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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 to helping you with your research
Rachel Boak & Liz Jackway

Information . . .

"Research is a topic that many find intimidating. When people think of research they often tend to think of people in white coats conducting experiments or drug trials. But most health research is not like this...

A broad definition of research is any activity which is undertaken to increase knowledge. In the health field, research can be defined as the systematic investigation of a problem, issue or question which increases knowledge and understanding of health and the provision of care."

Excerpt from "What is Research", Research Bites Issue #1, March 2002

The Primary Health Care Research & Information Service (PHC RIS) site provides information resources detailing different types of research, different study designs and methodologies. PHCRIS resources also have information about further reading relevant to undertaking research. These resources are a great starting point to help you define your own research and research questions and to help you to start planning. The resources are particularly useful for health professionals, and can be found on these pages:

<http://www.phcris.org.au/information/researchers.php>

In particular, "Research Bites" are a series of simple and brief fact sheets about research. These can be found at

<http://www.phcris.org.au/phcred/resources.php#researchbites>

"Fact sheets" are informative and skill-building on-line fact sheets and can be found at

<http://www.phcris.org.au/infobytes/index.php>

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All previous newsletters can be found on our website at:

<http://www.greaterhealth.org/research/health-services-research/3/resources/newsletters>

2009 Australia-Harvard Fellowships

\$40,000 awards for science & technology researchers Australia-Harvard Fellowships are aimed at innovators who meet three criteria:

- they must normally be based at Harvard,
- be very good at what they do,
- and have a persuasive plan to collaborate with Australia's best science/technology researchers and educators.

The Fellowships are offered by Harvard Club of Australia Foundation which supports learned exchange between Harvard University and Australia. The Foundation seeks to attract applicants whose work will bring clear benefit to Australia. A working visit of several months is normally envisaged, during which Fellows are encouraged to interact additionally with educators and students in their vicinity. An option favoured by senior applicants is a shorter visit, but one that enables them to take a primary role in a workshop, seminar or instructional course open to numbers of Australians working in the applicant's specialised field.

Australia-Harvard Fellowship grants are donated to the host Australian institutions which then administer the funds on standard terms.

Details of the Australian-Harvard Fellowship are at http://www.harvard.org.au/Australia-Harvard_Fellowship.html.

For further information, please contact Fellowship Secretary, John Turner, tel +61 2 9328 2366 or ahf@harvard.org.au.

Applications for the 2009 awards close on 13 October 2008. Successful applicants will be notified by mid-December.

National Science Week 2009 Grants Open

Senator Kim Carr, Minister for Innovation, Industry, Science and Research has called for applications for a share of \$500,000 in funding to assist in staging Australia's largest national festival, National Science Week, in 2009.

The grants round for National Science Week 2009 closes on 24 October 2008 (15 October to the Office of Research). Application forms can be found at <https://grants.innovation.gov.au/SCOPE/Pages/Grants.aspx> or by phoning 02 6213 7738.

Reminder: The Heart Foundation - information session

The Heart Foundation will be coming to Flinders University to give a presentation on their research grant program. Everyone is welcome.

Date: 3.30pm, 16 October 2008

Location: Council Room, Registry Building

To register for this session, please visit www.heartfoundation.org.au/information_sessions
For more information, please contact the Heart Foundation Research Program on (03) 9321 1581 or by emailing research@heartfoundation.org.au

ARC Linkage Projects, Round 2 for funding commencing in July 2009

External closing date for Linkage Project Round 2 submissions is Friday November 21, 2008. Internal (Office of Research) closing date is Friday November 7, 2008. The application form is now available in the Grant Application Management System (GAMS) using the login located in the upper right hand corner of the ARC website pages <http://www.arc.gov.au/>.

The ARC Eligibility/Ruling Requests together with supporting documentation are due to the ARC by Friday October 10. The proforma is available on the ARC website at http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_eligibility.htm

ARC Future Fellowships - applications open

The ARC Future Fellowships Funding Rules (http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/futurefel/ft_fundingrules.htm) for funding commencing in 2009 are now available on the ARC Web Site.

The ARC Future Fellowships Application Form is also available in the Grant Application Management System (GAMS) via the ARC Web Site (<http://www.arc.gov.au/>).

Proposals must be submitted in GAMS. The original and one identical hard copy of the proposal and a list of Research Strengths must be received by the ARC by 5pm Wed 26 Nov 2008.

The closing date for Eligible Exemption/Advice Requests, together with appropriate supporting documentation is 5pm Thursday 16 Oct 2008. The Eligibility/Advice Request proforma is located at http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/futurefel/ft_eligibility.htm.

Australian Laureate Fellowships Funding Rules For Funding Commencing In 2009

The Australian Laureate Fellowships Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2009 are now available from the ARC website http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/laureate/fl_fundingrules.htm

It is anticipated that applications will open later this month.

Please direct all queries to AustralianLaureateFellowships@arc.gov.au

The Menzies School of Health Research is pleased to offer two 3 day short courses: *Issues in Indigenous Health Research* to be held in Darwin from Tuesday 11 November - Thursday 13 November 2008 and *Evaluating Health Programs* to be held in Darwin from Tuesday 18 November - Thursday 20 November 2008.

Issues in Indigenous Research

The three day program uses a workshop format to provide an overview of specific Indigenous health research issues. The focus will be on comparative analyses of the complex factors involved. There will be critical examination of the rhetoric and practices associated with research, particularly in Indigenous health frameworks. The short course will also examine Indigenous definitions and articulation of issues and control of the research process.

This will be composed of a series of interactive sessions entailing formal presentations, discussion and group work.

More specifically, the course will provide the opportunity for participants to explore the following topics: specific issues in Indigenous health research; history and role of research in relation to Indigenous frameworks; impact of research encounters with specific emphasis on cultural safety and working cross-culturally; cultural and intellectual property rights and the links with Indigenous research; Indigenous research ethics and appropriate ethical guidelines and protocols to research practice; different knowledge systems; role of research in community development; research in Indigenous contexts as a community controlled endeavour; and critique of various research methodologies including action research and participatory planning.

Course material will be provided, including the presentations, specific protocols and guidelines.

Evaluating Health Programs

This course aims to use interactive exercises, case studies and small group work to introduce key concepts about evaluation to provide participants with the practical skills required to evaluate health programs.

The current health care environment is characterised by an environment of high demand for services with increasing costs due to improvements in technology, an ageing population, rising costs of pharmaceuticals and wages competition due to workforce shortages. This has led to greater scrutiny of health investments with a higher level of accountability to ensure that outcomes expected are achieved from investments made. Funding agencies are seeking evidence that the investments being made are contributing to policy objectives and performance outcomes. This unit aims to provide students with the knowledge skills and tools to evaluate health programs.

The methodology that will be used to evaluate a program should be considered during the planning phase of any program. Case studies from the contemporary health environment will be used to discuss program planning cycles and demonstrate how to establish the framework for effective program evaluation. Different types of evaluation methodologies will be introduced to help participants recognise that there are a number of different evaluation approaches that can be used depending on the program and the component of the program that is being evaluated. Using practical examples participants will be introduced to performance measures and data sources that can be used to help inform program evaluation. Participants will apply the frameworks shared to evaluate a health program.

Click on the link below to view the flyer.

http://www.phaa.net.au/documents/emailList/CourseAdvertIHS_Flyer.pdf

The registration forms at: <http://www.menzies.edu.au/shortcourses>

If you require further information please contact Belinda Hosking at belinda.hosking@menzies.edu.au or on 02 8922 8657

ARC Linkage Project

ARC have just announced the opening of the ARC Linkage Project grant application form on GAMS (ie use link at the top of ARC homepage at www.arc.gov.au). All applicant team members to be named on page one must have GAMS IDs and current profiles entered on GAMS. Any applicant who does not yet have a GAMS ID should contact either their own Research Office (if a CI) or the Research Office of the administering institution (if a PI, or APDI where they are not already an employee of an eligible Higher Education Institution). At Deakin, requests in relation to ARC application matters can be addressed to arc-submissions@deakin.edu.au

The Deakin internal closing date for receipt of final applications ready for submission remains 3 November so applicants should conclude entering data into the GAMS form prior to this deadline. We are expecting to receive draft applications for review (these do not need to include the form section - however, Section E, B10 for each team member and a budget would be essential) by 6 October to provide for sufficient time for feedback to be incorporated in the final text.

Please urge all applicants to consult the Funding Rules and Instructions to Applicants documents at a minimum. These documents are available from our website at http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/admin/grants/funding_opps/arc/forms/index.php#28. Applicants need to be aware that a Certification page, which is separate from the application document, needs to be completed for all name investigators (ie those listed on page one). This may involve signatures from Heads of Department outside of Deakin so advance planning to obtain all of the necessary signatures needs to be part of the preparation process. Signatures may be obtained on separate sheets and can be faxed if necessary. The final Certification page is retained here and needs to be available before the DVC(R) signs off at the end of section A in the application itself. I attach a copy of the Certification page.

Section F of the application requires F2 and a letter of support to be signed by a senior officer in each eligible partner organisation. F2 is generated by entering data into the GAMS form and includes an ID specific to that application. It is therefore important to have the partner organisation data entered into GAMS as soon as the budget has been finalised. I appreciate that sign off by CEO's and like officers is not always easy to arrange and we will allow a week after the 3 November for these to be provided. However, the unsigned text for part F should be provide by 3 November so that checking can commence.

Applications involving investigators who are also participants in ARC Centres or CRCs may also need to include letters from Centre Directors making clear that the area of the project is distinct from anything that would normally be covered by Centre activities.

If an application will require an eligibility exemption (situations that may require an exemption or a ruling from the ARC usually relate to eligibility of investigators, fellowship candidates, organisations, or medical overlap) there is a form which must be submitted through the research office of the intended administering organisation by the due date (see our website or that of ARC). For this round we must submit such by 10 October which means that we need to receive completed forms by 6 October. This is not a normal part of an application for most applicants but do check the Funding Rules and email arc-submissions@deakin.edu.au if in doubt or seeking advice. Further information about eligibility issues and the eligibility ruling request form are attached.

United States Study Centre Research Grants for 2009

Deadline for 2009 Applications: 31 October 2008

Aim of the program

To support the US-focused research activities of academic staff in the humanities and social sciences at Australian universities, the United States Studies Centre (USSC) announces a new research grants competition.

Any Australian academic (with either a fractional and continuing appointment) is eligible to apply either individually or as the lead investigator. International collaborators are encouraged as co-applicants. Preference will be given to Level A-D (Associate Lecturer to Associate Professor) academic staff. Grant winners will be announced by the end of November.

Funding

A total of \$100,000 will be offered in 2009, with maximum individual grants of up to \$10,000. Each successful applicant will be a Research Associate of the United States Studies Centre for the duration of the grant and should - in addition to their home institution affiliation - acknowledge this USSC affiliation in all the products (books, articles, chapters, working papers, conferences and presentations) supported by the Research Grant.

Application

The application process involves a short proposal (no more than two pages, single space 12 point font) as well as a copy of the researcher's curriculum vitae, which should include all publications in the last three years. Please provide the same information for each co-applicant.

Proposals should include a budget, expected outcomes and how the project will further the mission of the US Studies Centre. Funds can only be used for legitimate research expenses, including travel. Research grants will be selected by the United States Studies Centre's Academic Committee or its nominees.

Grantees will submit a brief final report (no more than one page) to the Centre within a month of completion of the research activity covered by this funding.

For further information please contact the Academic Program Director or Academic Support Officer on (02) 9036 5086 or via email m.young@usyd.edu.au

Applications should be sent to:

Associate Professor Lyn Carson

Academic Program Director

United States Studies Centre

John Woolley Building (A20)

The University of Sydney 2006

Email: l.carson@usyd.edu.au Closing date: 31 October 2008

Development of a Disability Framework Project 2008

Closing Date: 31-Oct-2008 05:00 PM

Bayside City Council

www.bayside.vic.gov.au

080915QX Development of a Disability Framework Project 2008.

Tenders are invited from suitable organisations

Foundation for Children - Grants for Child Research Projects

Closing Date: 31-Oct-2008 12:00 AM

Foundation for Children

www.foundationforchildren.com.au

The Foundation for Children is dedicated to raising funds for a worthy investment in Australia's future - the health, well-being and welfare of our children. The Foundation aims to provide financial support for a wide range of projects designed to improve children's health and welfare, with a particular interest in supporting projects which have difficulties obtaining funding from other sources.

The Foundation for Children is a charitable organisation based in the financial community. It is serviced on a voluntary basis; its Board of Directors comprises prominent members of the financial and medical community.

Information on how to apply for a Grant can be obtained via the website.

Allen Foundation Grants

url: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/15773>

Closing date Dec 31, 2008

The foundation awards grants to projects that primarily benefit programs for human nutrition in the areas of health, education, training, and research. The policies and priorities of the Allen Foundation are

- to make grants to fund relevant nutritional research;
- to support programs for the education and training of mothers during pregnancy and after the birth of their children, so that good nutritional habits can be formed at an early age;
- to assist in the training of persons to work as educators and demonstrators of good nutritional practices;
- to encourage the dissemination of information regarding healthful nutritional practices and habits; and,
- in limited situations, to make grants to help solve immediate emergency hunger and malnutrition problems.

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The following information regarding ARC Future Fellowships proposal submissions is available on the ARC Web Site at: http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/futurefel/future_default.htm

- * ARC Future Fellowships Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2009
- * Eligibility Exemption and Advice
- * Instructions to Applicants
- * Sample Application Form
- * List of Research Strengths
- * Certification Proforma
- * Request Not to Assess

Research Grants

.... from Deakin University

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund scholarships

PhD Scholarship investigating Gastro Intestinal Cancer
PhD Scholarship investigating Multiple Sclerosis
PhD Scholarship investigating Neuro - Degenerative Disease
PhD Scholarship investigating Parkinsons Disease
PhD Scholarship investigating Kidney Disease.

Applications for a PhD Scholarship, commencing in 2009, are being called for by Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

Closing date for all applications is Friday 12th December 2008.

Application forms are available from the Fund or can be downloaded from our website www.arhrf.org.au

Applicants must be eligible to undertake study at an appropriate University or Research Institute in Australia. Contact Kelly Anne Martinez at the ARHRF on (02) 8837 1900 for details

Applications for a Research Grant investigating AUTISM

Applications for a research grant, commencing in 2009, researching Autism are being called for by Australian Rotary Health Research Fund.

The value of the grant is \$36,000 (plus GST) for one year only. The funds will be provided through the ARHRF Funding Partners Program and the Rotary Club of Dapto. The research must be conducted at an appropriate University or Research Institute in Australia. Contact Kelly Anne Martinez at the ARHRF on (02) 8837 1900 for details.

Closing date for all applications is Friday 12th December 2008.

Application forms are available from the Fund or can be downloaded from our website www.arhrf.org.au

Workshop

.... at Deakin University

Workshop notice

Deakin China Cross-cultural Awareness workshop - 18 November,

Deakin International hosted a successful workshop in June, titled 'Deakin China Cross-cultural Awareness'. The workshop covered the intercultural aspects of doing business with and in China.

Dr. Mona Chung, Lecturer, Bowater School of Management & Marketing, Faculty of Business and Law will facilitate a similar workshop on Tuesday, 18 November (Venue: ka5.110, Geelong Campus at Waurn Ponds).

She will deliver the workshop as a staff development exercise and it is free of charge for University staff to attend.

The weblink to the program is:

<http://www.deakin.edu.au/international/staff/activities/contextual/china/china-nov-08.php>

All previous newsletters can be found on our website at:

<http://www.greaterhealth.org/research/health-services-research/3/resources/newsletters>

Notice - Conference change of date of conference, call for abstract extended and venue announced

Faculty of Health, Medicine, Nursing and Behavioural Sciences'
Research Conference

Growing Research Together

Thursday 4 December 2008

For Early Career Researchers and Mid Career Researchers

Venue: Bayview Eden, 6 Queens Road, Melbourne

The Faculty is pleased to call for abstracts for our inaugural Growing Research Together Conference. The conference will provide an opportunity for the Faculty's Early Career and Mid Career Researchers to showcase their work in progress. Current academic staff and post-doctoral researchers are invited to submit a 200 word abstract for submission.

Participation in the Growing Research Together Conference will provide an opportunity for emerging researchers to present their 'in progress' research to an audience of their peers, develop their presentation skills in a supportive environment, and learn more about the research in progress across the Faculty.

The conference working party will endeavour to put together an exciting program and to provide many staff with an opportunity for an oral presentations. There will be an concurrent poster session as well. The working party evaluating abstract will comprise of the Associate Head of School Research and be chaired by the Deputy Dean or nominee.

Abstracts should be submitted by e-mail to steven.sawyer@deakin.edu.au by 10am on 20 October 2008

Please submit an abstract (maximum 200 words), with a working title and the name of all the investigators and underline the proposed presenter (MS word preferred).

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