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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. 2006 Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research for Early Career Researchers

A message from Professor Rob Norris, Dean of Science:

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I am sure the Faculty will join me in congratulating **Dr Stuart Batten**, Lecturer in the School of Chemistry on receipt this evening of the 2006 Vice-Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Research for Early Career Researchers.

Stuart won this award from a field of 10 Early Career Researchers (one from each Faculty) whose quality was absolutely breathtaking.

Start's citation states "Stuart has developed an international reputation in this field. Highlights include more than 100 publications, high citation rates (over 50 per published paper) extensive local and international collaborations, three separate national medals for research excellence, and significant funding success". on the later item: " He has secured personal research funding to the amount of \$1.2m since 1998 and he was Chief Investigator on grants of more than \$3.5m."

Stuart adds this award to a number of others including the recently announced Victorian Tall Poppy Award (see www.monash.edu.au/news/newslines/story/1091).

I recently announced Stuart's promotion to Senior Lecturer from January 1.

This is an extraordinary performance for a university lecturer and I congratulate Stuart most heartily on his stellar performance.

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2. 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

3. 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

4. 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)

5. 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**)

6. National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) schemes

Prospective applicants should subscribe to the NHMRC email list by sending an email with 'Subscribe NHMRC 2007' in the subject heading to nhmrc@adm.monash.edu.au

The Research Office has released a guide to the Monash processes and deadlines for NHMRC schemes in 2008 entitled *7 steps to success!*, available at www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/nhmrc/

Scheme	Internal deadline	NHMRC deadline
Program Grant Notification of Intent	10 January 2007	12 January 2007
Project Grant NHMRC Eligibility Ruling Request	15 January 2007	19 January 2007
Research Fellowships	22 January 2007	9 February 2007
Program Grants Full Application	29 January 2007	9 February 2007
Development Grants	22 January 2007	9 February 2007
Project Grants	14-16 February 2007	16 March 2007

PART D - AWARDS AND PRIZES

7. 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

January 2007

Monday, 15 January 2007

- Deadline for proposals for the Parks Victoria Research Partners Program [item 4]

February 2007

Monday, 5 February 2007

- Deadline for applications for ARC Discovery - Projects (including Fellowships) for funding commencing in 2008 [item 5]

March 2007

Saturday, 31 March 2007

- Deadline for nominations for The Royal Society of Victoria Research Medal 2007: Earth Sciences [item 7]