

## RESEARCH NEWSLETTER

1 February 2011

Office of Medical Research, UNSW Medicine

### Happy New Year!



Let's hope that this year will be a good one for Medicine, UNSW and a year for achieving new heights in research and research funding!

We are working on a new format for the Newsletter. Meanwhile, here are a few research opportunity deadlines for your attention.

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### Orientation to Research

**Thursday 3 March 2011 or Monday 1 August 2011**

#### What is the program about?

This session is aimed at all new research staff wishing to become acquainted with the UNSW research environment or existing staff who would like a more cohesive picture of research at UNSW. The program will cover topics such as the context for nationally competitive grant funding, UNSW research strengths and strategic research directions as well as sources of support available to researchers. Participants will also have the opportunity to meet key research personnel.

For further information and links to register for these sessions please follow this link:

<http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/orientation.html>

### NHMRC 2011 Project Grants

**This NHMRC Project Grants Alert is aimed at providing updates, trips and traps, Q&A, and other useful information in the lead up to the closing date. You may also like to visit the [Project Grants Resource Page](#) where these Alerts are kept along with other useful information.**

#### Topics Covered

1. RGMS is Open for Business
2. Submission Timeline
3. Summary of Key Changes in the 2011 NHMRC Project Grants Funding Policy
4. RGMS: Load Management System and Working Offline
5. RAO Edit Access
6. Help and Support

#### 1. RGMS is Open for Business

RGMS opened for applications on Friday 17 December. Researchers are encouraged to start their applications now by reading the relevant [NHMRC Documentation](#) (especially the Funding Policy and Advice & Instructions to Applicants); updating their CV & Profile in RGMS; and commencing their application in RGMS. Researchers should already have formed their research team and be working on their 'Part B-PR Proposed Research'.

Commencing an application in RGMS as early as possible, even if it is only entering the minimal details to create a shell of your application, allows us to know you are intending to submit an application, monitor your progress and assign a compliance checker to you.

## 2. Submission Timeline

### Events

Funding Policy released  
 Advice and Instructions to Applicants released  
 RGMS Open to applicants  
 NHMRC Eligibility Exemption Requests Due  
*(CIA Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident)*  
 Research Strategy Office Closing Date for  
 Registration of Support

**UNSW GMO Closing Date for Compliance**  
 NHMRC Eligibility Exemption Requests Due  
*(New Investigator)*  
 NHMRC Closing Date

### Dates

Tuesday 7 December 2010  
 Monday 13 December 2010  
 Friday 17 December 2010  
 To GMO Friday 14 January 2011 for NHMRC  
 Submission Friday 21 January 2011  
 Researchers wishing to receive strategic  
 support/advice for their NHMRC Project  
 Grant Proposals should register with  
 A/Professor Laurent Rivory  
 ([l.rivory@unsw.edu.au](mailto:l.rivory@unsw.edu.au)) and provide  
 'Part B-PR Proposed Research' of their  
 proposal prior to **Monday 24 January 2011**  
**Tuesday 8 February 2011**  
 To GMO Monday 24 January 2011 for NHMRC  
 Submission Tuesday 1 February 2011  
**Tuesday 8 March 2011**

## NHMRC Deadlines 2011

### National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Schemes

| Scheme   | Application Open | Internal Close   | External Close   |
|--|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <a href="#">Researcher and Practitioner Fellowships</a>                      | 13 December 2010 | 20 January 2011  | 10 February 2011 |
| <a href="#">Project Grants</a>   | 13 December 2010 | 08 February 2011 | 08 March 2011    |
| <a href="#">Centres of Research Excellence</a>                               | 13 December 2010 | 04 March 2011    | 25 March 2011    |
| TRIP Fellowships   | 01 February 2011 | 03 March 2011    | 24 March 2011    |
| Career Development Fellowships (previously called Career Development Awards) | 14 January 2011  | 10 March 2011    | 31 March 2011    |
| Partnership Projects   | 01 February 2011 | 08 April 2011    | 29 April 2011    |
| Early Career Fellowships (previously called Training Fellowships)            | 03 March 2011    | 05 April 2011    | 03 May 2011      |
| Program Grants   | 09 March 2011    | 11 May 2011      | 01 June 2011     |
| Development Grants   | April 2011       | 3 weeks prior    | July 2011        |

## ARC 2012 Discovery

This is the second of our ARC Discovery Projects Alerts aimed at providing updates, tips, Q&A, and other useful information in the lead up to the closing date. Suggestions for content are most welcome. If you missed the first Alert, it is available on the [DP12 Resource Page](#).

### Topics Covered

1. DP12 Funding Rules Released
2. Summary of highlights/key changes to the DP12 Funding Rules
3. Discovery Outstanding Researcher Awards (DORA)
4. Submission Timelines
5. ARC Medical and Dental Eligibility
6. Help and Support

### DP12 Funding Rules Released

The ARC has released the 2012 Discovery Projects Funding Rules. A copy of the rules is available on the ARC website at [http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp\\_fundingrules.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/dp/dp_fundingrules.htm). All intending applicants are encouraged to read through the funding rules.

## ARC Linkage Information Sessions – February 2011

### Registration Now Open - For applications Round 1, funding commencing 2012

**Note:** Whilst there is some minor repetition within the sessions they are all aimed at different development requirements, researchers may not need to attend all three sessions.

Please refer to 'Who should attend' for each session below.

**To find out more information about all sessions and to register:**

<http://www.dvcresearch.unsw.edu.au/linkage12012.html>

### Session 1: ARC Linkage Information Session Round 1, 2012 – Tuesday 15 February 2011

**Who should attend:** Applicants new to ARC Linkage

**Time:** 11.00am – 1.00pm (refreshments will be provided in short break)

**Venue:** Rupert Myers Theatre (Map Ref M15)

### Session 2: ARC Linkage Information Session - Getting Started Round 1, 2012 – Wednesday 16 February 2011

**Who should attend:** Potential applicants with an idea who need advice on dealing with partners.

**Time:** 11.00am – 1.00pm (refreshments will be provided in short break)

**Venue:** Rupert Myers Theatre (Map Ref M15)

### Session 3: ARC Linkage Information Session - Linkage Strategies 2012 – Thursday 17 February 2011

**Who should attend:** This is an important information session for those definitely planning an application in the next couple of rounds, and those interested in how to best address application criteria.

**Time:** 11.00am – 1.00pm (refreshments will be provided in short break)

**Venue:** Rupert Myers Theatre (Map Ref M15)

## S2 2011 International & Local Research Scholarships

Applications for International Scholarships (IPRS/UIPA/TFS) & Local Research Scholarships (APA/UPA) for Semester 2 2011 are now open:

International: <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/intschols/unswintschols.html>

Local: <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/scholarships/localschols/unswlocalschols.html>

Applications close 25 March 2011.

Faculty Convenors:

A reminder of the schedule for assessment of applications and subsequent making of offers:

| S2 2011 Local & International scholarships (APA/UPA/IPRS/UIPA/TFS)      |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Applications open – application forms available on web                  | 24 January 2011 |
| Applications close  | 25 March 2011   |
| Applications available for collection & ranking guidelines to Faculties | 4 April 2011    |
| Ranked lists due back at GRS  | 27 April 2011   |
| Merged lists back to all faculties for checking                         | 4 May 2011      |
| Central Ranking Meeting   | 6 May 2011      |
| Release offers week commencing  | 9 May 2011      |

## Progress Reports – Reminder from GMO

It is that time of the year again when many grants require a progress report to be submitted such as ARC (**due 28 February**), NHMRC (**due 31 March**), other granting bodies and some internal UNSW Schemes such as the Vice-Chancellor's Post-Doctoral Fellowships. All grants have differing submission requirements and deadlines. Please check your offer of award to ensure you have met all reporting requirements for your project or know when these are due.

The GMO will send a reminder directly to all ARC and NHMRC grant holders who have a progress report due and will endeavour to send a reminder for grant holders of other Schemes. Dr William Lao is coordinating the submission of ARC and NHMRC reports and can be contacted on [w.lao@unsw.edu.au](mailto:w.lao@unsw.edu.au) for further information.

The ARC have substantially reduced the burden on researchers in terms of the information required to complete a progress report, concentrating only on changes to the project, achievements to date and milestones for the coming year. You no longer need to provide lists of research outputs.

Researchers can log on to InfoEd ([www.myresearch.unsw.edu.au](http://www.myresearch.unsw.edu.au)) using their Z-pass information and clicking on 'show list' in the left hand side menu to see their award documentation and deliverables due, or email [mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au](mailto:mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au) for assistance and advice.

The submission of progress reports by the appropriate deadline is an important compliance requirement and the failure to do so may raise eligibility issues in applying for future funding from that granting body.

## End of Year Financial Reporting

A related but separate exercise to reporting on project progress is reporting on the financial expenditure of research accounts to the ARC and NHMRC and associated requests for carrying forward funding from 2010. These are due with both funding providers by **31 March 2011**.

The Research Finance team are busily preparing the end of year balances of all research accounts and once complete, the GMO will provide this information to researchers with instructions on what steps are required next. This information is planned to be released to researchers around the end of February.

## Library Space for Postgraduate Research Students

The UNSW Library offers a Space with dedicated workstations for PostGraduate Research Students. See <http://www.grs.unsw.edu.au/resources/libspace.html> for further information. This Space is only available to students who do not have access to another dedicated workspace.

Students who wish to apply for a place in the Library Space in 2011 need to submit an Application Form. There are a limited number of places and not all applications may be successful. The Form should be obtained from Khanh Vo ([khanh.vo@unsw.edu.au](mailto:khanh.vo@unsw.edu.au)) and submitted to Khanh by 14 March 2011.

## Psychiatry

Researchers from the School of Psychiatry have published the first national study to determine public interest in genetic susceptibility testing for depression, including controversial genetic tests marketed direct-to-consumer via the internet. Led by Dr Alex Wilde, the study analysed who would be most likely to be interested in such a test, public perceptions about benefits and disadvantages and perceived impact of genetic information on stigma associated with mental illnesses.

The study found strong public support for genetic testing for depression risk, if it were available, despite beliefs that stigma would increase rather than decrease. It also showed interest in obtaining such a test from direct-to-consumer companies via the internet, where a genetic test purported to identify depression risk is currently marketed. The study predicted people most likely to be interested in such a test would have a history of depression or would assess themselves to have a higher-than-average risk. The most frequently endorsed benefit was the belief that testing could facilitate prevention and early intervention of a major depressive disorder.

The study was published today in the advance online edition of *Psychological Medicine*. The study's co-authors were Scientia Professor Philip Mitchell and Mr Dusan Hadzi-Pavlovic (School of Psychiatry) Associate Professor Bettina Meiser (Prince of Wales Clinical School) and Professor Peter Schofield (Neuroscience research Australia). Link to the full paper (pdf):

<http://journals.cambridge.org/download.php?file=%2FPSM%2FS0033291710002394a.pdf&code=1346689203333a499ea5e022a6df2e32>

## “Heart to Heart: From Access to Action”

### **Heart Foundation National Conference, Melbourne, 17 – 19 March 2011**

The Heart Foundation’s third National Conference will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre from 17th to 19th March.

This conference will bring together the many players involved in the prevention, treatment and ongoing care of cardiovascular disease, and enable us to share new developments, research findings, and clinical experiences.

There’s plenty in the program to interest both biomedical, clinical, and public health researchers. The clinical and research topics covered include acute coronary syndromes, chronic heart failure, atrial fibrillation, stroke, hypertension, primary care and secondary prevention, translation of evidence to practice, and state of the art advances in clinical care. The public health stream of the program will cover areas such as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heart health, women’s heart health, overweight and obesity, physical activity and sedentary behaviour, healthy eating, and psychosocial issues.

Detailed up-to-date program information and on-line registration is available at our conference website, [www.heartfoundation2011.org](http://www.heartfoundation2011.org)

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