

## General news

### **OPEN - University of Sydney Equity Fellowships – Laffan (Disability) NEW and Brown and Thompson**

The Research Portfolio is pleased to announce that a new fellowship, the Laffan Fellowship (Disability), is joining the successful Brown and Thompson Fellowships and that all three schemes are open for applications.

- The new **Laffan fellowships** aim to assist researchers who have a significant disability, or have experienced a significant disability, re-establish or enhance their academic research careers.
- The **Brown Fellowships** aim to assist recipients re-establish or enhance their academic research careers after interruptions from sustained primary caring duties.
- The **Thompson Fellowships** aim to address the under-representation of women in senior academic positions and provide opportunities to women academics at levels C or D to develop and strengthen their research, preparing them to apply for and assume roles at levels D and E in the near future.

All Three Fellowships provide academic staff with relief from routine teaching and administrative responsibilities, and research only staff with funding to for technical support, for up to two semesters starting Semester 1, 2010. They provide up to \$60,000 per fellow at \$30,000 per semester (\$25,000 in teaching relief/technical support and \$5,000 in research support).

**Closing Date:** CoB Friday 23 October 2009.

**For more information:** <http://www.usyd.edu.au/research/fellowships/>

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### **Research Office Funding Opportunities Database**

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

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

### Humanities & Social Sciences

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#### **Funding Body:**

The National Humanities Center

#### **Title:**

Fellowships

#### **Description:**

The National Humanities Center offers 40 residential fellowships for advanced study in the humanities during the academic year, September 2009 through May 2010. Applicants must hold doctorate or equivalent scholarly credentials. Young scholars as well as senior scholars are encouraged to apply.

#### **Application guide:**

Please refer to the website link below for more information:

<http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/fellowships/fellshipapinfo.htm>

#### **Closing date:**

15 October 2009

## Health Sciences

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### **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](#).

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### **Funding Body:**

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Internet link: <http://www.nih.gov>

### **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](mailto:ysandiran@usyd.edu.au) to assist you with the application process.

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**Funding Body:**

Heart Foundation

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

**Title:**

Research Funding Information Session

**Description:**

On Monday 26 October 2009, the National Heart Foundation of Australia (NHF) will be conducting an information session detailing awards currently on offer by the Heart Foundation in clinical, biomedical or public health research. Awards include:

- Grants-in-aid
- Postdoctoral Scholarships
- Fellowships
- Summer Scholarships
- Travel Grants

Topics for discussion will include – funding available, the assessment criteria and the peer review process.

The session will also provide useful tips on what to do to maximise your chances of receiving funding. The session will be invaluable for all researchers particularly those applying for the first time.

If you are involved in the administration of research grants, you are also most welcome.

**Venue:** Architecture Lecture Theatre 3, Wilkinson Building G04, Maze Crescent, Darlington Campus (Near Wentworth Building), University of Sydney.

**Time:** Monday **26 October 2009**, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

**Registration:** All those wishing to attend need to register on-line with the Heart Foundation at: [www.heartfoundation.org.au/information\\_sessions](http://www.heartfoundation.org.au/information_sessions)

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**Closing date:**

26 October 2009

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**Funding Body:**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Internet link: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/Pages/home.aspx>

**Title:**

Grand Challenges Explorations

**Research Areas:**

Health Sciences

**Type:**

Research Grants

**Description:**

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is now accepting grant proposals for the Grand Challenges Explorations, a \$100 million initiative to encourage bold and unconventional global health solutions.

Anyone can apply, regardless of your prior experience or institutional affiliation. Previous winners include graduate students, entrepreneurs at start-up companies, and creative thinkers from all fields of research.

Proposals are currently being accepted online until November 2, 2009 on the following topics:

- Create New Ways to Protect Against Infectious Disease
- Create Low-Cost Diagnostics for Priority Global Health Conditions
- Create New Ways to Induce and Measure Mucosal Immunity
- Create New Technologies for Contraception

**Amount awarded:**

Initial grants will be \$100,000 each, and projects showing promise will have the opportunity to receive additional funding of up to \$1 million.

**Application guide:**

Full descriptions of topics and application instructions are available at:  
<http://www.grandchallenges.org/explorations>

Click [here](#) to apply now.

If you require assistance with your application please see contact below

**Indirect cost recovery:**

This scheme is exempt from University of Sydney indirect costs.

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**Closing date:**

02 November 2009

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**Funding Body:**

American Health Assistance Foundation (AHAF)

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

**Title:**

Alzheimer's Disease Research: Standard & Pilot Grants

**Research Areas:**

Health Sciences

**Type:**

Research Grants

**Description:**

Alzheimer's Disease Research in Standard & Pilot Grants are awarded on the basis of the scientific merit of the proposed research and the relevance of the research to understanding aspects of the disease that lead to improved treatments, prevention strategies, and diagnoses of the program disease.

**Eligibility:**

The Principal Investigator (PI) must be an assistant professor or of an equivalent or higher professional rank in order to apply for Standard or Pilot awards.

**Amount awarded:**

Standard Grants have funding up to **US\$133,333** per year (maximum \$400k) and Pilot Grants have funding up to **US\$75,000** per year (maximum \$150k total)

**Application guide:**

All applications must be submitted online. Attachments are required. For more information please visit:

<http://www.ahaf.org/research/apply/main.html>

**Indirect cost recovery:**

This scheme is exempt from University of Sydney indirect costs.

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**Closing date:**

12 October 2009

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**Funding Body:**

Morris Animal Foundation

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

**Title:**

Research Grants: Wildlife Projects

**Description:**

Full project proposals will be considered by established investigators and post-PhD applicants (First Award). Please refer to appropriate guidelines on the website link below.

Morris Animal Foundation aims to promote and protect animal health and welfare and advancing veterinary medicine. (MAF) is testing a new system and schedule

for grant application. This is in response to our new strategic plan that calls for funding work that increases and improves research outcomes, provides MAF-funded investigators with their awards more quickly, trains future veterinary scientists, and funds research with high relevance and high likelihood for maximum benefit to animals. This system is being tested with the ultimate goal of helping more animals, faster.

**Eligibility:**

These awards are for seasoned researchers with a published track record in research.

**Application guide:**

For more information please visit:

<http://www.morrisanimalfoundation.org/scientists>

**Indirect cost recovery:**

This scheme is subject to University of Sydney indirect costs of up to **8%**.

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**Closing date:**

06 November 2009