

Research Resources—PHC RED

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Welcome

Welcome to the research resources newsletter. This is a fortnightly e-alert to keep you informed about useful research resources and information, such as 'how to...' guides and advertised funding opportunities for your own research.

Our aim is to support you to be research interested and active. Please feel free to contact us if you have any other ideas or questions.

If you wish to be removed from this mailing list please let us know by emailing us at

phcred@greaterhealth.org

All our other contact details are given below.

We look forward helping you with your research
Rachel Boak & Liz Jackway

Coming Events . .

2008 PHCRED Writing Retreat — 11th-22nd February

Greater health is holding an annual "writing retreat" this February 11th to 22nd. During a writing retreat we run several one to two hour sessions to support authors with publications. During these sessions authors meet and present to a small peer group to have their worked "pre- peer reviewed" for publication. In the case of PHCRED bursary holders who present work, they receive valuable mentoring from experienced academics and supportive peer review. An author's work can be at any stage of the publication process from concept to polished draft for presentation.

If you would like a copy of the program or would like to attend and contribute as a "peer reviewer" at any of the sessions, please email Liz Jack way at phcred@greaterhealth.org

PHCRED are conducting 4 workshops throughout the duration of the Writing Retreat.

They are:

1. Biostatistics for beginners
2. Writing a scientific paper for publication
3. Depression and Chronic Disease Management
4. Publishing at a conference-How to write an abstract

If you would like more information or would like to register to attend any of these workshops please email phcred@greaterhealth.org

About PHCRED

The objectives of the PHC RED Program are to:

- Create research career pathways for early-mid career researchers using specific strategies including mentoring
- Improve the research skills of early-mid career researchers through the provision of research training and support
- Provide opportunities for early-mid career researchers to gain experience through participation in the research projects of senior researchers.

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MENTAL HEALTH – COMMUNITY AWARENESS FORUMS - EVALUATOR SOUGHT

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) wishes to engage an independent external evaluator to evaluate the "Looking after our mental health" Awareness Campaign to ensure good practice in mental health promotion. The Evaluator will become a member of the ARHRF Reference Group which will run over the term of the contract (to 14 September 2009). Funds available in total are \$55,000 (GST inclusive). The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund (ARHRF) has hosted almost 500 Community Mental Health Awareness Forums – all around Australia – in conjunction with local Rotary Clubs and with the financial support of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing.

From September 2007, the ARHRF will run a further 50 Mental Health public awareness forums per year, for two years which will target specific groups of individuals, deliver the relevant mental health information and offer an option of intervention materials. The primary outcomes sought are to improve awareness of mental health issues, improve knowledge of local services and deliver relevant information.

The Evaluator will:-

- Consult all available feedback forms from participants of various forums undertaken throughout the history of the ARHRF Mental Health Awareness Campaign
- Review all materials developed under the Campaign
- Consult available literature and research of the effectiveness of the campaign activities in the promotion of mental health
- Report on the outcomes in Progress and Evaluation Reports

External closing date – 31st January, 2008.

All enquires and further information - Cheryl Deguara, Project Manager, Australian Rotary Health Research Fund, PO Box 3455, Parramatta, NSW, 2124 email cheryldeguara@arhrf.org.au. Telephone 02 8837 1900.

Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Fellowships

The third round of the Australian Leadership Awards (ALA) Fellowships scheme managed by AusAID has opened for applications.

ALA Fellowships provide funding for Australian organisations to host leaders or mid-career professionals from eligible countries in the Asia-Pacific region, for short-term specialised research, leadership training or professional attachments, delivered in Australia. Fellowships are open to Australian organisations demonstrating ongoing linkages with counterpart organisations overseas. O/S organisations and individuals cannot apply but can encourage their Australian counterparts to submit an application. Funding is available of up to \$35,000 per Fellow and there is no limit on the number of Fellows.

Applications should be submitted to Deakin's Research Services Division for final authorisation and sign-off 10 days prior to the external deadline, in this case Monday, 18th February 2008 to meet the external deadline of 3 March 2008.

Further information and guidelines are available on www.australianscholarships.gov.au. Mobilisation of successful applications will commence from June 2008. Enquiries to AusAid should be addressed to <http://www.ausaid.gov.au/about/contact.cfm>

Cure Cancer Australia Project Grants

Cure Cancer Australia is collaborating with Cancer Australia to provide National Project Grant funding for 2009 via the Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme (PdCCRS).

The PdCCRS is a collaboration of funding partners aiming to:

- * provide a coordinated approach among funding organisations to fund cancer research in priority areas
- * foster collaboration between research groups and individuals on a single research project
- * lessen duplication and fragmentation of research effort at the national level.

Support from Cure Cancer Australia is available for:

Project Grants of ONE YEAR duration in any field of research (including clinical) into malignant disease, that will be "start up" funding to support post-doctoral researchers working in Australia with less than 5 years post-doctoral experience at the time of application.

The NHMRC will facilitate registration and assessment of applications.

Applications are now open and will close on 14 March 2008 so applications should be sent to Deakin's Research Services Division by Tuesday, 4th March.

For further information, please see our website www.cure.org.au or contact:

Decision Making in Cancer: Single-Event Decisions (R21)

sponsor: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

url: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/112345>

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), issued by the National Cancer Institute (NCI) and the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), is to invite applications for research projects that will enhance understanding of human decision-making processes so that individuals can make more informed and satisfying choices regarding their health.

Specifically, this FOA seeks to elucidate those single-event decision-making processes at the level of either the individual patient or health care provider that are considered pertinent to cancer prevention, detection, treatment, survivorship, or end-of-life care. Decisions involving the individual patient, provider, patient-provider dyad, patient-caregiver dyad, patient-partner dyad, or the patient-family system are appropriate for study. For the purpose of this FOA, a single-event decision is defined as a discrete decision made at a specific point in time. Examples of single-event decisions include selecting a particular cancer treatment, choosing to have mammography screening, and deciding to accept hospice care. Discrete, single-event decisions are distinct from decisions that must be made repeatedly, such as adhering to a weight-loss program or maintaining smoking abstinence. Studies that examine these kinds of repeated choice decisions, such as those required for long-term behavior maintenance, are not responsive to this program announcement.

NIH Revision Awards for Studying Interactions Among Social, Behavioral, and Genetic Factors in Health (R21)

sponsor: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

url: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/112316> <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/112317>

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) issues this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to invite NIH-funded investigators to submit supplement applications to their currently funded research to study how interactions among genetic and behavioral or social factors influence health and disease. The knowledge gained by such research will improve understanding of the determinants of disease as well as inform efforts to reduce health risks and provide treatment.

This FOA solicits for human and non-human studies to advance the understanding of the interactions among genetic, social, and behavioral factors that influence the processes affecting variability in disease and health progression and outcomes. This program is focused on questions concerning the effects of the interaction of genetic and social or behavioral factors and gene-environment-behavioral interactions; and to better understand how the interaction of behaviors and social environmental factors affect gene expression, disease and behavior phenotypes, and health outcomes.

Program priority will be given to human and non-human gene-environment-behavior interaction (not association) studies where social or behavior science oriented studies add consideration of genetic factors; genetics-focused studies add social or behavioral factors; or new data analyses of existing data sets contribute to better understanding of how gene X social X behavioral interactions influence health and disease outcomes and phenotype variation. The proposed research can expand the scope of the original project and be a logical extension of the goals and objectives of the parent grant.

Examples of the research areas pertinent to this FOA include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Studies elucidating the effects of the interaction of genetic, environmental, behavioral, or social factors as modifiers of disease susceptibility, treatment response, or disease outcome variation

2. Studies elucidating how the interaction of genetic, environmental, behavioral, or social factors contributes to understanding health disparities related to disease processes, disease risks, and treatment process and outcomes
3. Studies exploring how the interaction of genetic, environmental, behavioral, or social factors moderate responses to behavioral interventions
4. Studies exploring how the interactions of genetic, environmental, behavioral, or social factors mediate or moderate responses to pharmacological/pharmacogenomic treatment regimes
5. Studies refining risk prediction methods or models using the interaction of genetic, environmental, behavioral, or social factors
6. Studies incorporating the interaction of environmental, behavioral, or social factors to study gene expression or regulation (e.g., modulation of gene expression by environmental, social, and behavioral factors) of disease or behavioral endpoints
7. Studies involving brain imaging, metabolomic analyses, and biomarker assessment to include genomic data for analysis of interaction between genomic data and these factors
8. Studies incorporating the interaction of environmental, behavioral, or social factors to study gene expression or regulation (e.g., modulation of gene expression by environmental, social, and behavioral factors) of disease or behavioral endpoints
9. Studies designed to elucidate the mechanisms underlying the interactive effects of genetic and behavioral or social factors on health and disease
10. Genetic studies incorporating the interaction of social or behavior factors to elucidate disease and health outcome variation
11. Studies determining the functional relevance of identified gene(s) or gene expression secondary to interactions of genetic, social, environmental, behavioral, or social factors
12. Studies investigating the interaction of genetic, environmental, behavioral, or social factors in the context of developmental changes in self-determined abilities to define and select one's behaviors and environments
13. Studies elucidating how genetic, behavioral, or social factors and their interactions are involved in disease initiation, progression, severity, age of onset, and recovery in order to develop effective preventive and treatment strategies
14. Studies of the influence of gene-social-environment correlation on disease initiation, progression, and outcome and clinical phenotype variation.
15. Studies investigating interactions among genetic, behavioral, or social factors related to age-related behavioral domains such as physical and cognitive functioning, psychological well-being, social competence and socio-emotional functioning, and decision making

Components of participating organizations include the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS), National Cancer Institute (NCI), National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), National Eye Institute (NEI), National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), National Institute of Aging (NIA), National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS), National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institute of Deafness and Communication Disorders (NIDCD), National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR), National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), National Institute for Drug Abuse (NIDA), National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), and National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR).

ARC Linkage Project Workshops

Our ARC Linkage Project timeline flags workshops in February and March as part of the development assistance available from RSD for those wanting to submit applications in Round One. As for previous rounds, Georgie Kelly and I will be facilitating discussion of Section E starting with consideration of the very important impact of page one. Two sessions - one at Waurin Ponds on 19 February and one at Elgar Road on 21 February - have been arranged for this and those wishing to participate should register on our Event registration system (<http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/admin/ers/>).

Follow up sessions will be arranged for March to look at complete drafts of Section E.

Travel Grant

Note that the closing date for applications is Friday 8th February 2008.

There are two type of Travel Grant available:

Young Scientist Program Travel Grants for medical and science graduates who are directly undertaking type 1 diabetes research, and researchers in the early stage of their career.

Allied Health and Nursing Research Travel Grants : for allied health or nurse professionals undertaking research impacting on the lives of people with Type 1 diabetes and their carers and families; or allied health or nursing students, enrolled in a post graduate research program, whose research will impact on the lives of people with Type 1 diabetes and their carers and families (The term 'allied health' refers to health professionals usually considered part of the diabetes management team - i.e. nurses, dietitians, psychologists, social workers, and podiatrists. In addition other allied health professionals who are considered relevant to the management of Type 1 diabetes, such as exercise physiologists, occupational therapists and pharmacists, will also be considered).

Should you have any questions please email travelgrants@jdrf.org.au or call (02) 9966 0400

Alcohol Tolerance: Contribution to Consumption (R01)

sponsor: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
url: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/112420>

Alcohol Tolerance: Contribution to Consumption (R21)

sponsor: Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
url: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/112421>

IFTA's 20 Anniversary Congress

26-29 March 2008,

<http://www.paragon-conventions.com/ifta2008>

From Margins to Mainstream: 5th World Conference on the Promotion of Mental Health and the Prevention of Mental and Behavioral Disorders is an international biennial conference that will be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre, Australia, from 10 to 12 September 2008.

The conference will highlight activities that contribute to promoting individual and community mental health and wellbeing. The conference also aims to show the mental health and wider community that the promotion of mental health and the prevention of mental illness is no longer on the margins of the health debate. Instead, it is integrated into mainstream areas of research, policy and practice, across many diverse sectors, such as the arts, sports, housing, justice, education, employment, health and others.

<http://www.margins2mainstream.com/index.php>

NHMRC INFORMATION**Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM)**

In 2008, CAM applications are to be submitted through the Project Grant scheme and they will be reviewed and assessed through that scheme. The closing date for all project grant applications is 14 March 2008.

Program Grants: for intending applicants for 2009 funding (deadline Feb 15th 2008)

All applications will be subject to external peer review, in accord with the practice in the first part of this funding round (i.e., in August 2007). Please note that the Record of Research Achievement (RORA table) will be interpreted by the Program Grant Peer Review Panel, in a manner relevant to the research approaches, field and disciplines of the applicant team. Early note for Program Grants to begin January 1, 2010 - NHMRC is currently reviewing the achievements and the policy settings of the Program Grant scheme and will advise on changes at the opening of the funding round, which will be in early July 2008, with a closing date in mid August 2008.

Grand Challenges Explorations – Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation recently launched Grand Challenges Explorations, a US\$ 100 million fast-track grants initiative to support innovative global health research. The first call for grant proposals will be posted at www.gcgh.org in early 2008. The goal of the initiative is to spur the kind of unconventional scientific thinking that is critical to solving serious global health problems. We want to encourage Australian researchers to apply. The Foundation has stated that it encourages researchers to take risks on creative, unorthodox approaches that could ultimately lead to big breakthroughs in health.

Advance Symposium notice - Involving People in Research

NHMRC is a major sponsor of a national symposium to be held in Perth on 5-6 March 2008 on consumer and community participation in health and medical research. The inaugural national symposium will bring together researchers, consumers, community members and students to showcase success stories and further explore the barriers to participation. Early Bird registrations closed on January 21, but *Tracker* readers have been granted an extension until January 30. For more information go to: <http://www.sph.uwa.edu.au/go/sph/involvingpeopleinresearch>

For further information on NHMRC refer <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/news/tracker/tracker08/080125.htm>

International Science Linkages - Competitive Grants for Researchers

The International Science Linkages (ISL) program offers support through Competitive Grants for Australian researchers to participate in strategically focussed, leading edge, international scientific research and technology collaborations. Information and Guidelines are available on the ISL website or by contacting the Programme Management Unit, Science and Research Division, at DIISR by email: isl@dest.gov.au or by phone: (02) 6240 5465. For further information go to www.dest.gov.au/science/isl/


NHMRC Tracker

The NHMRC Tracker is an email bulletin from the National Health and Medical Research Council that keeps the research community up-to-date with their major activities and announcements.

To view Tracker: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/news/tracker/index.htm>

JDRF Travel Grant Awards

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) are happy to announce that our Travel Grant program is now proudly sponsored by the Macquarie Group Foundation as part of the new JDRF and MACQUARIE GROUP FOUNDATION DIABETES RESEARCH INNOVATION PARTNERSHIP

JDRF Australia is calling for applications for the next round of travel grants for the

JDRF & Macquarie Group Foundation - Travel Grant Awards.

JDRF provides grants of up to \$2,500 to young researchers and \$2,000 to allied health and nursing professionals to travel to research institutions or scientific meetings, for the purpose of furthering the researcher's expertise in the study of type 1 diabetes. Applications are considered four times a year.

There are two type of Travel Grant available, for which applications are attached:

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External closing date for applications is Friday 8th February 2008.

Office of Research closing date for applications is Friday 1st February, 2008.

Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme Grants

Cancer Australia administers a dedicated cancer research budget of \$16 million over the four years from 2005-06 to 2008-09.

The Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research scheme is a new funding program to support research that reduces the impact of cancer on the community and improves outcomes for people affected by cancer.

Cancer Australia has established the scheme to partner with other organisations that fund cancer research to:

- address priorities in cancer research that will impact on practice, policy or further research,
- foster collaboration between cancer researchers to build Australia's cancer research capacity, and

foster consumer participation in cancer research, from design to implementation.

The National Health and Medical Research Council is facilitating the registration and assessment of grant applications, and will co-badge and endorse grants funded through the Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research scheme.

Project grants (except those funded by the Cure Cancer Australia Foundation) will only be offered for a maximum of three years in duration. Funding of up to \$600 000 GST-exclusive over three years is available with a maximum, in any one year, of \$200 000. However, all project grant applications ranging from 1 to 3 years with a budget ranging from \$10 000 to \$200 000 per annum will be considered.

Project grants of one year duration for up to \$75 000 (GST-exclusive) will also be offered by the Cure Cancer Australia Foundation, to support post-doctoral researchers with less than 5 years post-doctoral experience undertaking research into malignant disease.

NHMRC Funding Information

Applications for funding from Cancer Council/National Breast Cancer Foundation, Cancer Australia, the Heart Foundation, the DoHA – Innovation in Chronic Disease Self-management Research Grants and or the Department of Veterans' Affairs are now being done via the NHMRC project grant application process.

Applicants seeking funding from one or more of the above funding organisations will need to complete the [NHMRC project grant](#) application and also need to complete a separate set of supplementary questions.

All internal deadlines for the NHMRC apply to these granting bodies (29 February 2008).

Please **do not email the pdfs** of your supplementary questions to the relevant bodies, you must send them to research.grants@flinders.edu.au and they will forward them on.

Information and supplementary questions can be found below:

Applying for Cancer Council/National Breast Cancer Foundation Funding:

Some Cancer Councils/National Breast Cancer Foundation have priority research areas. Please address these in the Supplementary Questions document.

Additional information regarding Cancer Councils/National Breast Cancer Foundation, including the Supplementary Questions and submission instructions, is available at:

http://www.cancervic.org.au/browse.asp?ContentID=national_cancer_research_grant_applications

Applying for Cancer Australia Funding:

Please ensure the Cancer Australia Additional Questions have been fully addressed. Information regarding Cancer Australia, including the Additional Questions and instructions for submission, is available at:

www.canceraustralia.gov.au

Applying for Heart Foundation Funding:

Please ensure the Heart Foundation Questions have been fully addressed. Information regarding the Heart Foundation, including the Heart Foundation Questions and instructions for submission, is available at:

<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Grants-in-Aid.htm>

Applying for DoHA – Innovation in Chronic Disease Self-management Research Grants:

Please ensure the DoHA – Innovation in Chronic Disease Self-management Research Grants Questions have been fully addressed. Information regarding the DoHA – Innovation in Chronic Disease Self-management Research Grants applications, including the questions and instructions for submission, is available at:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/chronicdisease-sharing.htm>

Applying for Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) funding:

Applications for DVA funding (through the NHMRC Project Grants application process) will be managed by DoHA. Further information in regards to DVA funding is available at the DoHA website:

<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/chronicdisease-sharing.htm>

Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation funding

Applications open on Thursday 7 February for funding in 2009.

The purpose of the foundation is to promote health, educational or social research that encourages and advances investigation into the cause, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of any condition that may effect the general health, education or welfare of children.

- Applications are sought from the fields of Medicine, Education, Dentistry, Nursing, Social Sciences, Environment, Mental Health and Allied Health.
- Applications will be received in three categories - basic science, clinical studies or community-based studies. Special consideration will be given to 'early career applicants', applying for the first time as Chief Investigator.
- Grants are allocated solely to applicants for research completed in South Australia or the Northern Territory.
- The foundation now supports grants up to \$75,000 per annum. Applications may be supported for a maximum of 2 years.

External closing date for applications is Thursday 1 May 2008 at 5pm. Internal closing date for the Office of Research is 27 April 2008.

For further information visit the Channel 7 Children's Research Foundation at:

<http://www.crf.org.au/>

View the grant application guidelines at: http://www.crf.org.au/grant_application_guidelines.shtml

View the instructions to applicants document: http://www.crf.org.au/Downloads/Instructions_to_applicants-2009.doc

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AusAID closing date for applications is 3 March 2008 and mobilisation of successful applications will commence from June 2008. Further information and guidelines are available on www.australianscholarships.gov.au.

Office of Research closing date for applications is 28 February, 2008.

ALL ENQUIRIES TO AusAID PLEASE (<http://www.usaid.gov.au/about/contact.cfm>)

Graeme Clark Research Outcomes Forum

The Australian Research Council (ARC) is calling for submissions from

Federation Fellows and researchers attached to ARC Centres, including early-career researchers, to participate in the inaugural Graeme Clark Research Outcomes Forum and contribute to an ARC research outcomes coffee table book.

Submissions must be emailed direct to Clarkforum@arc.gov.au by 5.00pm AEDT on

Thursday, 14 February 2008 to be eligible for consideration. For further details see http://www.arc.gov.au/general/supported_activities.htm

All applications must be submitted through the Office of Research.

The Office of Research generally requires applications ONE WEEK before the external closing date

Instructions for applicants

To apply for funding under this scheme, you must:

- Read the [guide and instructions for applicants \(PDF 722 KB\)](#)
- Complete an application form, available on the website of the [National Health and Medical Research Council](#).

Complete an Additional Questions form addressing the research priorities of Cancer Australia and our funding partners

- [Additional Questions form \(PDF 95 KB\)](#)
- [Additional Questions form \(Word 198 KB\)](#)

The external closing date for applications is March 14, 2008.

The Office of Research closing date for applications is March 7, 2008.

Grant applications must relate to the research priority areas identified by Cancer Australia and our funding partners. Cancer Australia's website URL is <http://www.canceraustralia.gov.au>

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