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 /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).

**ARC Change in Final Reporting**

The ARC is implementing a new Final Reports module for the Research Management System (RMS). The new module will replace the current system for submission of Final Reports, the Grants Application Management System (GAMS). The new RMS module is scheduled for release in January 2013.

As part of the transition arrangements, no new Final Report templates are being uploaded in GAMS. If you need to request that a Final Report template be made available, please continue to email such requests as per the normal process. Receipted requests will be retained so that the ARC can notify institutions when Final Reports can be completed in the new RMS module.

Final Reports for which a template has been uploaded in GAMS should be completed and submitted by **Friday 21 December 2012**. For any such Reports that are only partially completed (and not submitted) in GAMS by the specified date, data entered will not be transferred to RMS and will need to be re-entered in the new RMS module.

There will be no adverse consequences for institutions or their researchers as a result of any delays in submitting Final Reports arising from the procedures associated with the transition to the new Final Reports module.
IRIS Training Sessions
The Research Office will be offering on-hour workshops for Integrated Research Information System (IRIS). 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 here.

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.

Research Professional general user online training will be held on Friday 26 October at 10.00am, please register here.

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).

ARC - Linkage Projects
The Linkage Projects scheme provides funding to Eligible Organisations to support research and development (R&D) projects which are collaborative between higher education researchers and other parts of the national innovation system, which are undertaken to acquire new knowledge, and which involve risk or innovation.

Proposals for funding under the Linkage Projects scheme must include at least one Australian Partner Organisation. The Partner Organisation must make a significant contribution in cash and/or in kind, to the project that is equal to, or greater than, the ARC funding.

Please also see the ARC Linkage Projects website for further information including Linkage Projects Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2013.

NB: Faculty and Research Office closing date for full review and feedback is Monday 05 November 2012.
Expressions of Interest for funding from Perpetual – Funding Opportunities

Each year Perpetual distributes more than $50 million of grants on behalf of over 500 charitable trusts. The 2013 round will open on 2 November and close on 14 December. **As each university can only apply for up to three grants with only one proposal per department**, we are running an Expression of Interest (EoI) process to determine the level of interest in applying to Perpetual and, if necessary, to determine which three departments can submit proposals.

Perpetual distributes funds to projects in social welfare, health, medical research, conservation and environment, education and arts and culture. The maximum amount an organisation can request in each application is $200,000, and applications can only be for a funding period of one year; the average amount funded last year was approximately $60,000 per award. Past funding has been provided for diverse projects at different developmental stages, including pilot and existing projects and support for early career researchers. If your department is interested in applying, please contact your Faculty Research Manager for the EoI proforma. Alternatively, contact Kyle Ratinac (X4462).

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

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.

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.
Health:
CIRUS - Scholarship and Research Support
NHMRC – John Cade Fellowship in Mental Health Research
The King Faisal Foundation – Medicine (The Genetics of Obesity)
Schizophrenia Foundation – Research Trust Fund
The Australian Lung Foundation – Research Awards
Asthma Foundation – Current Research Grants

Science:
Australian Academy of Science - Research Awards
Australian Academy of Science - Research Conferences
Environmental Trust - Grants Programs
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
Science and Industry Endowment Fund – John Stoker Postgrad Scholarships
Grape and Wine Research and Development Corporation – Research Funding
The King Faisal Foundation – Science (Physics)
Birdlife Australia – Awards and Scholarships
Chinese Academy of Sciences – International Cooperation Award for Young Scientists
Chinese Academy of Sciences – Visiting Professorship for Senior International Scientists
Chinese Academy of Sciences – Einstein Professorship Program

Human Science:
Scanlon Foundation, Social Cohesion – Community Grants
Social Science Research Council – Fellowships and Grants

Arts
Korea Foundation – Graduate Studies Fellowship