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**Items for inclusion in this bulletin**

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## **PART A - NEWS**

### **1. Researchers' Online Projects Enquiry System (ROPES) data cleanup page**

Researchers wishing to have their data corrected in ROPES (see [www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/ropes/](http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/ropes/)) may now log requests at the following webpage: [www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/ropes/ro-ropes-cleanup.html](http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/ropes/ro-ropes-cleanup.html).

### **2. Email list for ARC Linkage - International Programme Awards**

Researchers wishing to subscribe to the Research Office email list to be kept updated with news on the ARC Linkage - International Programme Awards should send a blank email to [arc@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:arc@adm.monash.edu.au) with 'LX' in the subject line.

### **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. Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Forum**

Professor Max King, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Research Training) and Director of the Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS), will provide an update on research training issues that have arisen in the last six months, including:

- PhD pathways for academic staff
- Travel policy and its impact on students
- Equity Travel Grants
- Masters by research supervision policy

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

Monday, 12 June 2006 between 12:00 – 2:00 pm (buffet finger food luncheon at 1:30 pm)

#### ***Venue***

Lecture Theatre E7, Building 72, Faculty of Engineering, Clayton campus

#### ***Registration***

Please email [Anna.Hussar@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:Anna.Hussar@adm.monash.edu.au) by Wednesday, 31 May 2006

### **5. Research Supervisor Training: Master Classes in June**

Staff who seek full accreditation as doctoral research supervisors have the opportunity to attend master classes in June that cover 80 per cent of the requirements for Level 2. Level 1 accreditation is a prerequisite, and staff must attend both sessions unless a different arrangement has been agreed to by the Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS).

### ***Details of master classes***

Master Classes 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be offered over two consecutive days as follows:

- **Session 1: Wednesday, 14 June 2006** (1:00 – 5:30 pm)  
Venue: S2.32 (Student Union Building), Caulfield campus  
  
MC1 – Breakdown in the Student-Supervisor Relationship  
MC2 – External/ Team Supervision
- **Session 2: Thursday, 15 June 2006** (1:00 – 5:30 pm)  
Venue: S2.32 (Student Union Building), Caulfield campus  
  
MC3 – Power Relationships/ Students from Different Cultures  
MC5 – How to Examine a Thesis

Participants will then only have to undertake Master Class 4: IP Seminar to gain Level 2 research supervision accreditation.

### ***Registration***

Register by email to [Fiona.neilson@adm.monash.edu.au](mailto:Fiona.neilson@adm.monash.edu.au) with the subject line: 'Master Classes Caulfield'.

### ***To register for the IP session***

Log into [http://my.monash.edu.au/interactive/research\\_booking\\_system/](http://my.monash.edu.au/interactive/research_booking_system/) with authcate details and search for seminars with the keywords 'Intellectual Property'. All sessions will run on the Clayton campus although one will be held at Gippsland on 25 September 2006 (2:00 - 4:30 pm).

Further information on the Research Supervisor Training Program for Faculty of Science staff is available at [www.sci.monash.edu.au/postgrad/supervisor.html](http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/postgrad/supervisor.html).

## **6. Commercialisation Expo 2006**

Commercialisation Expo 2006 will showcase Australia's research and development capabilities and commercialisation opportunities. 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/)

## **7. ARC Discovery: Preparing a Rejoinder information sessions**

The Research Office will be holding two information sessions on preparing rejoinders that will be useful for both inexperienced and experienced applicants.

### ***Date***

Monday, 19 June 2006

- Morning session: 10:00 am
- Afternoon session: 2:00 pm

### ***Venue***

R3, Rotunda (Building 8), Clayton Campus

### ***Registration***

Registration is not required.

## **8. 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)

## **9. 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**

### **10. The Leigh Sparrow Award 2006**

The Australasian Soil and Plant Analysis Council (ASPAC) invites applications for assistance to attend conferences or meetings that aim to advance the understanding and application of soil and plant analysis. The amount of the award is at the discretion of the ASPAC Executive and is usually around \$1000 - \$1500. More than one award a year may be made. Travel Requests must not already be covered by the Plant Nutrition Trust.

***Guidelines / application form***

[www.aspac-australasia.com](http://www.aspac-australasia.com) (Click on 'Study Awards')

***Deadline for applications***

Friday, 16 June 2006 with ASPAC

### **11. Faculty of Science Early Career Researcher Grants**

The Faculty of Science is committed to nurturing and supporting Early Career Researchers and offers seeding funds for junior staff who have yet to develop a strong track record.

***Number of grants to be awarded***

Up to three grants of \$20,000 each will be awarded in 2006 for 2007.

***Eligibility***

Applicants must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible for an award \*:

- **Employment status:** be a Monash University salaried 'Teaching and Research' academic (excluding 'Research Only' staff) employed on a continuing basis or for a fixed term of at least two years in the Faculty of Science;
- **Appointment level:** hold a position at academic staff Level A, B or C; and
- **Completion of doctorate:** have completed a doctorate within seven years of the deadline for applications for this scheme (that is, after 30 June 1999).

(\* An applicant who does not satisfy the eligibility requirements may be considered for this scheme if he or she can demonstrate a lack of research opportunities since receiving a doctorate such as having been employed in industry, a teaching only position, working part-time (or not at all) due to family responsibilities and / or be a recent appointee without major external research funding.)

***Guidelines / application form***

[www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/ecr.html](http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/ecr.html)

***Deadline for applications***

Friday, 30 June 2006 with the Faculty of Science office.

## **12. Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff (Round 2)**

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 \$1500 will be awarded to each successful applicant.

Round 2/2006 covers the travel period 1 July 2006 - 28 February 2007.

### ***Guidelines / application form***

[www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/travel.html](http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/travel.html)

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

Friday, 25 August 2006 with the Faculty of Science office

## **13. Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants (Round 2)**

This is a scheme that provides 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 \$1500 each will be awarded in this round.

Round 2/2006 covers the travel period 1 July 2006 - 28 February 2007.

### ***Guidelines / application form***

[www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/travel.html](http://www.sci.monash.edu.au/research/travel.html)

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

Friday, 25 August 2006 with the Faculty of Science office

## **14. ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 2/2006 (for July 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***

Please note the following deadlines:

- Deadline for requests for eligibility exemptions  
**Friday, 6 October 2006**
- Deadline for draft Applications to be submitted for review by the Research Office  
**Monday, 6 November 2006**
- Deadline for the complete application to be submitted to the Research Office  
**Monday, 13 November 2006**

### ***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**

### **15. Fresh Science Program**

Fresh Science, now in its ninth year, is a national event supported by the Federal and Victorian Governments, New Scientist, and the British Council Australia that aims to bring together scientists, the media, and the public to:

- enhance reporting of Australian science;
- highlight and encourage debate on the role of science in Australian society; and
- provide role models for the next generation of Australian scientists.

Sixteen researchers will be selected to present their work to the media and public during the period 7 to 10 August 2006 and a week later in National Science Week.

#### ***Why nominate for Fresh Science?***

Fresh Science offers the potential for wide media exposure for the work of the researcher and their organisation. It helps young researchers develop expertise in presenting their ideas clearly to a general audience and to the media.

Fresh Science also assists the media to identify and publish accurate science stories, and demonstrates that science in Australia is exciting, vibrant and successful. Fresh Science encourages and provides recognition for Australia's best young scientists and engineers.

The selected researchers are likely to gain substantial media exposure. In previous years our Fresh Scientists have attracted national and international interest resulting in hundreds of media stories, including national television news. Details of previous winners, their press releases, and media coverage can be found at [www.freshscience.org](http://www.freshscience.org).

***What will it involve?***

The successful nominees will:

- present their research to the media and to public audiences;
- participate in a one-day media training course;
- have access to experienced science communicators to advise them on their presentation, media release and interviews;
- swap ideas with other participants;
- take part in a Fresh-Science-at-the-Redback event; and
- attend an evening reception with representatives from business, government, research and the media.

***Further information / nomination form***

[www.freshscience.org](http://www.freshscience.org)

***Deadline for nominations***

Wednesday, 28 June 2006 with Fresh Science

## **PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES**

### **June 2006**

#### **Monday, 12 June 2006**

- Monash Research Graduate School (MRGS) 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Forum [item 4]

#### **Wednesday, 14 June 2006**

- Research Supervisor Training Master Class [item 5]

#### **Thursday, 15 June 2006**

- Research Supervisor Training Master Class [item 5]

#### **Friday, 16 June 2006**

- Deadline for applications for The Leigh Sparrow Award 2006 [item 10]

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

- Commercialisation Expo 2006 [item 6]

#### **Monday, 19 June 2006**

- ARC Discovery: Preparing a Rejoinder information sessions [item 7]

#### **Wednesday, 28 June 2006**

- Deadline for nominations for the Fresh Science Program [item 15]

#### **Friday, 30 June 2006**

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Early Career Researcher Grants [item 11]

### **July 2006**

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

- 6th Australian Space Science Conference [item 8]

### **August 2006**

#### **Friday, 25 August 2006**

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff (Round 2) [item 12]
- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants (Round 2) [item 13]

### **September 2006**

*(No entries)*

## **October 2006**

### **Friday, 6 October 2006**

- Deadline for eligibility exemption requests for ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 2/2006 [item 14]

## **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 [item 14]

### **Monday, 13 November 2006**

- Deadline for complete applications for ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 2/2006 to be submitted to the Research Office [item 14]

## **December 2006**

*(No entries)*