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Items for inclusion in this bulletin

Please forward any items to Matt Randall (Manager.Research@sci.monash.edu.au).

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. ARC Discovery – Projects 2008: Research Office email updates

Prospective applicants for the 2008 round of ARC Discovery – Projects are invited to subscribe to the Research Office email list for updates on the scheme and related Monash information.

To subscribe email arc@adm.monash.edu.au with 'Subscribe DP08' in the subject line.

2. ARC Discovery – Projects 2008: faculty review of applications

A message from Professor Leone Spiccia (Associate Dean, Research):

A Faculty Reader Scheme has been introduced to improve the quality of our ARC Discovery – Projects (DP) and ARC Linkage – Projects (LP) applications. This is separate / in addition to the university scheme run by the Research Office.

Two academic staff from each school have been nominated as follows:

- Biological Sciences: Professor John Beardall and Dr Coral Warr
- Chemistry: Professor Don McNaughton and Professor Steven Langford
- Geosciences: Professor Jim Cull and Dr Ian Nicholls
- Mathematical Sciences: Dr Tom Hall and Professor John Lattanzio
- Physics: Associate Professor Andrei Nikulin and Dr David Paganin

We thank them very much for offering their services.

The scheme is being trialled with the current LP round and we have already received some very positive feedback. For this scheme, two readers have generally been allocated to each application - one from the originating school and the other from another school. We intend to do the same for the DP08 program.

The DP08 scheme will operate at two levels:

1. Reworked applications submitted in the DP07 round - two levels of review will be implemented

Stage 1. Anyone intending to resubmit an application should provide Matt Randall with TWO full copies of the application, all assessor comments, the rejoinder and the final notification letter from the ARC with percentile scores by Monday, 13 November 2006 at the latest. A statement of how the applicants intend to improve the applications would also be useful.

These applications will be sent to two readers, as for the current LP round, who will critically review the proposal, advise on modifications to be made if it is to be resubmitted. The readers will report back to the intending applicants by early December 2006.

Stage 2. Once the application has been redrafted, the readers will again review the application. Applicants should recognise that this process will take time and should plan to complete these drafts as early as possible (ideally by the end of January 2007).

2. New applications

These will be reviewed once by two readers. Applicants should plan to have their full drafts completed by the end of January 2007 to ensure that thorough review will take place with sufficient time to act on any recommendations.

I encourage every applicant to take advantage of this Scheme. It would be terrific if we could improve our success rate in both the ARC DP and LP programs.

3. ARC Discovery – Projects: Research Office draft guidelines

The Research Office has requested feedback on draft guidelines covering ARC Discovery – Projects by **Monday, 20 November 2006**.

The document is available from www.sci.monash.edu.au/staff/research/docs/dp.doc

4. 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.

PART B - EVENTS

5. ARC Discovery – Projects: DP08 - Budget, Part E and Track Record

The Research Office is offering a seminar on preparing the budget, Part E, and Track Record sections of the ARC Discovery – Projects 2008 application form.

Date

Monday, 13 November 2006 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Venue

Lecture Theatre S11, Building 25, Clayton

Presenters

- Associate Professor Wayne Cook, ARC College of Experts member (Engineering)
- Ms Lorraine Bridger, Manager, Grants Development and Management, Research Office

Registration

Please RSVP by emailing Ms Reeta Kumar at Reeta.Kumar@adm.monash.edu.au

6. Monash 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 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 Australian industry needs.

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

8. DEST Australia-India Strategic Research Fund

The Australia-India Strategic Research Fund (AISRF) aims to facilitate and support Science and Technology research cooperation between Australia and India. As part of the Australian Scholarships package \$20 million of funding will be provided over five years commencing in 2006/07. The fund will assist Australian researchers to increase their participation in leading scientific research with Indian scientists and to support the development of strategic alliances between Australian researchers and Indian researchers.

Further information

www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/dest/australia-india-srf.html

Deadline for applications

Tuesday, 14 November 2006 with the Research Office

9. Australia-Thailand Institute call for funding applications

The Australia-Thailand Institute provides financial support to selected projects which aim to build community links between Australia and Thailand, particularly with regard to public policy (including legal issues and education); health and science; and culture and the arts.

Further information / application form

www.dfat.gov.au/ati/funding_guidelines.html

Deadline for applications

Monday, 20 November 2006 with the Research Office
(Friday, 1 December 2006 with the Australia-Thailand Institute)

10. The Small Technologies Cluster (STC) Access Program (Round 2)

The Small Technologies Cluster (STC) is a recognised centre of excellence in micro-nano-bio technology research, manufacturing and commercialisation through the clustering of accessible skills, technologies and capabilities. The STC is calling for Round 2 Submissions to its STC Access Program of small cash grants and discounted access to MiniFAB facilities at Scoresby, Victoria, for projects in micro and nano fabrication, microfluidics and fluidic systems, biosensor integration and nano imprint lithography.

Further information / application form

www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/calendar/november.html

(select "Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development - Small Technologies Cluster (STC) Access Program")

Deadline for applications

Friday, 24 November 2006 with the Small Technologies Cluster

11. Bill Kent Research Fellowship 2006

For the second consecutive year, the Bill Kent Research Fellowship of up to \$10,000 will be offered to support early career researchers. This fellowship was established in recognition of the Founding Director of the Monash University Prato Centre, and is aimed at deepening Monash's research expertise and facilitating links with Europe.

This fellowship is available to early career researchers with a permanent or fixed term appointment at Monash University. The applicant must provide a rationale for being based in Prato, and identify benefits to their research and to Monash that would result. Projects that contribute significantly to the Monash University Prato Centre's engagement with the local community will be regarded favourably.

Further information / application form

www.monash.edu.au/international/oid/matw/europe-network.html

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 30 November 2006 with Ms Cecilia Hewlett

Ms Cecilia Hewlett
Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
Building 3A, Clayton Campus

12. Japan Society for the promotion of science postdoctoral fellowships in Japan awards

The Japan Society for the promotion of Science (JSPS), in association with the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Research Council, offers postdoctoral fellowships annually for Australian researchers to work in institutes affiliated with JSPS.

The JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers provides opportunities for Australian postdoctoral researchers to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. The program aims to help such researchers advance their own research while contributing to the advancement of research in Japan and the counterpart countries.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified Australian researchers in any field of natural sciences (including technology, engineering and medicine), the humanities and social sciences.

Further information

www.science.org.au/internat/jspspd.htm

Deadline for applications

Tuesday, 5 December 2006 with the Research Office

PART D - AWARDS AND PRIZES

None!

PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES

November 2006

Monday, 13 November 2006

- Deadline for applications for ARC Linkage – Projects: Round 2/2006 [item 7]
- Deadline for faculty review of reworked applications for ARC Discovery – Projects 2008 [item 2]
- Seminar on ARC Discovery – Projects: DP08 - Budget, Part E and Track Record [item 5]

Tuesday, 14 November 2006

- Deadline for applications for the DEST Australia-India Strategic Research Fund [item 8]

Monday, 20 November 2006

- Deadline for funding offered by the Australia Thailand Institute [item 9]

Friday, 24 November 2006

- Deadline for proposals for the Small Technologies Cluster (STC) Access Program (Round 2) [item 10]

Thursday, 30 November 2006

- Deadline for applications for the Bill Kent Research Fellowship 2006 [item 11]

December 2006

Tuesday, 5 December 2006

- Japan Society for the Promotion of Science postdoctoral fellowships in Japan awards for 2007 [item 12]