



Faculty of Science News Bulletin for Research Staff

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Items for inclusion in this bulletin

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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. ARC Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) 2008

Ms Lorraine Bridger, Manager, Grants Development and Management, Research Office, has advised that the Australian Research Council (ARC) has released the LIEF 2008 Funding Rules (see http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lief/lief_default.htm).

Expressions of Interest (Eoi) Thursday 22 March 2007

Applications:

Research Office closing date: **Monday 7 May 2007**

ARC closing date: Friday 18 May 2007

The Expression of Interest Form and further details are available at:

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/arc/arc-lief.html>

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

3. *ScienceAlert* – Australia and New Zealand

ScienceAlert is a website that delivers Australian & New Zealand science, technology, and innovation news to science, industry, the media, government and the broader community.

www.sciencealert.com.au/about-us.html

4. *Science Matters* – Department of Education, Science and Training

An online resource for those interested in the dynamic field of Australian Government science policy.

Science presents the latest research and innovation news from the Department of Education, Science and Training, from news of world-class Government-funded research to stories about the latest innovations transforming our lives.

www.sciencematters.dest.gov.au/

PART B - EVENTS

5. 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

6. Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) – Flagship Collaboration Fund

The Flagship Collaboration Fund funds specific research projects which have outcomes and deliverables relevant to a Flagship objective.

Flagship projects:

1. are restricted to Australian universities
2. will be funded for up to two years at a maximum of A\$100 000 per year from the Collaboration Fund
3. co-investment by the university partner(s) will generally be expected.
4. will not fund research already funded from other sources
5. will not fund capital purchases (equipment, facilities, etc)

Flagship projects can be either solicited or unsolicited. ([Refer to website for information on unsolicited projects.](#))

CSIRO is now inviting applications for projects commencing in 2007-08. Each Flagship has nominated priority research areas for 2007-08 projects:

1. [Energy Transformed Flagship: research areas for Flagship Collaboration Fund projects 2007-08](#)
2. [Food Futures Flagship: research areas for Flagship Collaboration Fund projects 2007-08](#)
3. [Light Metals Flagship: research areas for Flagship Collaboration Fund projects 2007-08](#)
4. [Preventative Health Flagship: research areas for Flagship Collaboration Fund projects 2007-08](#)
5. [Water for a Healthy Country Flagship: research areas for Flagship Collaboration Fund projects 2007-08](#)
6. [Wealth from Oceans Flagship: research areas for Flagship Collaboration Fund projects 2007-08](#)

Application Process

1. Read the [Flagship collaborative research program guidelines](#)
2. **MUST** discuss your proposed project application with the nominated Flagship contact before proposals are drafted (**VERY IMPORTANT**)
3. Apply using the [Flagship project application form](#).
4. Project Leader must be identified.
5. Applications must be submitted on behalf of institutions, not individual researchers. Application form requires institution's certification.

Submission Requirements

Advise Intention to Apply - Email [Edwina Goh](#) by Friday, 20 April 2007, provide the following details:

- Names of researchers
- Flagship Research Priority Areas
- Project Title
- Funding requested
- Any cash co-investment and source

Original print out of the electronic application and one copy to Research Office – 7 May 2007 ([See Monash Requirements for Electronic Submission of Grant Applications](#))

Online application to be submitted to CSIRO

The Research Office will send the signed original with university endorsement to CSIRO.

Monash Contact: [Edwina Goh](mailto:Edwina.Goh@monash.edu)
Tel: +61 (0)3 990 51193
or research.enquiries@adm.monash.edu.au

Deadline for applications

Monday, 7 May 2007 with the Monash Research Office

Friday, 18 May 2007 with CSIRO

7. Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff: Round 2/2007

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 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 June 2007 with the Faculty of Science office

8. Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants: Round 2/2007

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.

Further information / application form

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

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 14 June 2007 with the Faculty of Science office

9. Faculty of Science Early Career Researcher Grants 2008

The Faculty of Science is committed to nurturing and supporting Early Career Researchers and in 2000 introduced the Early Career Researcher Grants scheme to provide seeding funds for junior staff who have yet to develop a strong track record. Up to three grants of \$20,000 each will be awarded in 2007 for 2008.

Further information / application form

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

Deadline for applications

Friday, 29 June 2007 with the Faculty of Science office

10. Seafood Development Industry Fund (SIDF)

The Seafood Industry Development Fund (SIDF) has been set up, with the assistance of the Fisheries research and Development Corporation (FRDC,) to help the seafood industry to improve its profitability, international competitiveness and social resilience.

Applications are evaluated by the SIDF Project Evaluation Panel (PEP) four times each year, normally within one month after each of the closing dates. The PEP recommends, to the FRDC, applications that should be approved for FRDC funding.

Funding

For projects seeking SIDF funding of \$5,000 or less, the PEP will make its decision based on the information you have included in the FRDC pre-proposal form. The PEP may either:

- reject your application, or
- seek a revised application addressing specific issues raised by the PEP, or
- recommend to FRDC that your application be approved subject to any conditions that may be identified by the PEP.

For projects seeking SIDF funding between \$5,001 and \$30,000, the PEP will evaluate your application based on the information you have included in the PRDC pre-application form. The PEP may either:

- reject your application, or
- seek a revised application addressing specific issues raised by the PEP, or
- invite you to submit a full application addressing any issues that may be identified by the PEP.

The maximum total SIDF funding available for any project is \$30,000. Applications seeking more than \$30,000 will not be evaluated

Further information/application form

www.seafoodservices.com.au/sidf/

Deadline for applications

Monday, 23 July 2007 – with the Monash Research Office

Wednesday, 1 August 2007 – with the Seafood Development Industry Fund

or

Tuesday, 23 October 2007 – with the Monash Research Office

Thursday, 1 November 2007 – with the Seafood Development Industry Fund

PART D - AWARDS AND PRIZES

11. 2007 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are a national tribute to excellent and dedicated work in Australian science and science teaching. Each comprise a cash grant, a medallion and a lapel pin of the nature of those worn by recipients of Australian Honours such as the AO.

The major prize, the Prime Minister's Prize for Science, is awarded for an outstanding specific achievement in any area of science advancing human welfare or benefiting society.

The Malcolm McIntosh Prize for Physical Scientist of the Year and the Science Minister's Prize for Life Scientist of the Year are awarded to scientists who are thirty-five years of age or younger, and are designed to both honour excellent research and to highlight that our early-stage career scientists are producing world-class research.

Further information / nomination process

www.dest.gov.au/scienceprize

Deadline for nominations

Friday, 4 May 2007 with the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST)

12. 2007 – 2008 Young Tall Poppy Science Awards

The Tall Poppy Campaign was established by the Australian Institute of Policy & Science to promote awareness of Australia's intellectual achievements. An important component of the Campaign is the Young Tall Poppy Science Awards which recognise the achievements of outstanding young researchers in the sciences including physical, biomedical, applied sciences, engineering and technology.

Eligibility

The awards in 2007 are open to residents of New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia working in all fields of science, including the biomedical, physical and applied sciences.

Nominees should be either postgraduate who are close to completing or having completed a doctoral degree within the past 10 years.

Nominees should have undertaken the majority of their postgraduate, doctoral and post-doctoral research in Australia, and/or be committed to carrying out their research in Australia in coming years.

Only individual scientists are eligible.

Self-nominations are not eligible.

Nominees must be citizens of Australia or hold Australian Permanent Residency status.

Benefits

Opportunity for Young Tall Poppies to act as 'ambassadors' for science by encouraging interest in scientific careers and keeping science at the forefront of the public agenda.

Profiling younger Australian researchers, their areas of specialisation and their university of research institute in the community.

Opportunity to meet with Ministers, politicians, leading scientists, corporate, academia and science policy makers through the Tall Poppy Campaign events, and more...

Further information/application form

<http://www.tallpoppies.net.au/awards/2007>

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 2 August 2007 with the Tall Poppy Campaign

PART E – POSTGRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH SUPPORT

13. The Royal Society of Victoria Post-Graduate Student Prizes in Biological, Physical and Earth Sciences

In 2006 The Royal Society of Victoria introduced two new Postgraduate Student Prizes to recognise excellence in research. In awarding this prize, The Society hopes to encourage post graduate student researchers, give them experience in presentation to an audience and help to foster their careers.

Eligibility

Postgraduate students in their second or third year are eligible for this award.

Eligible students will be asked to submit an extended abstract of their work, which will be assessed by one of two judging panels, one in the Biological and the others in the Physical/Earth Sciences.

Benefits

A short list of three candidates in each category will be selected to make their oral presentations to the meeting of The Society on Tuesday, 21st August 2007 at 6:15pm.

The winner in each category will be selected from the presentations by the judging panels from the oral presentations on the night and will receive a Prize of \$500 at the end of the evening.

Further information/application form

Further information and an application form may be obtained from the HDR Administration Officer in each School, or from the Manager, Research and Research Training in the Faculty Research Office (Faculty of Science Office, Building 19, Room G35).

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 31 May 2007 with The Royal Society of Victoria

14. Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia – University Research Grants

The WPSA University Research Grants are scholarships of \$1,000 offered to honours or postgraduate students at Australian universities. Applicants must be a member of the Society, and those wishing to join can do so at www.wpsa.org.au

Grants are available for research projects of direct relevance to the conservation of Australian wildlife. Grants may be used for the purchase of equipment and consumables, travel expenses related to field research, or attendance of conferences at which you are presenting your work.

Further information/application form

www.wpsa.org.au/grantuni.html

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 31 May 2007 with the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia

15. Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment – Postgraduate Student Research Support in ecology, wildlife management and natural history studies

Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment invites applications by Universities for post-graduate student research support in the fields of ecology, wildlife management and natural history studies.

Eligibility

Preference will be given to students at an early stage of a Masters or Doctoral program. Honours projects will normally not be supported.

Benefits

Grants of up to \$5,000 will be awarded for the purchase of equipment, supplies, travel to study areas and conferences. These grants will be renewable for a period of 2 to 3 years provided that the student maintains satisfactory progress.

Scholars holding senior positions at universities and other research institutions within the above mentioned academic fields are entitled to nominate candidates for the Holberg Prize. Nominations are strictly confidential. They shall not be disclosed to the nominee or to others, not even after the prize winner has been announced.

Further information/application form

www.anz.com/aus/fin/Trustees/guNamed.asp#Holsworth

Deadline for applications

Thursday, 20 September 2007 with the Monash Research Office

Monday, 1 October 2007 with the Holsworth Wildlife Research Fund

PART F - DATES AND DEADLINES

May 2007

Friday, 4 May 2007

- Deadline for nominations for the 2007 Prime Minister's Prizes for Science to the Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST).

Monday, 7 May 2007

- Deadline for applications for the ARC Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities 2008 to the Monash Research Office.
- Deadline for applications for the CSIRO – Flagship Collaboration Fund – Submission to the Monash Research Office.

Thursday, 31 May 2007

- Deadline for applications for the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia – University Research Grants to the Wildlife Preservation Society of Australia.
- Deadline for applications for The Royal Society of Victoria Post-Graduate Student Prizes in Biological, Physical and Earth Sciences to The Royal Society of Victoria.

June 2007

Thursday, 14 June 2007

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Overseas Travel Grants for Academic Staff: Round 2/2007 [item 7].
- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Postdoctoral Overseas Travel Grants: Round 2/2007 [item 8].

Friday, 29 June 2007

- Deadline for applications for Faculty of Science Early Career Researcher Grants 2008 [item 9].

July 2007

Monday, 23 July 2007

- Deadline for applications for the Seafood Development Industry Fund (SIDF) to the Monash Research Office.

August 2007

Thursday, 2 August 2007

- Deadline for applications for the 2007-2008 young Tall Poppy Science Awards to the Tall Poppy Campaign.

September 2007

Thursday, 20 September 2007

- Deadline for applications for the Holsworth Wildlife Research Endowment – Postgraduate Student Research Support in ecology, wildlife management and natural history studies to the Monash Research Office.

October 2007

Tuesday, 23 October 2007

- Deadline for applications for the Seafood Development Industry Fund (SIDF) to the Monash Research Office.

November 2007

(No entries)

December 2007

(No entries)