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NEWS & INFORMATION

Consultation Paper on NHMRC's Research Fellowships Scheme	Internal Deadline
NHMRC's Research Fellowship scheme, in place now for	N/A

decades, has been an outstanding success. Many of Australia's current and past research stars have been supported through the scheme and NHMRC remains strongly committed to it.

On the 25 May 2009, NHMRC Research Committee launched a consultation process which raises a number of questions and issues for comment and input from the research and wider community in the *Consultation Paper on NHMRC's Research Fellowship Scheme*.

The NHMRC now invite you to make a submission on this paper. To download a copy of the paper and for information on how to make a submission, please visit:

<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/consult/index.htm>

Call for research on H1N1 Influenza 2009 - Additional Information Released	Internal Deadline
<p>NHMRC is calling for public health and medical research proposals that aim to rapidly inform and advance Australian strategies to prevent, prepare for and respond to a potential H1N1 Influenza pandemic and inform the development of public policy: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/types/granttype/strategic/influenza09.htm</p> <p>A total of up to \$7 million has been set aside by NHMRC to fund the best research that addresses needs that are not already being covered through other means.</p> <p>NHMRC is therefore calling for research to be conducted over the current Australian influenza season, to better understand the biology of the virus and its impact on public health in order to inform public policy development.</p> <p>Additional information on this call for research can be found on the NHMRC website at: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/types/granttype/strategic/_files/NHMRC-H1N1-additional-information.pdf</p>	<p>15 June 2009</p>

GRANTS

Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) Round 12 - Open	Internal
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	Deadline
<p>Round 12 of the Cooperative Research Centres (CRC) program has opened. Intending applicants will be required to complete the Expression of Interest form with the endorsement of relevant Heads and EDs in the first instance by 22 June 2009. Further information, timeline and links to the CRC Program website can be found: http://www.adelaide.edu.au/rb/Find/Major/crc.html</p> <p>Queries can be directed to timothy.anson@adelaide.edu.au or jim.deed@adelaide.edu.au</p>	22 June 2009

Arthritis Australia - Grants In Aid and Project Grants 2010	Internal Deadline
<p>Arthritis Australia 2010 research grant applications are now open to clinical, scientific and allied health professionals who work in universities, hospitals and recognised research institutes.</p> <p>Grants are typically for short-term projects with well defined aims that can be achieved within a 12 month period. The amount allocated is generally in the range of \$10,000 - \$15,000 per grant for new investigator grants. A maximum of four project grants valued up to \$50,000 will be available, including grants focusing on rheumatoid arthritis and ankylosing spondylitis. Selection is by review process. It is expected that an explicit, justified budget will be provided as part of your application.</p> <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.arthritisaustralia.com.au/index.php/research-grants.html</p>	3 July 2009

Bionic eye research - Applications Open	Internal Deadline
The Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research,	17 July 2009

Senator Kim Carr, opened the \$50 million Research in Bionic Science and Technology Initiative for applications.

Under the initiative, a leading research team or teams will receive up to **\$50 million** to initiate significant national and international research collaboration to develop a bionic eye. This research initiative delivers on the Australian Government's promise, as part of its 2020 Summit response, to implement a long-term national health strategy.

The Initiative will be administered by the Australian Research Council and the assessment of funding proposals will involve national and international experts.

For more information on the initiative and to download the funding rules visit:
<http://www.arc.gov.au/>

Retina Australia - Research Grants	Internal Deadline
<p>Retina Australia provides funds, raised by public donation all over Australia, for research scientists to undertake an area of study which can further the body of knowledge about the causes, treatments and possible cures for inherited retinal diseases. Retina Australia grant will not normally exceed \$40,000 in any one year but special consideration may be given to extending this limit to \$60,000 in the case of a highly ranked application.</p> <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.retinaaustralia.com.au/grantdownload.htm</p>	<p>19 June 2009</p>

Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia (MSRA) - Incubator Grants	Internal Deadline
<p>Applications are invited for small grants (up to \$25,000 plus GST for one year only) to 'seed' the earliest stages of new research efforts. Applications are accepted all year round.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

Please visit the following website for more information and application forms:

<http://www.msra.org.au/research/research-support.php>

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (HFG) - Research Grants in the Natural and Social Sciences and the Humanities	Internal Deadline
<p>The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation (HFG) welcomes proposals from any of the natural and social sciences and the humanities that promise to increase understanding of the causes, manifestations, and control of violence, aggression, and dominance. Particular questions that interest HFG concern violence, aggression, and dominance in relation to social change, the socialization of children, intergroup conflict, interstate warfare, crime, family relationships, and investigations of the control of aggression and violence. Priority will also be given to areas and methodologies not receiving adequate attention and support from other funding sources.</p> <p>HFG awards research grants to individuals for individual projects and does not award grants to institutions for institutional programs. Awards in the range of US\$15,000 to \$30,000 a year for periods of one or two years.</p> <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.hfg.org/rg/guidelines.htm</p>	<p>24 July 2009</p>

The Australian Academy of Science - Award for Conservation of Endangered Australian Vertebrate Species	Internal Deadline
<p>This award offers support for research on endangered Australian vertebrate species (endangered either locally or nationally) with the objective of understanding the causes of their decline and with a view to instituting, or improving, the management of the conditions necessary for the species' recovery.</p> <p>A total of \$20,000 is available for allocation to one or more than one grant. Preference will be given to independent</p>	<p>24 August 2009</p>

research workers whose research is not funded, or only partially funded, by a university or other institution. Applicants undertaking Masters and particularly PhD studies should ensure that their application identifies clearly the discreet aspect or research component of that larger study for which they are seeking funding support from this award. Successful applicants will be required to give evidence of appropriate Ethics Committee approval.

For further information and application instructions, please visit:

<http://www.science.org.au/awards/conservation.htm>

Sugar Research & Development Corporation (SRDC) - Research Projects	Internal Deadline
<p>SRDC is calling for researchers to submit research and development proposals for projects commencing from July 2010. SRDC are prepared to invest in bright new ideas and innovative R&D projects from anywhere in the world, which will deliver significant benefits to the Australian community and sugarcane industry.</p> <p>Research proposals should target one of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mitigating risks of climate change, and facilitating adaptation to climate change and variability. 2. Delivering opportunities for the sugarcane industry in energy, biomass utilisation and product diversification. 3. Reducing production costs and/or improving the utilisation of capital and other resources for cane farming, harvesting and milling. 4. Increasing uptake of improved technologies and improving decision-making by industry enterprises. 5. Developing improved sugarcane varieties 6. Reducing risks of exotic biosecurity threats, and improving management of endemic pests and weeds, including risks enhanced by climate change. <p>Expressions of Interest applications will need to be submitted online using the SRDC application centre by Friday 14 August 2009 (external). For a review of your draft application, please submit a copy to the Research Branch by Friday 7 August 2009. Relevant Research Branch contact: Chelsea DuBois (8303 3716).</p>	<p>See Body</p>

For further information and application instructions, please visit: <http://www.srdc.gov.au/>

GRANTS - INTERNATIONAL

Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations - Endeavour Awards	Internal Deadlines
<p>The Endeavour Awards is the Australian Government's internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program enabling citizens of the Asia-Pacific, Middle East, Europe and the Americas to undertake study, research or professional development in Australia. Awards are also available for Australians to do the same abroad. The Endeavour Awards aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop on-going education, research and professional linkages between individuals, organisations and countries • Provide opportunities for high achieving individuals to increase their skills and enhance their global awareness • Contribute to Australia's position as a high quality education and training provider, and leader in research and innovation • Increase the productivity of Australians through an international study, research or professional development experience. <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/endeavour_awards/</p>	<p>24 July 2009</p>

Susan G. Komen for the Cure - Prevention Promise Grants (Pre-Application)	Internal Deadline
<p>Prevention Promise Grants seek to support integrated programs of collaborative and cross-disciplinary research projects leading to the aggressive translation of scientific discoveries into interventions and strategies that have the greatest potential to significantly reduce breast cancer incidence, defined here in terms of the prevention of primary breast cancers in previously asymptomatic women or prevention of second primary breast cancers in women with a previous history of cancer.</p>	<p>8 July 2009</p>

Proposals seeking to prevent breast cancer recurrence would not be within the scope of this RFA. These grants seek to remove current roadblocks to development and clinical translation of effective prevention interventions.

For further information and application instructions, please visit:

<http://ww5.komen.org/researchgrants/grantprograms.html?ecid=vanityurl:11>

FELLOWSHIP / SCHOLARSHIP

Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia (MSRA) – Ian Ballard Travel Fellowship Award	Internal Deadline
<p>The goals of the MSRA Ian Ballard Travel Fellowship are to give young scientist the opportunity to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Meet and deliberate with research leaders in their research speciality 2. Learn new techniques that can be brought back to Australia 3. Establish relationships with key scientists <p>There must be a direct correlation between the applicant's research plan and the research sites chosen to visit and any conference attended. Amount awarded is up to \$30,000.</p> <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.msra.org.au/research/funding-process.php#IanBallard</p>	<p>8 July 2009</p>

Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia (MSRA) – Senior Fellowship	Internal Deadline
<p>The MSRA Senior Fellowship is a prestigious award available to established Researchers who are potential leaders in MS research. The goal is to provide the security and funding support for these individuals to lead a team in MS research. Candidates are expected to have an established and verifiable</p>	<p>8 July 2009</p>

track record in MS at a national and international level. Amount awarded is up to \$100,000 per annum.

For further information and application instructions, please visit:

<http://www.msra.org.au/research/funding-process.php#SeniorFellowship>

Australian Academy of the Humanities - Travelling Fellowships	Internal Deadline
<p>Fellowships of up to \$4,000 each, they are intended to allow early-career humanities researchers to travel overseas for short periods (not less than two weeks) to access materials in connection with their research. This Programme also incorporates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Ernst Keller Travelling Fellowships (for travel to European countries to conduct research in European topics or studies – early career researchers and researchers in German studies; however, researchers in other European topics are eligible for the Fellowship and are welcome to apply). 2. The French Embassy in Australia Travelling Fellowships (for travel to France in order to gain access to resources held in French institutions), these are jointly funded by the French Embassy in Australia and the Academy. <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.humanities.org.au/Grants/HTF/HTF.htm</p>	<p>24 July 2009</p>

Australian Academy of Science - Graeme Caughley Travelling Fellowship	Internal Deadline
<p>The purpose of the Fellowship is to enable ecologists resident in Australia or New Zealand to share their expertise by visiting scientific centres and giving lectures in countries other than</p>	<p>24 August 2009</p>

Australia or New Zealand. The Fellowship is offered every two years. Up to \$5000 (GST exempt) is offered.

The Fellow will be an ecologist resident in Australia or New Zealand. Preference will be given to an applicant who indicates an interest in population ecology of wildlife and its scientific management.

For further information and application instructions, please visit:

<http://www.science.org.au/awards/caughley.htm>

2010 Australian Fulbright Scholarships - Applications Open	Internal Deadline
<p>Valued at up to \$A50,000, Fulbright scholarships are open to Australian citizens to undertake research or study in the United States for 3 – 12 months. Scholarships can be started between 1 July 2010 and 30 June 2011.</p> <p>As the largest and one of the most prestigious educational scholarship programs in the world, Fulbright provides unique opportunities for Australians to build long term research collaboration and linkages with U.S. universities.</p> <p>Applications are open to Postgraduates (to do research related to their Australian PhD., or enrol in a U.S. degree); Postdoctoral, Professional and Senior Scholars from any field of study.</p> <p>NOTE: Applicants from Queensland, Tasmania, Western Australia, Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales are encouraged to consider the state specific Fulbright Scholarships that have now been established.</p> <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.fulbright.com.au/scholarships/australian.html</p>	<p>24 August 2009</p>

PRIZE

The Australian Academy of Science - Early Career and Career Awards	External Deadline
<p>Each year the Australian Academy of Science rewards scientific excellence. Honorific awards are made to early-career researchers under 40 and to career researchers for life-long achievements:</p> <p>Early-career awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anton Hales Medal (Earth sciences) • Dorothy Hill Award (Earth sciences, reef sciences, marine geology and taxonomy) • Fenner Medal (biology – excluding biomedical sciences) • Frederick White Prize (physical, terrestrial and planetary sciences) • Gottschalk Medal (medical sciences) • Le Fèvre Memorial Prize (chemistry) • Pawsey Medal (physics) • Ruth Stephens Gani Medal (human genetics including clinical, molecular, population and epidemiological genetics and cytogenetics) <p>Career awards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Craig Medal (chemistry) • Haddon Forrester King Medal, sponsored by Rio Tinto (mineral exploration) • Ian Wark Medal and Lecture (applied science) • Matthew Flinders Medal and Lecture (physical sciences) (nominations from Academy Fellows only) • Mawson Medal and Lecture (Earth sciences) <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.science.org.au/awards/</p>	<p>31 July 2009</p>

Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering (ATSE) - 2009 Clunies Ross Awards	External Deadline
<p>Nominations for the 2010 ATSE Clunies Ross Awards are now open. The appropriate nominee is a person who has, often against difficulties and with persistent commitment, made important contributions to the application of science and technology for the economic, social or environmental benefit of Australia. It is these</p>	<p>30 June 2009</p>

people, the sources of inspiration, that the Academy would seek to identify and honour.

For further information and application instructions, please visit:

<http://www.cluniesross.org.au/2008/1/22/2010-nomination-form>

The Australian Institute of Policy and Science - 2009 CSL Florey Medal (Call for Nominations)	External Deadline
<p>The Australian Institute of Policy and Science invites nominations for the 2009 CSL Florey Medal to be awarded to an Australian biomedical researcher for significant achievements in biomedical science and human health advancement.</p> <p>The CSL Florey Medal will be announced on the evening of Monday 9 November in Sydney in partnership with the Association of Australian Medical Research Institutes and CSL Limited.</p> <p>For further information and nomination instructions, please visit: http://www.aips.net.au/</p>	29 June 2009

OTHER REMINDERS

French Australian Science and Technology (FAST) Program - Call for proposals Round Seven 2009	Internal Deadlines
<p>The objective of FAST is to promote and support scientific and technological cooperation between Australian and French researchers from public and private institutions or enterprises.</p> <p>Under the FAST program, Australia will contribute a total of up to \$A 250,000 per round and France up to 150,000 €per round.</p> <p>FAST will provide financial assistance, on a competitive basis, for collaborative research projects (including project specific</p>	19 June 2009

follow-up meetings) between Australian and French researchers. Eligible activities for funding support are international travel and living expenses only. Accordingly, funding does not extend to insurance, salaries or equipment expenses. Individual applications may request funding for up to 2 years.

Under the FAST program Round Seven, applications will be considered for research collaboration in the areas of **space sciences and astronomy, Materials and Information, Communication and Technology (ICT)**. Projects which include an environmental science component will be encouraged and assessed on merit along with all applications.

For further information and application instructions, please visit:

<https://grants.innovation.gov.au/ISL/Pages/Guidelines.aspx>

National Archives of Australia - Research Grants	Internal Deadline
<p>A key function of the National Archives is to promote archival research in Australia and encourage scholarly use of the National Archives collection.</p> <p>The National Archives offers a range of research grants for advanced research and professional development:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Margaret George Award for talented, emerging scholars – up to \$10,000 2. Frederick Watson Fellowship for established scholars – up to \$15,000 3. Ian Maclean Award for archivists and other professionals who are interested in archival issues – up to \$15,000 <p>Awards and Fellowships are designed to help scholars complete an innovative and quality research project that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is significant for Australian audiences • makes substantial use of the National Archives collection • produces as its outcome: articles, a book, website, exhibition, film or event to promote the National Archives collection <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit:</p>	<p>19 June 2009</p>

<http://www.naa.gov.au/about-us/research-grants/index.aspx>

Native Vegetation Council Significant Environmental Benefit Grants	Internal Deadline
<p>The Native Vegetation Council invites applications for funding for biodiversity projects that will assist in the large scale conservation, restoration and management of native vegetation across Natural Resources Management Regions at a landscape scale. Projects should address NVC priorities and be consistent with strategies and priorities identified in regional NRM plans.</p> <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.dwlbc.sa.gov.au/native/nvc/grants.html</p>	<p>22 June 2009</p>

NHMRC Program Grants	Internal Deadline
<p>The aim of the Program Grants scheme is to provide support for teams of high calibre researchers to pursue broad based, multi-disciplinary and collaborative research activities. Teams will be expected to contribute to new knowledge at a leading international level in important areas of health and medical research. The scheme is available for all research approaches relevant to better health (ie biomedical, clinical, public health or health services research) and is typically for 5 years.</p> <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/apply/programs/index.htm</p>	<p>24 June 2009</p>

Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia (PCFA) - Research Program	Internal Deadline
<p>The PCFA recognizes that current strategies for diagnosis and treatment of prostate cancer are inadequate. Progress in the management of prostate cancer requires research as well as measures to make scientifically-rigorous clinical trials accessible to patients with prostate cancer.</p> <p>PCFA Grant Categories:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Young Investigator Grants: To support young scientists beginning a career in prostate cancer research. 2. Concept Grants: For senior scientists not currently working in prostate cancer who have an innovative proposals and are seeking startup funding. 3. Project Grants: For general proposals for prostate cancer research, including support for innovative clinical trials. 4. Equipment Grants: For significant items of equipment needed to progress ongoing prostate cancer research. <p>For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.prostate.org.au/articleLive/pages/PCFA-Research-Program.html</p>	<p>3 July 2009</p>

Dairy Australia - Research and Development (R&D) Projects (Preliminary submissions)	Internal Deadlines
<p>Dairy Australia invites applications for funding for R&D projects of between 1 and 3 years duration which are perceived to be of benefit to the Australian dairy industry. Dairy Australia may support funding applications that address one or more of the three key objectives as set out in the Dairy Australia Strategic Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase farm productivity • Maintain and develop high margin markets, channels and products • Promote and protect the unique benefits of Australian dairy <p>To apply for funding, applicants must first complete and submit a preliminary application form. For further information and application instructions, please visit: http://www.dairyaustralia.com.au/Research-and-Innovation/Research-Funding/Applications.aspx</p>	<p>23 July 2009</p>