Funding Opportunities and Research News

Welcome to the Research Office’s Funding Opportunities and Research News. This newsletter will contain a list of current funding opportunities as well as important announcements from the Research Office. We hope that you find it useful.

The Research Office, in conjunction with Faculty Research Offices, would like to remind prospective applicants that a copy of any grant proposal must be forwarded to the Research Office, via Faculty Research Managers, at least one week before the external deadline.

Applicants are also reminded that the Macquarie University Certification Coversheet must also be submitted with each grant proposal.

**Infrastructure Levy/Indirect Costs**

All grant and contract research applicants are reminded that a contribution towards the indirect costs of the University should be applied to all contract research projects and external grants not listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register 2012. The purpose of the indirect costs fee is to contribute towards the infrastructure costs of the University. Indirect costs (commonly also referred to as overheads) are real costs incurred by the University. If the University undertakes research under grants and contracts that provide only for the direct costs of projects and make no contribution to the University’s indirect costs, the University is effectively subsidising these projects from its own resources. Grant and Contract Research applicants should account for a minimum of 25% of total direct project costs towards the recovery of the University's indirect costs. For more information please contact the Manager, Sponsored Research (ann-marie.heinrich@mq.edu.au or X6845).

**Information for Potential NHMRC and ARC Applicants**

If you are considering submitting an NHMRC or ARC application please advise your Faculty Research Manager as soon as possible.

Please refer to the NHMRC Grants page or the National Competitive Grants Program page of the ARC website for further information on funding opportunities and processes. Should you require any additional assistance, please contact your Faculty Research Manager or Kyle Ratinac (kyle.ratinac@mq.edu.au or X4462).

**IRIS Training Sessions**

The Research Office will be offering on-hour workshops for Integrated Research Information System (IRIS) training from 13 September. The workshop will help Researchers/Research Students to navigate the IRIS system, including viewing their research contracts, funding projects, etc. This workshop will be offered once a month. Places for this training are numbered, please check dates and register.

We will also be offering training for Faculty and Department Administration staff on how to use ARIS/IRIS, HERDC publications verification and internal/external reporting. Dates and registration can be found here.

If you have any further questions regarding these workshops please email irishelp@mq.edu.au.
An Australian Government Initiative - Researchers in Business Grant
Enterprise Connect supports the placement of Researchers from Universities or public research agencies into businesses, to help develop and implement a new idea with commercial potential. Enterprise Connect will provide funding for up to 50 per cent of salary costs, to a maximum of $50,000, for each placement for between 2 and 12 months.
Enterprise Connect’s aim is to:
• help break down the cultural divide between business and the research sector
• speed up the distribution of knowledge and expertise
• accelerate the adoption of new ideas and technologies

Research Professional Online - Online National Training Session
Research Professional has recently updated all their Marketing/Embedding packs that assist Researchers to get the most of Research Professional. Please register via the above link for the next training session.

Swiss Government - Excellence Scholarships for Foreign Scholars and Artists
The Swiss Government, through the Federal Commission for Scholarships for Foreign Students (FCS), awards various postgraduate scholarships to foreign scholars and researchers:
• University Scholarships (Swiss Universities, Federal Institutes of Technology as well as Universities of Applied Sciences).
• Arts Scholarships (schools of music and fine arts, only for a limited number of countries).
These Scholarships provide graduates from all fields with the opportunity to pursue doctoral or postdoctoral research in Switzerland at one of the public funded University or recognized institution.

The Cass Foundation - Travel Grants
Contributing to the Australian Scholarship and Science (CASS) is a private philanthropic foundation, established in 2001, to support and promote the advancement of education, science and medicine as well as research and practice in those fields. CASS offers travel grants for early career researchers to travel and participate in international conferences.

Australian Academy of Science – Visit to the National Institutes of Health in the USA
The Australian Academy of Science invites Expressions of Interest from Junior Scientists who are no more than 30 years of age, to visit the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the United States of America between 1 January 2013 and 31 December 2013. Proposals in any health-related field of natural science will be considered. Deadline for expressions of interest has been extended to 28 September 2012.
Health:
CIRUS - Scholarship and Research Support
Australian National Preventative Health Agency – Grants
Cancer Council - 2013 Strategic Research Partnership Grant

Science:
Australian Academy of Science - Research Awards
Australian Academy of Science - Research Conferences
Environmental Trust - Grants Programs
Banksia Environmental Foundation - Brian Robinson Fellowship
AINSE - Funding Opportunities
ANSTO - Access to Major Research Facilities Program
Australian Biological Resources Study - Funding and Research
Horticulture Australia – General Call
Hermon Slade Foundation – Research Grants

Human Science:
Department of Regional Australia, Local Government,
Arts and Sport - Anti Doping Research Program
Scanlon Foundation, Social Cohesion – Community Grants
Social Science Research Council – Fellowships and Grants