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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 . . .

Apply for research funding

The recent edition of Info Bytes, published by the Primary Health Care Research & Information Service (PHC RIS), provides information to help you when considering your research question and when looking for research funding. PHCRIS also provides links to some very useful resources for funding.

The 'how to' guide provides tips on:

- What research funding will you apply for?
- Applying for a research grant
- Obtaining funding
- Finding the funders

If you would like to view this guide, go to: http://www.phcris.org.au/infobytes/howto/apply_for_funding.php

For more information or resources related to this topic, please contact us at phcred@greaterhealth.org or on 03-55633526.

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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The Victorian Neurotrauma Initiative (VNI): Fellowship Opportunities

The Victorian Neurotrauma Initiative (VNI) is a \$63 million research fund, established with the support of the Transport Accident Commission and the Department of Innovation, Industry and Regional Development. The VNI aims to fund and support research to reduce the impact and improve the quality of life of those affected by neurotrauma.

To date, the VNI has funded eight Fellowships to a total value of \$1.46million. The VNI is pleased to offer a second round of Fellowship opportunities as part of its commitment to building neurotrauma research capacity within Victoria. A total of seven Fellowships will be offered for support commencing in 2009, including:

2 x Training Fellowships

- 2 x Early Career Practitioner Fellowships
- 2 x Early Career Research Fellowships
- 1 x Senior Practitioner Fellowship

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

Applications to VNI close 5pm (AEST) 13 May 2008. Office of Research closing date for applications is 6 May 2008.

Further information, including guidelines and application templates, can be downloaded from the VNI website at www.vni.com.au

Please feel free to distribute the attached flyer to interested colleagues.

For further information please contact Ms Genevieve Abbot on (03) 9664 6563 or Genevieve.Abbot@vni.com.au

ARC Linkage International - For Funding Commencing In 2009

The Linkage International Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2009 are now

available on the ARC's web site (www.arc.gov.au).

Linkage International proposals submitted in 2008 (for funding commencing in 2009) are due for submission at the following closing times:

- ARC International Fellowships (ARCIFs) - 5:00pm (AEST) Friday 23 May 2008 (Office of Research closing date 9 May 2008); and
- Linkage International Social Sciences Collaboration proposals - 5:00pm (AEST) Wednesday 4 June 2008 (Office of Research closing date 21 May 2008).

Please note that closer to the time of submission the Office of Research may revise its Internal closing date dependent on the number of applications that are expected.

The main changes to the Linkage International 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.

Applications sought for Group Leader at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory

Australia's Associate Membership of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) began on 1 March 2008. A key aspect of the Associate Membership is the Faculty Development Program, which provides for two Australian-supported Group Leader positions at EMBL's network of five basic research laboratories in Europe.

NHMRC funding is available to support the placement of one Group Leader in Europe for up to five years. NHMRC and EMBL are seeking applications from talented molecular and cell biologists for the NHMRC-supported Group Leader position. This is an opportunity for a researcher of outstanding ability to further their career at EMBL in Europe and develop into an internationally recognised research leader.

For further information and details of how to apply go to

<http://www-db.embl.de/jss/servlet/de.embl.bk.emblGroups.JobsPage/08006.html>

Nominations open for Prime Minister's Prizes for Science

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are a national tribute to excellent and dedicated work in Australian science and science teaching. Nominations for the \$300,000 Prime Minister's Prize for Science close at 5pm on Friday 9 May 2008. See <https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/SciencePrize/Pages/Home.aspx>

Review of the NHMRC Road Map

The *NHMRC Road Map: A Strategic Framework for Improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health through Research*, located at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/r28syn.htm>, is being reviewed.

The review is being undertaken by NHMRC in consultation with its key advisory committee on Indigenous health issues, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Research Advisory Committee (ATSIHAC), which is chaired by Professor Cindy Shannon.

It is intended to have consultation workshops in 2008 in Townsville, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne and Alice Springs. For those unable to attend the workshops, NHMRC is offering an opportunity to have input through written submissions.

For more information on the review and how to participate visit

http://acceptance.nhmrc.gov.au/consult/review_of_NHMRC_roadmap.htm **Download *Great Minds in Health***

Subscribe to our new podcast series and you can download conversations with some of the great minds in Australian medical research.

Visit our [podcasts](#) page for a conversation with Professor Doug Hilton, of the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Tracker would like to draw your attention to the request for applications announced last week by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

This request is a component of the Islet Transplantation Program, which was established by the JDRF with funding from the Department of Health and Ageing. It is designed to help take islet transplantation from being an experimental procedure to one broadly available for people with diabetes.

JDRF will direct \$2.2 million over two years to this program, and only investigators and institutes based in Australia are eligible.

Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation: Grants 2008

Grants for Medical Science in 2008

The Trustees of the Foundation are pleased to announce two classes of research grants to be awarded in 2008 and commencing in 2009.

Sylvia and Charles Viertel Charitable Foundation Senior Medical Research Fellowships

Up to two Fellowships tenable in Australia of five years tenure at \$195,000 per annum for a researcher from any discipline in medical science.

Viertel Clinical Investigators

\$60,000 for clinical researchers who have recently completed their clinical and research training and who have been no more than 24 months in their first definitive career post in Australia. Five awards are available.

Only Australian nationals or permanent residents are eligible for these awards.

Closing date: 1 May 2008. Office of Research closing date: 24 April 2008.

Further information is available from:

The Secretary

Viertel Medical Advisory Board

C/- Philanthropy Partners

ANZ Trustees Limited

GPO Box 389D

MELBOURNE VIC 3001

Or from the website at: www.anz.com/aus/fin/Trustees/

NHMRC Development Grants – Call for Applications for 2008

This is the second round of grants to be funded under the Development Grant Scheme in 2008. Applications open on 5 April and will be advertised in the **Tenders** Section of the *Weekend Australian* on Saturday 5 April. Closing date for applications will be 2 June. Office of Research submission dates will be prior to this and will be announced soon.

The Scheme supports the development of health or medical research that has commercial potential and that may benefit the Australian community by providing funding for research commercialisation at the early proof-of-concept stage.

The Funding Policy and application process documentation will be available from the NHMRC website on 5 April at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/funding/apply/granttype/development/index.htm>

The Grant Institute's Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop: Reminder

The Grant Institute's Grants 101: Professional Grant Proposal Writing Workshop will be held at the University of Technology, Sydney, June 23 - 25, 2008. Interested development professionals, researchers, faculty, and graduate students should register as soon as possible, as demand means that seats will fill up quickly. Please forward, post, and distribute this e-mail to your colleagues and listservs.

All participants will receive certification in professional grant writing from the Institute. For more information call (0011) 1-213-817-5308 or visit The Grant Institute at www.thegrantinstitute.com.

The Grant Institute's Grants 101 course is an intensive and detailed introduction to the process, structure, and skill of professional proposal writing. This course is characterized by its ability to act as a thorough overview, introduction, and refresher at the same time. In this course, participants will learn the entire proposal writing process and complete the course with a solid understanding of not only the ideal proposal structure, but a holistic understanding of the essential factors, which determine whether or not a program gets funded. Through the completion of interactive exercises and activities, participants will complement expert lectures by putting proven techniques into practice. This course is designed for both the beginner looking for a thorough introduction and the intermediate looking for a refresher course that will strengthen their grant acquisition skills. This class, simply put, is designed to get results by creating professional grant proposal writers.

Participants will become competent program planning and proposal writing professionals after successful completion of the Grants 101 course. In three active and informative days, students will be exposed to the art of successful grant writing practices, and led on a journey that ends with a masterful grant proposal.

Grants 101 consists of three (3) courses that will be completed during the three-day workshop.

- (1) Fundamentals of Program Planning
- (2) Professional Grant Writing
- (3) Grant Research

Registration

\$997.00 USD tuition includes all materials and certificates.

Each student will receive:

- *The Grant Institute Certificate in Professional Grant Writing
- *The Grant Institute's Guide to Successful Grant Writing
- *The Grant Institute Grant Writer's Workbook with sample proposals, forms, and outlines

Registration Methods

1) On-Line - Complete the online registration form at www.thegrantinstitute.com under Register Now. We'll send your confirmation by e-mail.

2) By Phone - Call (0011) 1-213-817-5308 to register by phone. Our friendly Program Coordinators will be happy to assist you and answer your questions.

3) By E-mail - Send an e-mail with your name, organization, and basic contact information to info@thegrantinstitute.com and we will reserve your slot and send your Confirmation Packet.

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>

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