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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

How to....

Design PowerPoint Presentations

We have a fact sheet available that outlines the 10 most relevant tips for creating PowerPoint Presentations. Some points covered are slide design, slide content and layout. [*PHC RIS, Eckermann, S., Hordacre, AL., Keane, M., Lowcay, B., Magarey, A., Martus, B., McIntyre, E., Osman, E., Reid, K., Drake, P., Jackson-Bowers, E. (2006). Fact Sheet: Power point presentations. Adelaide: Primary Health Care Research & Information Service*]

If you are interested in receiving this article, please contact Liz Jack way on 03 55633526 or by emailing us at 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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All previous newsletters can be found on our website at:

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

Arthritis Australia 2009 Research Grants

Closing date for applications is 5pm Saturday, 12 July 2008 (Thursday, 3 July to the Office of Research).

Applications for grants valued between \$10,000 and \$50,000 for one year are now sought to be used for research into the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of arthritis.

The objectives of the research and professional education program are:

- To support specific research projects into arthritis and other musculoskeletal disorders, and
- To support and foster the career development of scientists and clinical investigators committed to research into arthritis and allied disorders

There are three categories:

- Fellowships
- Scholarships, and
- Grants in Aid and Project Grants

Awards are available to clinical, scientific and allied health professional who work in universities, hospitals or recognised research institutes.

Applicants must obtain guidelines information and a research application form from the website (<http://www.arthritisaustralia.com.au/>)

For further information please email to info@arthritisaustralia.com.au

Central Research Grants Scheme 2009

The Central Research Grants (CRG) Scheme provides research grants in the range \$5,000 to \$25,000 per annum for up to two years to Deakin University staff. Applications can be made for grants for research projects in any field of research. Criteria for awards include the research record of the applicants consistent with opportunity, and the excellence of the research. Account will also be taken of University research management policy, including the need to increase external income for research and to foster the growth of research concentrations.

This document provides details of the scheme, eligibility criteria, selection criteria and advice on preparing the application. Applications must be made on the appropriate form, available from Research Services Division and the web (http://www.deakin.edu.au/research/admin/grants/funding_opps/crgs). The application form is based on the ARC Discovery - Project Grant application form with some modifications. The application should be printed on one side of the page only. Please lodge one hard copy together with an electronic version to RSD, which should be e-mailed to crgs-submissions@deakin.edu.au.

Please note: Before submission of your application, please contact your Associate Dean (Research) or Head of Institute to find out the Faculty process for approval of CRG submissions. Non-compliant applications may be disqualified.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the 2009 CRGS round in October or November.

This year we are encouraging applicants to work more closely with their Faculty in working up their applications. Hence we request that each applicant contacts their Associate Dean (Research) or Head of Institute to find out the Faculty process for approval of CRG submissions, before final submission of the application.

Research Services has requested Faculty's review all CRGS applications for quality prior to Submission to Research Services. Only applications that are formally reviewed by the Faculty will be considered in this years CRGS round. Applicants are therefore required to submit full drafts for review to the Associate Dean Research, Professor Sing Kai Lo, **by 7 July 2008**. E-mail word or PDF document to steven.sawyer@deakin.edu.au . Kai will assign a reviewer to each application and provide feedback when available to the Chief Investigator.

Australian Academy of Science - International Grants

The Australian Academy of Science is inviting applications from Australian professional scientists to visit Europe, North America and South-East Asia between 1 January 2009 and 31 December 2009, to collaborate with researchers in those countries.

Applicants must propose a collaborative research project, or specific activity, which has been developed in consultation with host scientists. The duration of the visits must be 14 to 40 days.

Information, deadlines and application forms are available on the Australian Academy of Science website. (<http://www.science.org.au/internat/programs.htm>)

This project is supported by the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research's International Science Linkages—Science Academies Program.

Victorian Public Health awards

Entries close 10 June 2008 for the

The Victorian Public Healthcare Awards celebrate innovation and excellence by recognising initiatives that promote and protect the health and wellbeing of Victorians.

Category Awards

Six new Category Awards represent strategic areas of practice across the health spectrum, and will honour innovation and excellence irrespective of organisational size, setting, or service. Awards in this category relevant to public health are:

5. Strengthening the capacity of individuals, families and communities through effective prevention and health promotion.
6. Improving the health and wellbeing of disadvantaged people and communities.

To see the full list of 6 categories visit

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/healthcareawards/?hc>

Minister's Awards

There are four Minister's Awards for outstanding staff achievement, which will be presented by the Minister for Health and the Minister for Mental Health. To see the list of four Minister's Awards visit

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/healthcareawards/about/index.htm#minister>

Secretary's Awards

A new Department of Human Services Secretary's Award has been established to honour a new initiative or service that is keeping people well in the community. For information on the Secretary's Award visit

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/healthcareawards/about/index.htm#dhs>

Premier's Awards

The ultimate accolade is the Premier's Awards for the most outstanding health service of the year. In addition to the Health Service of the Year Awards, the Premier will present two excellence awards to honour initiatives that are at the forefront of health improvement, in the priority areas:

- tackling chronic disease and improving public health
- improving cancer care in Victoria

To see the full list of categories for the Premier's Awards visit

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/healthcareawards/howtoenter/premier.htm>

Victorian Population Health Survey 2008

Closing Date: 19-Jun-2008 02:00 PM

Contact: Robert Cavallaro Ph: 03 9096 0448 robert.cavallaro@dhs.vic.gov.au

VIC Dept of Human Services

www.tenders.vic.gov.au

T08145 The conduct of the Department of Human Services Victorian Population Health Survey 2008 at Local Government Area level.

The Department of Human Services is seeking suitably qualified and experienced parties to conduct the fieldwork for an adult population health survey in Victoria for the calendar year 2008. For 2008 only, the sample for the VPHS will be drawn from the 79 local government areas.

The objective of this project is to collect health information at the local government area level to inform and support local area planning, implementation and evaluation of adult health services and programs across Victoria.

2008 L'Oréal Australia *For Women in Science* Fellowships.

The Fellowships recognise scientific excellence by early-career women in the life sciences, material sciences, physical sciences, mathematics or engineering, who have completed their PhD or equivalent in the last five years. The Fellowships are supported by the Australian National Commission for UNESCO and endorsed by the Australian Academy of Science.

Three Fellowships will be awarded, each for \$20,000.

The Fellowships are intended to help early career women scientists to consolidate their careers and rise to leadership positions in science. The Fellowships are awarded to women who have shown scientific excellence in their career to date and who have an appropriate research plan that will be assisted by the one-year Fellowship.

Last year four fellowships were awarded to:

- Jenny Gunton from the Garvan Institute for her study exploring the link between Vitamin D and diabetes.
- Ilana Feain from CSIRO for her study of black holes and their role in the birth and death of stars and galaxies.
- Catriona Bradshaw from Monash University for her study of the transmission of a common genital infection - bacterial vaginosis.
- Sarah Pryke from Macquarie University for her study of the evolution and conservation of Gouldian finches.

I encourage you to support L'Oréal Australia's initiative by passing this information on to potential candidates.

Information is available online at www.scienceinpublic.com/loreal. The closing date is Friday 20 June 2008.

Training (Postdoctoral) Fellowships

The purpose of NHMRC Training (Postdoctoral) Fellowships is to provide opportunities for Australian researchers to undertake research that is both of major importance in its field and of benefit to Australian health. Training (Postdoctoral) Fellowships provide a vehicle for training in basic research either in Australia or overseas (where appropriate), to enable Fellows to work on research projects with nominated advisers. Awards are offered to a limited number of persons of outstanding ability who wish to make research a significant component of their career.

The key dates for the 2009 funding round for these fellowships are:

2 May 2008 - Applications open

4 July 2008 - Applications close

Capacity Building Grants for Population Health and Health Services Research

The NHMRC is calling for proposals to develop research capacity across the full range of population health and health services research

The 2008 call for applications is to develop research capacity across the full range of population health and health services research. The Grants provide flexible support to build groups of excellent population health and/or health services researchers. The scheme will seek to strengthen and grow teams with an established basis and a record of undertaking innovative, significant and internationally competitive research.

The scheme will primarily provide support to (a) develop capacity within teams of researchers by bringing in new expertise and (b) increase workforce capacity by developing less experienced researchers to become research leaders (new independent researchers). It will be flexible to encourage the development of approaches to building capacity that best meet the needs of different teams.

A total of up to \$18 million is available under this call for applications. Up to \$10 million may be allocated to grants with a focus on health services research and up to \$8 million may be allocated to grants with a focus on public health research and related fields.

The Grants will provide funds of up to \$2.5 million for five year grants, or pro rata. Applicants will normally be funded for up to a five-year period on a one-off basis.

Applications close: 13 June 2008

For details on how to apply go to: <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/types/granttype/strategic/capbuild.htm>

Travelling Award for Research Training – Round 2

The Travelling Award for Research Training has been established to enable current holders of NHMRC Australian-based Fellowships and Scholarships to value add to their research by providing funding for limited training periods at a temporary host institution.

Applications Open 2 May 2008 and Close 4 July 2008

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4 July 2008 - Applications close

Scholarships

The aim of the Scholarships scheme is to support outstanding Australian health and medical graduates early in their career so that they can be trained to conduct research that is internationally competitive and develop a capacity for original independent research. This is usually achieved by NHMRC funding its scholars to attain a PhD by full-time research.

2 May 2008 – Applications open

1 August 2008 – Applications close

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4 July 2008 - Applications close

Program Grants

The aim of the Program Grants scheme is to provide support for teams of high calibre researchers to pursue broadly based collaborative research activities. Teams will be expected to contribute to new knowledge at a leading international level in important areas of health and medical research. The scheme is available for all research approaches relevant to better health (ie biomedical, clinical, public health or health services research) and is typically for 5 years.

31 May 2008 - Applications open

11 July 2008 - Applications close

January 2010 - Funding for successful applications scheduled to commence

Centres of Clinical Research Excellence (CCRE)

The Centres of Clinical Research Excellence (CCRE) Scheme provides funding for innovative, high quality clinical research to be conducted either by established investigators with a strong track record in clinical research and clinical training, or new clinical research collaborators.

The Scheme aims to:

- support clinical research with potential to lead to improved health outcomes for the community;
- foster training of clinical researchers, particularly those with a capacity for independent research and future leadership roles; and
- ensure effective translation of research outcomes into clinical practice.

Researchers are encouraged to collaborate with, and participate in, international research studies. The collaborations may include:

- synergistic approaches between basic biomedical sciences and clinical research and/or between clinical research and population health research or health services research;
- collaborative interactions between different clinical disciplines;
- community consultation with relevant groups; and
- processes for consultation and management of health issues relating to Indigenous Australians.

Funding is awarded for a period of five years.

Currently, the NHMRC funds 23 CCRE, including two designated CCRE in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health.

31 May 2008 – Applications OPEN, 8 August 2008 – Applications CLOSE

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