

General news

What makes for successful research grant management?

Are you a new or emerging Chief Investigator who is wondering how to make sure you establish good grant management practice?

If so, then the Future Research Leaders Program module on **Grant and Contact Administration** is for you. The program examines the principles of effective grant management and explores the responsibilities of the researcher with respect to the execution and reporting of project outcomes. It is essential for any researcher with responsibility for a grant execution. The module has 5-7 hours of pre-reading and a 3 hour workshop at the Kolling Institute at Royal North Shore.

Please note that while this module is open to all researchers it **will focus on biomedical research**.

The workshop is on Friday 20 November from 10.00am to 1.00pm at **Kolling Institute at Royal North Shore Hospital**

For more details please see the [Go8 Future Research Leaders page on the Learning Solutions website](#).

High-performance computing: NCI merit allocation deadline 9 November

Reminder: The National Computational Infrastructure (NCI) has announced a deadline of 9 November 2009 for submissions to its Merit Allocation Scheme for provision of high-performance computing time during 2010. Please see: <http://nf.nci.org.au/accounts/#computationalprojects> and http://nf.nci.org.au/accounts/call_for_applications.pdf

Further information about available high-performance computing facilities, including both NCI and Intersect/ac3, is available (from inside the University) at <http://wiki.ucc.usyd.edu.au/display/eResearch/HPC>

Humanities & Social Sciences

RESEARCH GRANTS

1 The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

Health Sciences

NEWS

2 National Institutes of Health (NIH)

RESEARCH GRANTS

3 NSW Health Promotion Demonstration Research Grants Scheme (DRGS)

4 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

Sciences & Engineering

RESEARCH GRANTS

5 Norman Wettenhall Foundation - Research Grants

6 Project Aware Foundation - Grant Program

7 SeaWorld Bush Gardens Conservation Fund - Grant Proposals

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

8 Royal Geographical Society - The Ralph Brown Expedition Award

Research Office Funding Opportunities Database

To view the opportunities listed within this Bulletin and all current funding opportunities advertised please visit the new Research Office Database:

<http://agile2.ucc.usyd.edu.au/ro/opportunities/grants>

Humanities & Social Sciences

RESEARCH GRANTS

1

Funding Body:

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies

Title:

Research Grants 2010

Description:

The Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies research grants round, for funding starting in July 2010, is now open for applications.

The Program 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 'Relations with Government', 'Economic Sustainability' and 'Knowledge About and Caring for Country' are particularly invited.

Application guide:

Applicants should refer to the Information for Research Grant Applicants for full details about how to apply. All applications must be submitted using the Research Grant Application Form. These documents are available from the AIATSIS website at:

<http://www.aiatsis.gov.au/research/grants/grants.html>

Indirect cost recovery:

This scheme is subject to University of Sydney indirect costs.

Research Office Contact:

Julia Bouwens on 8627 8142

Email: jbouwens@usyd.edu.au

Closing date:

06 January 2010

Health Sciences

NEWS

2

Funding Body:

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Title:

NIH Funding

Description:

Applicants interested in applying for NIH Grants should subscribe to the NIH Funding Bulletin. To subscribe please click on the following link:

<http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/listserv.htm> - and follow the instructions.

If you are planning on submitting an application to an eligible funding scheme please contact Yamini Sandiran in the Research Office on 02 8627 8101

ysandiran@usyd.edu.au to assist you with the application process.

RESEARCH GRANTS

3

Funding Body:

NSW Department of Health

Internet link: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au>

Title:

NSW Health Promotion Demonstration Research Grants Scheme (DRGS)

Description:

The Centre for Health Advancement established a Health Promotion Demonstration Research Grants Scheme (DRGS) in 2000. The Scheme funds Area Health Services to conduct rigorously designed health promotion intervention research. It is a priority-driven research scheme that primarily funds practice-based effectiveness research. This type of research is rarely funded through other existing public health research schemes.

The aims of the Scheme are to:

- Build an evidence-base to support policy development in Department priority areas of promotion of healthy weight, prevention of injurious falls amongst older people, and tobacco control
- Contribute to the knowledge base for health promotion

In addition, the Scheme is designed to:

- Develop partnerships for health promotion research between Area Health Services and Universities
- Develop partnerships for health with sectors and organisations outside of the health sector eg. local government, education, non-government organisations
- Encourage health promotion research across the whole health sector
- Enhance and enable practice-based, health promotion intervention research

Amount awarded:

The NSW Health Department intends to fund up to three new demonstration research projects in 2010. The amount of funding available for the HPDRGS is \$1m (over three years) with three grants up to \$333,333 each to be offered.

Application guide:

Application kits are available at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/healthpromotion/grants/index.asp>

Indirect cost recovery:

This scheme is subject to University of Sydney indirect costs.

Research Office Contact:

Christine Anderson on 8627 8104

Email: canderson@usyd.edu.au

Closing date:

13 November 2009

4

Funding Body:

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention (AFSP)

Title:

Research Grants

Description:

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention offers the following research grants:

Pilot Grants

Of up to **US\$30,000** over one or two years are awarded to investigators at any level. These grants provide seed money for new projects that have the potential to lead to subsequent larger investigations.

Distinguished Investigator Grants

For up to **US\$100,000** over two years are awarded to investigators at the level of associate professor or higher with an established record of research and publication on suicide.

Standard Research Grants

For up to **US\$75,000** over two years are awarded to individual investigators at any level.

Young Investigator Grants

For up to **US\$85,000** over two years are awarded to investigators at the level of assistant professor or lower. In addition to a maximum of **\$75,000** for the investigator's research, these grants provide an additional \$10,000 (\$5,000 per year) for an established suicide researcher who will mentor the Young Investigator.

Eligibility:

Investigators from all academic disciplines are eligible to apply, and both basic science and applied research projects will be considered, providing the study has an essential focus on suicide or suicide prevention.

Application guide:

For more information please visit:

http://www.afsp.org/index.cfm?page_id=0535FDA2-FA7D-AAE8-D7A9A6BCFFE3574B#distinguished

Indirect cost recovery:

This scheme is exempt from University of Sydney indirect costs.

Research Office Contact:

Kate Taylor on 8627 8137

Email: kate.taylor@usyd.edu.au

Closing date:

17 November 2009

Sciences & Engineering

RESEARCH GRANTS

5

Funding Body:

Norman Wettenhall Foundation

Internet link: <http://www.nwf.org.au>

Title:

Research Grants

Description:

The objectives of the Foundation are to support and encourage research, education and recording of all aspects of Australia's natural environment; and to build capacity in local communities to effect long-term beneficial change in the natural environment. Wherever possible, funded projects will:

- be innovative and serve as a model for future projects
- show collaboration with other groups, particularly community groups
- result in long term improvement of the natural environment

- indicate clearly, and thoughtfully, how advice of the project's outcomes will be shared

Eligibility:

Grants are to be used for projects undertaken in Australia.

Amount awarded:

It is recommended to do a budget in line with previous awarded grants; requesting under **\$20,000** is advised.

Application guide:

For more information please visit:

<http://www.nwf.org.au/grants/index.html>

Indirect cost recovery:

This scheme is exempt from University of Sydney indirect costs.

Research Office Contact:

Jenny Turner on 8627 8107

Email: jturner@usyd.edu.au

Closing date:

10 December 2009

6

Funding Body:

Project Aware Foundation

Internet link: <http://www.projectaware.org>

Title:

Grant Program

Description:

Project AWARE Foundation provides grants to a variety of non-profit organizations, institutions and individuals involved in activities directly related to the conservation of underwater environments - both marine and freshwater. We work to accomplish our mission through support of programs in selected focus areas including...

Amount awarded:

Funding requests will be accepted up to a maximum of AUD \$2,500.

Application guide:

For more information please visit:

http://www.projectaware.org/english/grants/download_application.aspx

Indirect cost recovery:

This scheme is exempt from University of Sydney indirect costs.

Research Office Contact:

Kate Taylor on 8627 8137

Email: kate.taylor@usyd.edu.au

Closing date:

01 December 2009

7

Funding Body:

SeaWorld Bush Gardens Conservation Fund

Title:

Grant Proposals

Description:

The SeaWorld Bush Gardens Conservation Fund mission is to work with purpose and passion on behalf of wildlife and habitats worldwide, encouraging sustainable solutions through support of species research, animal rescue and rehabilitation and conservation education. Grant applications are accepted year-round by organisations and individuals worldwide. Applications are to be submitted online by 1 December 2009.

Amount awarded:

Projects ranging from **US\$5,000 - \$25,000** for a one-year term

Application guide:

To download Grant toolkit please visit:

<http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/grantInfo.htm>

To submit application online please visit:

<http://swbg-conservationfund.org/conservationgrantapplication/scripts/login.aspx>

Indirect cost recovery:

This scheme is subject to University of Sydney indirect costs up to **15%**. (There may be exceptions to these limits, based on the specific nature and need of the project.).

Research Office Contact:

Kate Taylor on 8627 8137

Email: kate.taylor@usyd.edu.au

External closing date:

01 December 2009

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

8

Funding Body:

Royal Geographical Society

Internet link: <http://www.rgs.org/>

Title:

The Ralph Brown Expedition Award

Description:

The Ralph Brown Expedition Award is offered to the leader of an expedition involving the study of inland or coastal wetlands, rivers or shallow (less than 200m) marine environments. The project should be of value to the host country and, where possible, to the local community. The award has been created in memory of the late Ralph Brown, a former world jet boat champion, who was a passionate participant in many expeditions in watery environments around the world.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be fellows or members of the Society. The grant is open to applicants from any nation.

Amount awarded:

The grant is a single annual award worth **£15,000**.

Application guide:

For more information please visit:

<http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Research/Ralph+Brown+Expedition+Award.htm>

Indirect cost recovery:

This scheme is exempt from University of Sydney indirect costs.

Research Office Contact:

Kate Taylor on 8627 8137

Email: kate.taylor@usyd.edu.au

Closing date:

13 November 2009