished researchers to work for a period of time (generally up to six months) in a Flagship to enhance the intellectual leadership of a Flagship or a major component of a Flagship (for example, a Theme). It is expected that up to 10 Fellowships will be offered per semester.

***Benefits***

The Fellowships are valued at a maximum of \$100,000 and allow Australian based researchers to be seconded from their home organisation to enable them to undertake an agreed project under Flagships. The Fellowship may be used to fund a living allowance during the term of their Fellowship as well as economy class international air travel and minor operating costs.

***Deadline for applications***

Monday, 1 May 2006 with the Research Office

***Further information***

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

## **15. Monash University and CSIRO Collaborative Research Support Scheme**

Monash University and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) have announce Round 3 of the Collaborative Research Support Scheme (CRSS) which is jointly funded by the two organisations.

***Benefits***

The scheme provides seed funding only, not full project support. It is expected that up to six awards of up to \$50,000 per annum will be made in 2006.

### ***Eligibility criteria***

- The research project must form part of a recognised or developing research collaboration between Monash University and CSIRO, building on synergies from co-location on the Clayton campus;
- Preference will be given to applications where at least one of the Principal Investigators from either Monash University or CSIRO has less than 10 years postdoctoral research experience;
- The relevance of the proposed research project to the organisations' jointly identified priority areas (currently health, manufacturing, water and energy); and
- multidisciplinary applications are encouraged.

### ***Deadline for applications***

Monday, 8 May 2006 with the Research Office

### ***Further information***

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

## **16. AINSE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship**

The new OPAL research reactor at Lucas Heights is opening up new possibilities in neutron scattering research in Australia. You can be part of this exciting facility if who have between three and eight years post PhD experience to undertake research in areas of science and technology requiring the use the OPAL reactor by applying for an AINSE research fellowship.

The fellowships are offered at academic level B, indicative salary range \$79,000 – 81,000, for outstanding and enthusiastic scientists to undertake research in areas of science and technology requiring the use the OPAL reactor. Fellows will be expected to build a research group in one of the AINSE member universities and be attached to ANSTO for experiments on the new, state of the art facilities on OPAL.

Applicants from a wide range of disciplines including chemistry, physics, molecular biology, biochemistry, medicine, materials science, environmental science and engineering are invited to apply. Prior to submitting an application you will need to liaise with a potential supervisor at an AINSE member university as well as a member of ANSTO's Bragg Institute.

AINSE Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are tenable at Monash University. Applicants are required to discuss their research program and an outline with the university.

### ***Deadline for applications***

Wednesday, 31 May 2006 with AINSE

### ***Further information***

[www.ainse.edu.au/postdoc/postdocfellows.html](http://www.ainse.edu.au/postdoc/postdocfellows.html)

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## ***Further information***

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

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

### **19. Victoria Prize 2006**

The Victoria Prize of \$50,000 was established in 1998 and is awarded annually by the Victorian Government for a scientific discovery or technological innovation, or a series of such achievements that significantly advances knowledge and has produced, or has the clear potential to produce, a commercial outcome or other benefit to the community. It celebrates leadership, determination and creativity and highlights the many ways in which research and development of international significance is conducted locally.

#### ***Anne & Eric Smorgon Memorial Award***

In association with the Victoria Prize, the Jack & Robert Smorgon Families Foundation award the Anne & Eric Smorgon Memorial Award. This award acknowledges the important contribution made by scientific research institutes in Victoria. The \$100,000 award will be presented to an institute supporting the Victoria Prize recipient in the research work for which he or she is awarded the Victoria Prize.

A separate nomination is not required for the Anne & Eric Smorgon Memorial Award. The winner of the Victoria Prize will be asked to nominate a research institute to receive the Anne & Eric Smorgon Memorial Award (further information is outlined below).

It is anticipated that the winner of the 2006 Victoria Prize and the Anne & Eric Smorgon Memorial Award will be notified in June prior to a public announcement in August 2006.

#### ***Deadline for nominations***

Monday, 3 April 2006 with the Research Office

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

[www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC.655768/STANDARD//PC\\_60155.html](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/BUSVIC.655768/STANDARD//PC_60155.html)

## 20. Victoria Fellowships

Each year the Victorian Government awards up to six \$18,000 Victoria Fellowships to enable early career researchers and innovators to travel overseas to pursue specialist training, develop a commercial idea, expand international networks or gain recognition for their work. Winners of the Victoria Fellowships will be eligible to apply for \$5000 AFAS FEAST-France Fellowships to undertake study missions to France. These Fellowships are offered by the Australian French Association for Science and Technology (Victoria) and the Embassy of France.

### ***Deadline for nominations***

Monday, 3 April 2006 with the Research Office

### ***Further information***

[www.business.vic.gov.au/vicfellows](http://www.business.vic.gov.au/vicfellows)

## 21. 2006 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes

The 2006 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes are now open with 10 prizes to reward outstanding Australian research. The prizes cover many areas of science including leadership in science, medical research and research which minimises the use of animals or animal products. The 2006 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes offers awards in 4 categories:

- Research;
- Leadership and Innovation;
- Education; and
- Science Communication.

Most prizes carry a cash reward of \$10,000. The Macquarie University Eureka Schools Prize for Earth, Environmental and Planetary Science and the University of Sydney Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Schools Prize also include computer software and book vouchers as prizes. The British Council Eureka Prize for Innovation and Leadership in Environmental Science involves travel, accommodation and program assistance for a study tour to the UK to the value of \$10,000.

Winners will be announced at a gala award dinner in Sydney on Tuesday, 22 August 2006.

### ***Deadline for nominations***

Friday, 5 May 2006 with the Australian Museum

### ***Online entry form and further information***

[www.amonline.net.au/eureka/](http://www.amonline.net.au/eureka/)

## 22. 2006 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science

Nominations are being sought for the following five prestigious awards:

- Prime Minister's Prize for Science (\$300,000)
- Science Minister's Prize for Life Scientist of the Year (\$50,000)
- Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year (\$50,000)
- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Primary Schools (\$50,000)
- Prime Minister's Prize for Excellence in Science Teaching in Secondary Schools (\$50,000)

***Deadline for nominations***

Friday, 19 May 2006 with the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST)

***Further information***

<https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/scienceprize/pages/home.aspx>

**23. The Royal Society of Victoria Postgraduate Student Prizes**

The Royal Society of Victoria has established two prestigious postgraduate student prizes open to postgraduates in all areas of biological and physical sciences. This will give students further experience in presenting information to an audience of scientists and the general public on their particular research field. Students will also have the opportunity to receive mentoring in their chosen field by senior scientists who are members of the Society.

***Benefits***

A certificate and \$500.

***Eligibility***

The awards are open to students in their second or third year of candidature at the time of application. Judges will select a shortlist of three candidates in each of Biological Sciences and Physical Sciences. Applicants must be members of the Royal Society of Victoria.

***Application process***

Applicants must submit an extended abstract and application form by the deadline. Each of the shortlisted candidates will give an oral presentation (15 minutes plus 5 minutes discussion) before a general audience at The Royal Society of Victoria on Tuesday, 15 August 2006 at 6:00 pm. Winners will be announced on the night.

Applicants must be members of The Royal Society of Victoria.

***Deadline for nominations***

Wednesday, 31 May 2006 with The Royal Society of Victoria

***Further information***

Ms Camilla van Megen

Executive Officer, The Royal Society of Victoria

[rsv@sciencevictoria.org.au](mailto:rsv@sciencevictoria.org.au)

## **PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES**

### **April 2006**

#### **Monday, 3 April 2006**

- Deadline for applications for Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE): Neutron Scattering 2nd Round [item 9]
- Deadline for nominations for the Victoria Prize 2006 [item 19]
- Deadline for nominations for Victorian Fellowships [item 20]

#### **Monday, April 10 2006**

- Deadline for draft Applications to be submitted for review and comment by the Research Office for ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 1/2006 [see item 8]
- Deadline for applications for Cancer Council Victoria Postdoctoral Cancer Research Fellowships [item 10]

#### **Friday, 14 April 2006**

- Deadline for applications for Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) Post Graduate Award 2006 [item 11]
- Deadline for applications for Dairy Australia Innovation Fellowships (for science PhD students) [item 12]

#### **Wednesday, 19 April 2006**

- Deadline for complete applications for ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 1/2006 to be submitted to the Research Office [item 8]

#### **Friday, 28 April 2006**

- Deadline for applications for Plant Nutrition Trust Management awards [item 13]

### **May 2006**

#### **Monday, 1 May 2006**

- Deadline for applications for Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) Flagship Visiting Fellowships [item 14]

#### **Friday, 5 May 2006**

- Deadline for applications for 2006 Australian Museum Eureka Prizes [Item 21]

#### **Monday, 8 May 2006**

- Deadline for applications for Monash University and CSIRO Collaborative Research Support Scheme [item 15]

#### **Friday, 19 May 2006**

- Deadline for nominations for the 2006 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science [item 22]

#### **Wednesday, 31 May 2006**

- Deadline for applications for Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering (AINSE) Postdoctoral Research Fellowship [item 16]
- Deadline for applications for The Royal Society of Victoria Postgraduate Student Prizes [item 23]

## **June 2006**

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

- Commercialisation Expo 2006 [items 5 and 17]

## **July 2006**

**Wednesday, 19 July 2006 – Friday, 21 July 2006**

- 6th Australian Space Science Conference [item 6]

## **August 2006**

*(No entries)*

## **September 2006**

*(No entries)*

## **October 2006**

**Friday, 6 October 2006**

- Deadline for requests for eligibility exemptions for ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 2/2006 [item 18]

## **November 2006**

**Monday, 6 November 2006**

- Deadline for draft Applications to be submitted for review and comment by the Research Office for ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 2/2006 [see item 18]

**Monday, 13 November 2006**

- Deadline for complete applications for ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 2/2006 to be submitted to the Research Office [item 18]

## **December 2006**

*(No entries)*