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Research Resources PHCRED

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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

How to . . .

Design a Survey or Questionnaire

Survey or questionnaire design can be a routine part of research, evaluation, or service quality improvement work. Skills for designing surveys can be honed and practiced to help prevent:

- Low response rates
- Poor responses or missing data
- Better quality and more useable data

Below are links to two **on-line workshops** on "How to design surveys/questionnaires"

1. "Survey Design" Dr Karin Ried, PHCRED University of Adelaide
<http://www.greaterhealth.org/phcred/presentations/>
2. "How to design a questionnaire / survey" Sarah Dennis, PHCRED University of New South Wales
http://www.nswphc.unsw.edu.au/pdf/ShortCourseFeb2008/Session 2.1 Questionnaire Design_sdennis.ppt

The second link in particular, contains great examples of poorly worded and structured questions and explanations of how to improve them!

If you have any questions please contact Liz Jackway on 03 55633526 or at phcred@greaterhealth.org

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Heart Foundation Conference—call for abstracts now open

The Heart Foundation is pleased to announce the call for abstracts is now open for the Heart Foundation Conference to be held in Brisbane, Queensland from 14-16 May 2009.

The aim is to create an inclusive program which incorporates a broad perspective of public health, research and clinical issues relating to cardiovascular health. Ranging from presentations on scientific research to innovative grass roots interventions and case studies, there will be something for everyone.

The central theme of the Conference in Hearts in focus – celebration, collaboration and challenges. Authors are invited to submit abstracts for poster and oral submissions on original work which address one or more of the following sub-themes:

- Epidemiology and burden of disease (national, global, economics)
- Healthy lifestyle (healthy weight, physical activity, food supply and nutrition, tobacco, diabetes)
- Risk (absolute risk, assessing risk, managing risk)
- Arrhythmias and sudden death
- Hypertension
- Vascular disease
- Depression/ psychosocial issues
- Acute coronary syndrome (incl. patient delay, ongoing prevention and management)
- Cardiomyopathies and heart failure (incl. devices and management programs)
- Rheumatic fever and rheumatic heart disease
- Quality use of medicines
- Lipids
- Technological advances

Please note priority populations are women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The submission deadline for abstracts is 3 December 2008.

For abstract submission and further information please go to <http://www.heartfoundation2009.com/>

If you are unable to submit online please telephone 02 92650700 or email to heartfoundation2009@tourhosts.com.au

Leading keynote speakers have been confirmed from South Africa, India, the United States of America and Australia. (<http://www.heartfoundation2009.com/speakers.asp>)

For more information on sponsorship and exhibition, contact Natalie Potter on 0409 996 087, email at natalie.potter@heartfoundation.org.au, or visit <http://www.heartfoundation2009.com/sponex.asp>

Postdoctoral and Invitation Fellowships in Japan 2009

The Australian Academy of Science, in association with the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS), invites applications from Australian researchers to undertake Postdoctoral and Invitation Fellowships in Japan.

Postdoctoral Fellowships are for a period of 12 to 24 months, Invitation Fellowships short-term for a period of 14 to 60 days and the Invitation Fellowship long-term is for 2 to 10 months.

Researchers in any field of natural sciences, including technology, engineering and medicine can apply.

Applications in the humanities and social sciences are also accepted BUT ONLY for the Postdoctoral Fellowships. Please see website for guidelines.

Applications close Friday 5 December 2008.

Postdoctoral Fellowships: <http://www.science.org.au/internat/jspspd.htm>

Invitation Fellowship short term: <http://www.science.org.au/internat/jspsfst.htm>

Invitation Fellowship long-term: <http://www.science.org.au/internat/jspsfst.htm>

Heart Foundation Research Medal

The Heart Foundation Research Medal for Lifetime Contribution to Cardiovascular Research recognises outstanding individual contribution to the fields of heart, stroke and blood vessel disease research in Australia over a sustained period.

The medal is awarded to an individual who has served as a role model through service, research and teaching.

Nominations for the Heart Foundation Research medal must be submitted by 5.00pm, Friday, 21 November 2008. for more information on medal eligibility, visit http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/Professional_Information/Research/Research_Funding/Research_Prizes.htm or contact the Research Program by phone 03 9321 1581 or research@heartfoundation.org.au.

US to Australia Fellowship Program

The American Australian Association is currently accepting applications for its US to Australia Fellowship Program. The program offers fellowships of up to US\$25,000 to American researchers or students wishing to undertake advanced research or study in Australia. Through these fellowships, the Association encourages intellectual collaboration and innovation, building on the strong social and economic partnerships between Australia and the United States.

Fields of study/research supported by the fellowships:

- Medicine
- Life sciences (particularly in oceanography/marine sciences and stem cell research)
- Science
- Engineering
- Mining

General Requirements:

- Applicant's research or study must be at a graduate or postdoctoral level.
- Proof of acceptance into an Australian educational institution is required.
- Applicant must be a United States permanent resident.
- The Fellowships are intended to support part of the costs of one year of research/study in Australia. (applicants must submit a complete budget)
- Applicants should devote full time to their research or study.

Deadline: October 31st 2008

Further Information: <http://www.americanaustralian.org/education>

Please send enquiries & applications to: ustoa@aaanyc.org

Web link US to Australia Fellowship Program:

If relevant, please insert the following link and/or post the information above and below on the appropriate pages of your website advising students/researchers of the Fellowship.

Web link heading: US to Australia Fellowship Program

Site Name: American Australian Association

Site URL: <http://www.americanaustralian.org/education>

Description: The American Australian Association's US to Australia Fellowship Program offers fellowships of up to \$25,000 to American researchers or students wishing to undertake advanced research or study in Australia.

The Rise and Fall of Vioxx: Ethics Centre of South Australia Seminar

The Ethics Centre of South Australia, as part of its Central Seminar Series 2008 will present 'The Rise and Fall of Vioxx: Unethical behaviour or system failure' by Professor Michael James, Chief Medical Scientist, Rheumatology Unit, Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Details: When: Tuesday 11 November 2008 from 3.30 - 4.30pm

Where: Scots Centre (next to Scots Church) - corner North Terrace and Pultney Street, Adelaide

RSVP: to Vicki Hattam, Centre Coordinator by telephone 08 8302 4817 or vicki.hattam@unisa.edu.au

Diabetes -Regular Research Grants

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/8624>

Diabetes - Innovative Grants

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/35185>

Diabetes Postdoctoral Fellowships

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/8626>

Advanced Postdoctoral Fellowship

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/44173>

Career Development Awards

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/8625>

Scholar Award

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/44174>

Early Career Patient-Oriented Diabetes Research Awards

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International (JDRF)
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/102761>

Research Study into Gamblers at Risk

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

www.tenders.vic.gov.au

Gambling Research Australia, Department of Justice

rosa.billi@justice.vic.gov.au

Tender Number: 064/08 - Gambling Research Australia (GRA) is seeking tender responses to undertake a national research study into Gamblers at risk and their help seeking behaviour.

GRA is an initiative of the Ministerial Council on Gambling and is responsible for managing and implementing the national research agenda.

This is a national study to examine, identify and analyse help seeking behaviour. Help seeking behaviour includes the behaviour of gamblers who look for help through specialised or formal treatment services and gamblers who seek help from informal services.

The successful tenderer will be required to design and implement an appropriate methodology tailored to gambler help seeking behaviours and ensure processes are meaningful and appropriate to those involved.

Tender documentation MUST be prepared in accordance with the information available on the website.

Research Grants Programme 2009

Closing Date: 12-Jan-2009 12:00 AM

Contact: Ph: 02 6246 1145 grants@aiatsis.gov.au

Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS)

GPO Box 553

Canberra 2601

http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research_program/grants

Research Grants Programme 2009 - Call for Grant Applications.

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (AIATSIS) is calling for applications for the Research Grants Programme 2009.

The Programme will fund research into a wide range of areas in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, such as history (including family and community history), politics, law, public policy, health (social, cultural and environmental aspects), biological sciences, education, indigenous knowledge systems, linguistics, social anthropology, archaeology and the arts.

Applications in the special emphasis categories of bRelations with Governmentb, bEconomic Sustainabilityb and bKnowledge About and Caring for Countryb are particularly invited.

Please note that AIATSIS does not fund:

- Publication or production costs;
- Returning materials to communities or repatriation of material; or
- Research for Native Title Claims.

Applicants should refer to the Information for Research Grant Applications for full details about how to apply. All applications must be submitted using the Research Grant Application Form.

These documents are available from the website or by contacting the Research Grants Administration.

Note that faxed applications will not be accepted.

Applicants are strongly advised to contact AIATSIS well before submitting applications in order to ensure the eligibility of their topics and to receive constructive feedback from Research staff.

All applicants will be informed of the success or otherwise of their grant application in June 2009. Funding for successful applicants will be available from July 2009.

Competitive Grants Programme - Science, Technology and Innovation Capabilities

Closing Date: 13-Feb-2009 12:00 AM

www.business.vic.gov.au/vsa

Victoria's Science Agenda (VSA)

Harnessing Victoria Science, Technology and Innovation Capabilities through Partnerships.

Victoria's Science Agenda Investment Fund - Call for Proposals - Competitive Grants Programme.

Victoria's Science Agenda (VSA) Investment Fund is a major programme under the Victorian Government's new innovation statement aimed at developing solutions to make Victoria more productive, sustainable and healthy. The \$41 million VSA Investment Fund will provide competitive grants to business and research organisations for partnerships that strengthen Victoria's Science and Technology capabilities and translate these to market outcomes.

Applications are invited from technology-based companies, universities, research institutes, co-operative research centres, industry associations and government agencies. Proposals will be considered on merit against selection criteria published in the guidelines and ranked against other proposals. Information sessions on the programme will be conducted, see website for details and times. Guidelines and application forms are available via the website.

2008 international congress on chronic disease self-management

26-28 November, Hilton on the Park, Melbourne

Chronic disease self-management is becoming embedded across health policy and service delivery structures across Australia. However delivery of meaningful outcomes for affected individuals has been problematic in some sectors. At this international congress, chronic disease self-management is going to take a long hard look at itself to identify what works, under what circumstances, for whom and why. The conference programme is designed to generate fundamental shifts in chronic disease self-management practice and policy. Full program details can be downloaded from the conference website: www.cdsm2008.com

ARC Future Fellowships

Research Services' internal deadline for the close of Future Fellowship applications is Friday 7 November.

ARC closing date: 26 November

Foundation for Children - Grants for Child Research Projects

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

ARC Linkage Project

The Deakin internal closing date for receipt of final applications ready for submission is 3 November 2008

Australian Rotary Health Research Fund scholarships

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

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