

Research Resources—PHC RED

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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

Now Available. . .

PHCRED Bursary Funding & Support

Applications are now being sought for the next round of PHCRED bursaries. Research and writing bursaries are available to candidates who wish to develop their interests and abilities as researchers in primary health care. The aim of the bursary scheme is to help individuals, practice groups, or other Primary Health Care groups to develop research and evaluation capacity by hands-on involvement.

Please see the attached bursary information form for more details.

If you are interested in submitting an application for a research or writing bursary, please contact Rachel Boak on 55633502 or rachel.boak@greaterhealth.org

Due date for applications is 29th February 2008.

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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Research Practice Leaders in Mental Health Promotion

VicHealth is making grants available to establish three new applied research positions. These grants are for a 4-year period commencing June 2008 or shortly thereafter.

They have a focus on:

- Promoting social participation (particularly in arts and cultural activities)
- Primary prevention of violence against women
- Reducing ethnic and race-based discrimination

The Victorian Health Promotion (VicHealth) is a statutory body working in partnership with organisations and communities to create healthy environments to improve the health and wellbeing of Victorians.

The promotion of mental health and wellbeing is one of VicHealth's current priorities and is an area in which VicHealth is gaining increasing recognition as an international leader. We are supporting a range of innovative activities to address three key social influences on mental health - violence against women, ethnic and race-based discrimination and social participation.

The positions will support these emergent areas of health promotion practice with high quality applied research and evaluation.

Applications are invited from researchers with expertise relevant to the focus of one of the three positions. Applicants need to have an interest in undertaking program and policy related research and evaluation in a public health program environment, while maintaining linkages with a university department or research institute for the purposes of academic support and collaboration.

Closing date: 5pm, 14 March 2008

For further information go to: <http://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/>

Australia-China Special Fund

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (previously DEST), has advised that the 2008 round of the Australia-China Special Fund for Scientific and Technological Cooperation will be open for applications from 1 February to 28 March, with supporting documentation such as referee reports (where required) due by 11 April.

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Development of Primary Health Care Service Models

Closing Date: 04-Mar-2008 02:00 PM

Contact: Justine Francke Ph: 02 9263 3513

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Department of Health and Ageing

www.health.gov.au/tenders

240/0708 Development of Primary Health Care Service Models.

The successful consultant will be required to; identify primary health care needs, service providers, patterns of access to services, existing relationships and referral pathways between consumers and service providers; determine gaps in service delivery; and recommendations for the most effective means of improving access to primary health care.

Timeframe for delivery: The anticipated consultancy will be for a period of four (4) months from March to June.

Health Research Grants

Contact: Dinusha Fernando Ph: 02 6254 4233 aar@alzheimers.org.au

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2008 AAR Dementia Research Grants

The AAR Dementia Research Grants are seeding grants for new researchers, valued up to \$20,000 (exclusive of GST), to be allocated for research in a dementia-relevant area. Grants are awarded in both biological/non-clinical and clinical/psychosocial research areas.

2008 Hazel Hawke Research Grant in Dementia Care

Hazel Hawke Research Grant is seeding grant, valued up to \$20,000 (exclusive of GST) for research into dementia care. Suitable projects might include research into carer support, best quality care practices, activities and therapies for people with dementia, or any other aspect of dementia care research.

2008 Rosemary Foundation Travel Project Grant

The Rosemary Foundation Research Grant, offered in partnership with the Rosemary Foundation, is a travel project grant up to the value of \$10,000 (exclusive of GST) to enable an Australian researcher or clinician to research aspects of dementia overseas. Grant will be awarded for the purpose of undertaking research that is not fully available in Australia and is relevant to the advancement of understanding dementia or dementia care and management.

Rosemary Foundation Travel Stipend Grant

AAR, in partnership with the Rosemary Foundation, is offering a travel stipend grant valued at \$5,000 (exclusive of GST) to enable an Australian researcher to attend and present at a conference or similar event. Researchers will present their research related to understanding dementia, dementia care and management or carer support.

Development of Improved Integrated Health Promotion Performance Measures

Closing Date: 06-Mar-2008 02:00 PM

Contact: Nicole Burge Ph: 03 9096 1545 nicole.burge@dhs.vic.gov.au

VIC Dept of Human Services

www.tenders.vic.gov.au

Tender No: T08094 Improved Integrated Health Promotion Performance Measures.

The Department of Human Services is seeking suitably qualified and experienced parties to develop improved integrated Health Promotion Performance Measures for Primary Health funded agencies.

National E-Health Strategy

Closing Date: 07-Mar-2008 02:00 PM

Contact: Maria Bubnic Ph: 03 9096 8528 maria.bubnic@dhs.vic.gov.au

VIC Dept of Human Services

www.tenders.vic.gov.au

Tender No: T08103 National E-Health Strategy.

**The Sir Mark Oliphant Conferences - International Frontiers of Science and Technology
Vaccine and Immunotherapy Technologies**

9-11 April 2008, Canberra

This conference will bring together eminent experts from around the world for a vibrant and cutting-edge conference program. The meeting will provide insight into the rapidly evolving scientific area of vaccines and immunotherapy. It will showcase the most recent high-tech basic science concepts in vaccine and immunotherapy research, and highlight the challenges of deployment and delivery of vaccines in the real world.

Early Bird Registration (before 29 February 2008)

More information can be found at:

<http://www.oliphant.org.au/conferences.html>

ARC LINKAGE PROJECTS - FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 2009

The Linkage Projects Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2009 are now available from the ARC website

http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_fundingrules.htm

The main changes to the Linkage Projects Funding Rules from the previous year (proposals submitted in 2007) are summarised at Section 5 of the rules.

The ARC will provide further notification advising when Application Forms and other relevant documentation become available.

Improved Learning from Patient Safety Incidents

Closing Date: 20-Mar-2008 02:00 PM

Contact: David Lewis Ph: 02 9263 3633 david.lewis@safetyandquality.gov.au

Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Healthcare

www.health.gov.au/tenders

RFT 241/0708 - The Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care is seeking tenders from capable and experienced individuals or organisations to identify key lessons that can be learned from incident information in the areas of clinical handover and patient identification, to develop a methodology for drawing together such information, and to explore the value of this activity for national learning.

Applications are sought from respondents to draw together information from participating States, Territories and private hospital providers from individual de-identified incident reports and investigations in the areas of clinical handover and patient identification. The project will also require the development of a methodology to review and undertake this analysis.

The project has been developed as part of an overall strategy to improve learning from information about patient safety incidents. The initial focus on clinical handover and patient identification relate to priority areas of work for the Commission.

It is proposed that work will commence in April 2008.

The Australian Commission of Safety and Quality in Health Care is hosted by the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and has offices located in Sydney. Parties interested in tendering must address the evaluation criteria in the format outlines in the Request for tender document, available in the first instance by registering on the Department's internet site.

Any difficulties in accessing the website should be addressed the Contact Officer, Mr. David Lewis.

Pharmacy Research and Development Programs

Closing Date: 11-Apr-2008 12:00 AM

Department of Health and Ageing

www.guild.org.au/research

RFT 2007/08 - 05 - A national funding model for pharmacotherapy treatment for opioid dependence in community pharmacy. The purpose of this project is to undertake further work to address the acknowledged limitations of the 'Development, Implementation and Evaluation of Funding Model Options for Dispensing of Pharmacotherapies for Opioid Dependence in Community Pharmacy (Addiction Care 1)' project with a view to testing the long term feasibility and sustainability of delivering a national pharmacotherapy treatment funding model through community pharmacies.

RFT 2007/08 - 06 - Palliative care - The purpose of this project is to develop and evaluate a program to promote alignment of community pharmacy with the National Palliative Care Strategy. Specifically this tender aims to raise pharmacists' awareness of the clinical and social needs of terminally ill people, their families and carers, further develop relevant education and information resources for pharmacists, formulate appropriate collaborative arrangements with other palliative care providers and develop medication management services for palliative care patients.

RFT 2007/08 - 07 Managing mental illness and promoting and sustaining recovery: the role of community pharmacy - The overall aim of this project is to undertake research to identify the primary health care role for pharmacy to assist people with mild to moderate mental illness. The intention is to develop, trial and evaluate a specialised pharmacy service to assist people manage their condition.

Applications are required to address the project requirements detailed in the request for tender documentation. Applications must also comply with the guidelines or they will not be considered for funding. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Copies of relevant documents and previously funded research can be obtained from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia's web page. All applicants should register for email alerts on the web page to obtain any additional information during the application phase.

Victorian Neurotrauma Initiative (VNI) – Program Grants 2009

The VNI is committed to fostering collaborative and multidisciplinary research with the aim of reducing the impact of neurotrauma and improving the quality of life of people living with these life changing injuries. The VNI Program Grants form a cornerstone of this commitment. Funding is available for research programs of up to five years duration, with a maximum budget of \$5 million per program.

Programs should fall within the following broad areas of research. Programs of work that encompass both areas will also be considered:

- Acute Injury – early interventions for spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury
- Chronic Injury – physical and behavioural rehabilitation for spinal cord injury or traumatic brain injury

Health professionals and researchers who would like to undertake research into traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury are invited to apply.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) close 5pm (AEST) Thursday 6th March 2008. Internal Office of Research closing date for EOI is Thursday 28th February 2008.

Further information, including guidelines and application templates can be downloaded from the VNI website at:

www.vni.com.au

Australia-China Special Fund for Scientific and Technological Cooperation - 2008 Grant Round

The Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (previously DEST), has advised that the 2008 round of the Australia-China Special Fund for Scientific and Technological Cooperation will be open for applications from 1 February to **28 March**, with supporting documentation such as referee reports (where required) due by **11 April**. Office of Research internal closing date is **21 March 2008**.

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NHMRC Call for Applications is now open for NHMRC and Heart Foundation grant funding

The Heart Foundation is pleased to announce a new agreement with the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) to partner in the administration of our research funding process for project grants. Under the agreement, applications for funding from the Heart Foundation will be initially assessed by the NHMRC.

This initiative will significantly reduce administration costs for the Heart Foundation thereby raising the amount of funding available for research into heart, stroke and blood vessel disease to an unprecedented level.

Most importantly, it will allow more Australian cardiovascular researchers to focus their time and talents on their research. The funding process will continue to operate under the most scrupulous methods, using a peer review process, to ensure that funding provided to the Heart Foundation by its many donors is used to support the best and brightest in Australian cardiovascular research.

The new arrangements will mean that cardiovascular research applications are assessed by a panel of experts in the field, brought together by the NHMRC. It will also mean that volunteer assessors will have a reduced workload so each application can be considered in more detail.

To ensure that cardiovascular research continues to receive the amount of funding it needs, the Heart Foundation will still be involved in the assessment process.

This is a very exciting agreement and the Heart Foundation is looking forward to working with the NHMRC to increase funding for research into Australian's biggest killer.

Please note that Fellowships and Scholarships will continue to be assessed through the Heart Foundation Peer Review process.

Applications for Heart Foundation Grant-in-Aid funding will be submitted to the NHMRC through their online form. Supplementary Questions about relevance to heart, stroke and blood vessel disease and feasibility with a reduced budget will be submitted directly to the Heart Foundation.

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For additional information, the Grant-in-Aid Instructions and the Supplementary Questions form, please visit:
<http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Grants-in-Aid.htm>.

We will also be conducting information sessions in early 2008 about the new funding process and our other research awards. For session details, please visit:
http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Research/Research_Funding/Information_Sessions.htm

The NHMRC Call for Applications is now open for NHMRC and Heart Foundation grant funding. For further information and to apply for funding please visit:
<http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/types/granttype/projects/index.htm>.

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund - Funding Opportunities

The Australian Rotary Health Research Fund will have the following grant opportunities this year. Details will be made available in due course. For further information on eligibility and funding rules, please refer to their website: www.arhrf.org.au. Please register your interest in submitting through Kate Barrett in the Office of Research, kate.barrett@flinders.edu.au

Mental Health Grants

Opening 03 May 2008 - Closing 08 August 2008. Office of Research closing date 01 August 2008.

Evaluations Grants

Opening 28 June 2008 - Closing 03 October 2008. Office of Research closing date 21 June 2008.

Ian Scott Scholarships & Geoffrey Betts Post-Doc Fellowship

Opening 01 September 2008 - Closing 31 October 2008. Office of Research closing date 24 October 2008.

Funding Partners Closing Date for funding starting 2009 (any field medial/mental)

12 December 2008. Office of Research closing date 5 December 2008.

Graeme Clark Research Outcomes Forum

Call For Submissions - Reminder

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.

In June 2008, the ARC will host the inaugural Graeme Clark Research Outcomes Forum to showcase the outstanding achievements of ARC Centres researchers, including early-career researchers, and Federation Fellows (who may or may not be associated with ARC Centres). The focus of the Forum will be on the applications, uses and wider benefits of research, rather than research outputs.

The forum will take place during the week beginning 16 June at Parliament House in Canberra. It will include short, plain English presentations from ARC funded researchers selected through a competitive application process, sessions on topical themes, displays, media briefings, and a keynote address by Professor Graeme Clark AC.

Professor Clark pioneered the Cochlear 'bionic' ear implant, founded the Bionic Ear Institute and is considered one of Australia's living treasures. Now in his 70s, Professor Clark has devoted his career, with significant support from the ARC, to improving the quality of life of thousands of hearing-impaired people around the world. Still an active researcher, Professor Clark is working with the ARC Centre of Excellence for Electromaterials Science, headquartered at the University of Wollongong, and St Vincent's Hospital on developing a modified version of the implant to make it possible for victims of spinal cord injury to again feel and move. And he continues to work at the Bionic Ear Institute.

Professor Clark—his dedication to research and his brilliant achievements—personifies the importance of high-quality innovative research to Australia's intellectual, cultural, social and economic prosperity. The Graeme Clark Research Outcomes Forum will recognise, celebrate and promote the achievements of other ARC-funded researchers and the benefits their work bring to the Australian community.

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Research Funding Opportunities

MS Research Australia (MSRA) offers financial support each year to accelerate MS research in Australia. Last year we funded almost \$2 million in MS research and endeavour to reach more scientists to continue funding highly relevant and outstanding research across Australia.

Summary

We have three major deadlines,

- Project Grants and the Aus/UK Fellowship are due on the 31st May, Office of Research closing date 23 May, 2008.
- Fellowships are due on the 6th June, Office of Research closing date 30 May, 2008.

Scholarships are due on the 30th June, Office of Research closing date 23 June, 2008.

Below is a summary of the Awards available, including our first International Fellowship with the UK MS Society, with more details available on our website: <http://www.msra.org.au/research/funding-opportunities.php> which includes application to our Awards and Conditions of the Awards. We work closely with the NHMRC and [Trish MS Research Foundation](#) to co-fund People Support Awards.

Investigator – Initiated Project Grants for projects of the highest calibre that will increase our understanding of MS. Closing date 31st May, 2008, Office of Research closing date 23 May, 2008.

Investigator – Initiated Applied and Social Project Grants. Closing date 31st May, 2008, Office of Research closing date 23 May, 2008. There is now a separate allocation of funds solely for applied and social research projects.

Macquarie Group Foundation MSA/UK MS Society Fellowship Exchange. Closing date 31st May, 2008, Office of Research closing date 23 May, 2008. MSRA and the Macquarie Group Foundation, in conjunction with the UK MS Society, are offering the opportunity for one Australian or UK Researcher to undertake Postdoctoral Training in the UK or Australia respectively. The Award will commence in 2009 and will provide funding of up to AU\$ 108,000 p.a. (or £50,000 p.a.) for three years full-time.

MSRA Postdoctoral Fellowships. Closing date 6th June, Office of Research closing date 30 May, 2008

NHMRC and MSRA co funded Betty Cuthbert Fellowships. MSRA closing date 6th June and NHMRC closing date 4th July 2008, Office of Research closing date 30 May, 2008. Applicants must apply to MSRA and NHMRC for consideration of this 4 year funded fellowship. This partnership offers increased opportunities for funding.

MSRA Postgraduate Scholarships. Closing date 30th June 2008, Office of Research closing date 23 June, 2008.

NHMRC and MSRA co funded Betty Cuthbert Scholarships. MSRA closing date 30th June 2008 and NHMRC closing date 1st August 2008, Office of Research closing date 23 June, 2008. Applicants must apply to MSRA and NHMRC for consideration of this 3 year funded scholarship. This partnership offers increased opportunities for funding.

MSRA and Trish MS Research Foundation Fellowships. Closing date 6th June, 2008, Office of Research closing date 30 May, 2008.

MSRA and Trish MS Research Foundation Scholarships. Closing date 30th June 2008, Office of Research closing date 23 June, 2008.

Summer Vacation Scholarships. Closing date the 30th June 2008, Office of Research closing date 23 June, 2008.

Incubator Grants: seed funding of early research up to \$25,000 - May be applied for anytime throughout the year, applications should come through the Office of Research.

This year, the NSW Government Office for Science and Medical Research through the **National Eureka Award for Medical Research** will recognise an individual or research team for outstanding, groundbreaking medical research in MS. The prize of \$10,000 is to encourage, reward and recognise our scientists in MS research. We encourage all researchers to consider the Award. For more information visit <http://www.australianmuseum.net.au/eureka>

The NSW OSMR Jamie Callachor Eureka Prize for Medical Research prize is named in memory of Jamie Callachor, a valued colleague of the Ministry who died unexpectedly in November 2005. It is designed to encourage and reward emerging medical researchers.

For more information, please contact:

[Multiple Sclerosis Research Australia](http://www.multiple-sclerosis-research-australia.org.au) Phone: 02 9468 8337

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Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development Funding Rules

DISCOVERY INDIGENOUS RESEARCHERS DEVELOPMENT FUNDING RULES FOR FUNDING COMMENCING IN 2009

The Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development Funding Rules for Funding Commencing in 2009 and sample Application Form are now available on the ARC website at:

http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dird/dird_fundingrules.htm

The closing date for the submission of Proposals is 17:00 (AEST) Friday 2 May 2008. Office of Research closing date 25 May 2008.

The major changes from last year are summarised in Section 5 of the Funding Rules. The ARC will provide further notification advising when other relevant documentation becomes available.

Other NEWS ...

Cancer Australia announces new research priority

Cancer Australia has announced that cancer prevention is a new research priority for the Priority-driven Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme. Researchers who have been preparing research applications on cancer prevention are encouraged to tick the Cancer Australia box on their NHMRC application and to complete the Additional Questions Form required for the scheme.

Please note the closing date for applications is 14 March 2008. For further information, an application form or a guide for applicants:

- visit http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/types/granttype/projects/cc_funding.htm
- visit www.canceraustralia.gov.au
- Contact Dr Paul Jackson, Cancer Australia, on 02 6200 1721 or at paul.jackson@canceraustralia.gov.au.

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NHMRC Tracker

NHMRC has released the latest issue of Tracker on 22 February 08:

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>

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