



Faculty of Science News Bulletin for Research Staff

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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. 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

2. Launch of new Research Office Funding Opportunities Calendar

The Research Office invites you to the launch of their redeveloped 'Funding Opportunities Calendar' located at www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/calendar/.

Date and time

Thursday, 7 December 2006 from 11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Venue

Lecture Theatre S3, Building 25, Clayton campus

3. Faculty of Science lunchtime forum "Reflections on Research Quality Assessment for the RQF"

You are invited to a lunch-time forum on the RQF hosted by the Dean with guest speaker Professor David Parker FRS, Department of Chemistry, University of Durham.

Professor Parker has been involved in numerous research quality assessment exercises in the UK, having had roles on numerous assessment panels for other universities, as well as participating in the assessment of his own department, where he has been head in the periods 1995-8 and during 2003-6. The Department of Chemistry at Durham University has been a top rating department since the early 1990s and is internationally recognised as one of the best chemistry departments in the UK. Professor Parker has also assisted and participated as an external assessor for our School of Chemistry in the Monash Mock RQF exercise.

The forum will provide an opportunity to share his experiences. A light lunch will be provided.

Date and time

Monday, 18 December 2006 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Venue

Faculty of Science Faculty Meeting Room, Building 19N, Clayton campus

RSVP

Please email Matt Randall (Manager.Research@sci.monash.edu.au) by 15 December 2006.

4. 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

5. Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff

Round 1/2007 for travel between 1 January 2007 - 31 August 2007

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.

In addition, grants of up to \$1200 are now available for travel from Australia to Malaysia to promote collaborative research between staff in the School of Arts and Sciences at Monash University Malaysia and Faculty of Science schools based in Australia.

Further information / application form

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

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 14 December 2006 with the Faculty of Science office

6. Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants

Round 1/2007 for travel between 1 January 2007 - 31 August 2007

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 grants of \$1500 each will be awarded in this round.

Further information / application form

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

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 14 December 2006 with the Faculty of Science office

7. Parks Victoria Research Partners Program

Parks Victoria is again calling for applications for their research partners panel. The program is not a grants scheme as projects must have application to Parks Victoria's natural values management program and benefit the management of parks.

In general, projects that address Parks Victoria's five-year priority research themes (see below) will be favoured, although submissions that do not address these themes will be considered. Projects that bring additional contributions (cash and in-kind) and / or seek to attract further support (such as through ARC Linkage - Projects and other funding schemes) will be favoured.

Parks Victoria's five-year priority research themes

1. Integration of research and management
2. Parks in the landscape
3. Performance evaluation
4. Inventory: park attributes and threats
5. Over-abundant native fauna: impacts and management
6. Visitor management: environmental impacts
7. Emerging risks

(The full guidelines are available from Matt Randall upon request.)

Application procedures

Proposals must be submitted in electronic format (MS Word) and must use the project proposal template provided. Please request a copy of the guidelines and Project Proposal Template from Matt Randall (Manager.Research@sci.monash.edu.au).

Deadline for proposals

Monday, 15 January 2007 with Matt Randall (Manager.Research@sci.monash.edu.au)

8. ARC Discovery - Projects (including Fellowships) for funding commencing in 2008

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.

Further information

www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/arc/arc-discovery-projectsincludingfellowships.html

Upcoming deadlines

- **Research Office deadline for applications:** **Monday, 5 February 2007**
- (ARC deadline for applications: **Friday, 2 March 2007**)

PART D - AWARDS AND PRIZES

9. The Royal Society of Victoria Research Medal 2007: Earth Sciences

Nominations are invited for The Royal Society of Victoria Medal for Scientific Research 2007 (Earth Sciences) in the areas of geology, geochemistry, geochronology, geophysics, planetary physics, meteorology, oceanography, physical geography and related sciences. The medal will be awarded solely on the basis of research work published and / or accepted for publication in referred international journals during the six year period from 1 January 2000 to 31 December 2005. The work shall be carried out in Australia (including its territories), or on Australia, with preference for work done in Victoria, or on Victoria.

Further information / nomination process

www.sciencevictoria.org.au/research_medals.html

Deadline for nominations

Saturday, 31 March 2007 with the Executive Officer, The Royal Society of Victoria

PART E – DATES AND DEADLINES

December 2006

Tuesday, 5 December 2006

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

Thursday, 7 December 2006

- Launch of new Research Office Funding Opportunities Calendar [item 2]

Thursday, 14 December 2006

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff (Round 1/2007) [item 5]
- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants (Round 1/2007) [item 5]

Monday, 18 December 2006

- Faculty of Science lunchtime forum "Reflections on Research Quality Assessment for the RQF" [item 3]

January 2007

Monday, 15 January 2007

- Deadline for proposals for the Parks Victoria Research Partners Program [item 7]

February 2007

Monday, 5 February 2007

- Deadline for applications for ARC Discovery - Projects (including Fellowships) for funding commencing in 2008 [item 8]

March 2007

Saturday, 31 March 2007

- Deadline for nominations for The Royal Society of Victoria Research Medal 2007: Earth Sciences [item 9]