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RESEARCH EXTRAVAGANZA

USQ celebrated a Researcher's Get Together evening on 5th November 2008. The Researcher's night was celebrated at Refectory at USQ with approximately 260 people attending this event. Attendees included USQ academics, senior staff, and prominent members from local council and industry partners.

The evening showcased approximately 169 posters. A wealth of information was exhibited to the research community providing an opportunity for USQ researchers to network with industry people and as well as with academics from other faculties and research centres within USQ.

The event was a great success with many sharing their research enthusiasm. According to one academic "It was a excellent night, I was able to network with USQ staff researching in areas related to my research interest".

Informal photos taken on this event is posted below.

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USQ Researchers with Vice Chancellor Prof Bill Lovegrove and Mrs Desoley Lovegrove , and a group of USQ Researchers enjoying the evening out.



Dr Jacque McDonald with Chancellor Bobbie Brazil and Prof Lynn Hunt

USQ Academics Receive Insight from ARC CEO



USQ academics were given an insight into the Australian Research Council (ARC) when the ARC's CEO Professor Margaret Sheil visited the University last week. The academics heard from Professor Sheil about the inner workings of the ARC and also the work undertaken by the organisation with both universities and industry.

A statutory authority within the Australian Government's Innovation, Industry, Science and Research (IISR) portfolio, the ARC's mission is to deliver policy and programs that advance Australian research and innovation globally and benefit the community.

'The ARC is the most prestigious funding body for universities in Australia so to have the CEO come and talk at a regional university was a great opportunity for USQ,' Director of the Office of Research and Higher Degrees Dr Ren Yi said.

'Professor Sheil spoke about the future of research at Australian universities and also the ARC schemes that are put in place, which was well received by the large turnout from the university who were there to hear her talk.'

Before taking up her position as CEO of the ARC in August 2007, Professor Sheil held a number of other high-status jobs including Deputy Vice-Chancellor of the University of Wollongong.' She encouraged USQ staff to continue applying for ARC grants and to also improve our links with industry,' Dr Yi said.

'There are a number of different grants that the ARC offer including Discovery and Linkage grants which we have had some success with but we want to keep building our research while improving our national and international reputation and this gave us an insight into how to do that.'

Dr Yi added that the visit was also to consolidate the Universities dedication to research. 'Getting someone like Professor Sheil to speak at USQ is evidence that we want to re-affirm our commitment to research.'

Research Centre News

ACSC



Dr Shahbaz Mushtaq

A research paper involving a USQ research fellow, helping to address water security and world food shortage, has been recognised with an international best paper award.

During the *20th International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) Congress* in Lahore, Pakistan, the paper entitled "*Conjunctive Water Management Options: Examples from Economic Assessment of System-level Water Saving through Liuyuankou Irrigation System, China*" has received the 2008 Wiley Best Paper Award.

Dr Shahbaz Mushtaq, a research fellow in the Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments (ACSC) based at USQ, was one of part of the international team that received the prestigious award from the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID).

Established in 1950 the ICID is dedicated to enhancing the worldwide supply of food and fibre for all people by improving water and land management and the productivity of irrigated and drained lands.

'The project began in 1999 and ran until 2006 and looked at how improved water management would help grow more rice with less water, which helps to directly address food shortage and the food security issue,' Dr Mushtaq said.

'We analysed an irrigation system in China and developed a new modelling technique called hydro-economic modelling, which looked at water and food security analysis from an integrated, hydrological and economic perspective.'

From this research we found a number of ways to save water that benefits both agriculture and industry, particularly in China, where high groundwater level close to the Yellow River are resulting in high fallow evaporation. Canal lining and the pumping of groundwater is the most effective way of increasing water availability to down stream water users.

Dr. Shahbaz Mushtaq earned his PhD in natural resource economics specialising in water resources management and environmental sciences at the University of the Philippines at Los Baños and International Rice Research Institute, Philippines.

Dr. Mushtaq has over 10 years of research experience in Australia, China, Philippines and Pakistan. He started his professional career in 1997 as an Economist/Monitoring Officer in World Bank funded projects in Pakistan. He also worked in the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), Philippines, Commonwealth Scientific Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and Charles Sturt University (CSU), Australia.

ORHD UPDATE

2009 Endeavour Executive Award

The Endeavour Awards are the Australian Government's internationally competitive, merit-based scholarship program providing high-achieving individuals with a unique opportunity to undertake study, research or professional development.

The Endeavour Awards enable collaboration in areas of shared interest between the people of Australia and the region. In doing so, the Awards aim to develop mutual understanding and foster enduring linkages between individuals, organisations and countries.

This year, the **Endeavour Executive Award** is awarded to **Dr Ren Yi** Director of Research and **Ms Pam Steele**, University Lawyer. Congrats to the team on their success!

2008 Early Career Researcher Program Success

The second round of ECRP was announced recently with two academics being awarded in the recent round. Dr Khorshed Alam and Dr Andrew Bulmer are the successful recipients of this award. Congratulations to our Winners!



Dr khorshed Alam

Dr Khorshed Alam won with a project titled '**An Economic Analysis of the Traveston Crossing Dam in South-East Queensland.**

The Acute shortage of urban water experienced in Australia has reinforced concern for the security and sustainability of its reliable supply. The Queensland Government's proposal to construct a dam at Traveston Crossing in the Mary Valley to address current and future urban water shortages has generated a huge debate among different stakeholders. This study will examine the economic viability of the proposed dam as secure water supply option and inform the policy makers to suggest desirable option and strategies for sustainable water management.



Dr Andrew Bulmer won for his project titled '**Efficacy of bile pigment administration for the prevention/treatment of hypertension, heart, kidney and vessel damage**'

Bile Pigments (bilirubin, biliverdin) are naturally occurring compounds and have been used in traditional Chinese medicine for the treatment of numerous diseases/conditions. Their use in clinical practice has not yet occurred, however, preliminary experimental evidence suggests they could effectively treat diseases affecting the heart and blood vessels. Currently, whether bile pigments can be administered to animals and prevent and/or reverse high blood pressure, is unknown. Conducting these studies would provide a significant conceptual advance in the field with the potential to prevent and treat diseases in millions of Australians.

Dr Andrew Bulmer

RIP SUCCESS NEWS

Each year, USQ through the Office of Research & Higher Degree provide financial support to staff who are able to provide sufficient evidence to develop Research Infrastructure Program (RIP) within USQ. This year, USQ allocated an amount of \$ 423,019 to support this program. The funds are meant to act as a supplementary contribution in

addition to the funds allocated by the Faculty and funds obtained through external grant. These funds are provided mainly to support the development of Research within USQ by providing the infrastructure that was not previously available, this in turn should facilitate better performance or provide effective research environment.

This year, Staff from all Faculties and Research Centres was encouraged to apply for this Research Infrastructure Program. ORHD received 15 applications this round. In the week beginning 10th November 2008, successful winner were announced. This year we have had 47% success rate. Congratulation! to all RIP winners who are listed below.



(From left to right) Assoc Prof Chris Lee, Assoc Prof Thiru Aravinthan, Assoc Prof Raj Gururajan, Dr Peter Sefton, Dr Jayantha Epaarachchi, Dr Hua Wang, Dr Yan Li

RIP Winners	Title of the Infrastructure Grant
Assoc Prof Thiru Aravinthan (CEEFC)	Testing facility for uniformly distributed loading (UDL) in Innovative Structural Systems
Assoc Prof Raj Gururajan (Healthy Communities)	Wireless Handheld Technology connectivity using Bluetooth Standards for Health Technologies
Assoc Prof Chris Lee (PMRC)	Pilot Study to develop cognitive maps, templates and software profiles and additional hardware necessary for digital repository and interface which will allow the researchers and public to upload their research to database which is searchable and accessible to the PMRC and wider public via web.
Dr Hua Wang (CSBi)	High Performance and Robust Network
Dr Jayantha Epaarachchi (CEEFC)	Expansion of structural health monitoring facilities of CEEFC
Dr Yan Li (CSBi)	64 –Channel EEG Recording Set for Neurosuite System
Dr Peter Sefton (ADFI)	Research platform for exploring integrated research and teaching services using AWE software suite used at USQ. This means providing an integrated environment for managing, creating and disseminating research data, collaboration, publications, courseware and research theses and making it available both within USQ and to global collaborators.

ACBC Tom Burns Scholars 2008 – Inaugural Winners

The Australia China Business Council, Queensland Branch has awarded its inaugural Tom Burns Scholarships to four Queenslanders to enable them to undertake a short business research visit to China. The travel scholarship program is an ACBC initiative to encourage young university students to learn Chinese language, and join the new breed exploring opportunities for business engagement with China.

ACBC Queensland has named the scholarship program in memory of the Late Hon. Tom Burns AO who was Queensland’s beacon in establishing commercial links with China from the 1970s until his passing in 2007. Tom was a strong advocate for encouraging young people to learn Chinese language. The ACBC scholarship stipulates this as one condition for eligibility, and allows students enrolled at its corporate member universities to apply for a travel scholarship. University of Southern Queensland student **Ms Sarah Fitzpatrick** is one among the successful winner to get this Scholarship.



Ms Sarah Fitzpatrick

Ms Sarah Fitzpatrick, from Toowoomba, is an Arts undergraduate at USQ, where she is studying Chinese and Drama. Sarah’s social interests include table tennis and repertory theatre. She has not visited China before. Sarah’s chosen topic for her research visit is “*Chinese Theatre and Culture*”, and she will explore Peking Opera and its influence on Chinese provincial theatre. Sarah will also assess the potential for commercial opportunities and arts linkages between Queensland-China during her visit. She is keen on travel and culture, and hopes to combine these interests and work after graduation in international relations, aid or multicultural fields.

Land and Water Australia Scholarship Success

2009 Land & Water Australia–Postgraduate Research Scholarship recently announced successful winners. USQ student, **Ms Megan Batterham** who recently completed her BSc (Hons) at USQ was awarded this scholarship.

Her proposed PhD study is on “*Function and resilience of box woodland and related floodplain systems in agricultural landscapes*” was awarded a scholarship stipend of \$27,000 pa with an operating budget of \$8000 pa.

According to Dr Jerry Maroulis “LWA scholarship is considered to be highly competitive and this success demonstrates high quality work that Megan has been able to produce in her Honours and also in her undergraduate work to date”.

Dr Andrew LeBrocq and Dr Martine Maron from Australian Centre for Sustainable Catchments’ (ACSC) will be supervisors for Ms Megan Batterham.



Office of Research & Higher Degree team would like to wish all our Staff a Very Merry Christmas and Happy & Safe Holiday. We wish to inform that this issue will be our last issue for this year.



Research Grants and Post Graduate Research Scholarship

RESEARCH GRANTS										
<p>Bonnie Babes Foundation Application Closing Date: Friday 6 February 2009</p>	<p>The Bonnie Babes foundation supports research institutes and clinical units undertaking research with a focus on stillbirth, miscarriage, infertility issues, neo-natal deaths and prematurity. The support is generally for the purchase of equipment essential for a research project or for maintenance funds, salaries or PhD scholarships for new, innovative research. It is envisaged that support for project maintenance would provide results that would lead to long term funding from other funding bodies. The Bonnie Babes Foundation also supports the purchase of medical equipment used in the assessment of pregnancies at risk of loss or in the management and treatment of premature babies. The foundation supports studies into pregnancy loss and at times the charity collaborates with other bodies to support larger projects.</p> <p>Applications for funding close on Friday 6 February, 2009. Funding guidelines and application forms are available from the Foundation website (link opposite). If further information is required please contact Bonnie Babes Foundation National office 03 9803 1800 enquiry@bbf.org.au</p>	<p>www.bonniebabes.org.au</p>								
<p>The Ian Potter Foundation Closing dates for 2009 – (as shown opposite)</p>	<p>The Ian Potter Foundation will have three funding rounds in 2009. The Travel and Conference program areas will be most significantly affected by this change, with applications for these program areas considered in the second and third funding rounds only. Health and Medical Research will be considered in the first round; Science and Environment & Conservation will be considered in the second funding round. Please advise all prospective applicants of this change.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 5px;">Application Closing Date</th> <th style="text-align: left; padding: 5px;">Program Areas</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Monday 2 February 2009</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Arts Education Community Wellbeing Community Wellbeing International Travel Health Medical Research</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Monday 1 June 2009</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Arts Education Community Wellbeing Community Wellbeing International Travel Environment & Conservation Science Travel and Conference (for travel after 4 September)</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Thursday 1 October 2009</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">Arts</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Application Closing Date	Program Areas	Monday 2 February 2009	Arts Education Community Wellbeing Community Wellbeing International Travel Health Medical Research	Monday 1 June 2009	Arts Education Community Wellbeing Community Wellbeing International Travel Environment & Conservation Science Travel and Conference (for travel after 4 September)	Thursday 1 October 2009	Arts	<p>www.ianpotter.org.au.</p>
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	<p>Education Community Wellbeing Community Wellbeing International Travel Travel and Conference (for travel after 18 December)</p> <p>As previously advised, all applications from universities must be submitted by the Research or Grants Office. Direct applications from individuals will not be considered.</p> <p>To be eligible for consideration, applications, including all supporting documentation and meeting all requirements, must be received by 5:00pm on the application closing date. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.</p> <p>Further information regarding application procedures for The Ian Potter Foundation can be found on our website:</p>	
<p>Project Aware foundation grant program - Australia grants</p> <p>Deadline: 15 March, 15 June, 15 September and 15 December annually</p>	<p>The Project Aware Foundation invites applications for its Australia grants. These support the conservation and preservation of the aquatic environment and its resources. Funding is available to a variety of non-profit organisations, institutions and individuals in Australia involved in activities directly related to the conservation of underwater environments, both marine and freshwater. Focus areas include: coral reef conservation; shark protection; sustainable fisheries; ecotourism in relation to underwater environments; aquatic education with a special interest in children; direct activities to conserve underwater resources such as shoreline and underwater cleanups, mooring buoy installations and maintenance. Grants are worth up to a maximum of \$2,500.</p>	<p>http://www.projectaware.org/english/grants/grant_information.aspx</p>
<p>DAME JOYCE DAWS FELLOWSHIPS Nurses Board of Victoria, AU Deadline: 6/2/2009</p>	<p>These enable registered nurses to develop or implement best practice in the areas of thoracic nursing care, chronic respiratory disease management, end stage or palliative respiratory disease management or primary health respiratory management. Funding is worth \$10,000 for a 12 month period.</p>	<p>http://www.nbv.org.au/web/guest/fellowship-grants</p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATION ON DRUG ABUSE AND ADDICTION RESEARCH (R01) NIH: National Institute on Drug Abuse, US Deadline: every February 5, June 5 and October 5 until January 8, 2012</p>	<p>This funding opportunity announcement solicits collaborative research proposals on drug abuse and addiction that take advantage of special opportunities that exist outside the US. Special opportunities include access to unusual talent, resources, populations, or environmental conditions in other countries that will speed scientific discovery.</p>	<p>http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-020.html</p>
<p>Slovak Academic Information Agency, SK Deadline: 4pm CET, 30 April 2009</p>	<p>PhD scholarshipsThe Slovak Academic Information Agency and the Ministry of Education invite applications for its PhD scholarships. The scholarships are available for foreign PhD students to take a part of PhD study over a period of one to 12 months at Slovak higher education institutions or research institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences. Applicants from the following countries can apply: European Union member states,</p>	<p>http://www.scholarships.sk/0653.nsp</p>

	Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Canada, US, Australia, New Zealand, Egypt and the Republic of South Africa. The monthly stipend ranges from 240 to 1000 euros.	
Robert L Baker summer research fellows hip Deadline for receipt of applications is March 15, 2009.	<p>The Middlebury College invites applications for the Robert L Baker summer research fellowship. The fellowship supports a residency on the college campus to study adult language acquisition. Applicants should be experienced researchers in second-language acquisition or applied linguistics. They must be native or near-native speakers of one or more of the 10 languages taught at Middlebury: Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish. Researchers who have interests or expertise in secondary education or in teacher preparation are encouraged to apply. The fellowship carries a stipend of \$3,000 to \$4,000, depending upon the fellow's experience and the scope of the project, plus room and board.</p> <p>Application process</p> <p>Applicants should submit a three-page application consisting of the following: A one-page narrative describing the proposed project. A one-page outline of the plan of action to be followed in carrying out research. A one-page resume that should reflect the applicant's experience in language research, linguistics, teaching, materials development, or any work done in furthering language pedagogy in secondary or higher education that would support the candidacy for a research fellowship.</p> <p>The complete application should consist of no more than three pages. If supporting material is needed we will request that it be forwarded after reviewing the initial application. Applications should be submitted to:</p> <p>Middlebury College Language Schools (Name of School you are applying to) Sunderland Language Center Middlebury VT 05753</p>	http://www.middlebury.edu/academics/ls/fellowships_scholarships/baker.htm
William S Vaughn visiting fellowship Deadline: 19/1/2009	Vanderbilt University's Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities invites applications for the William S Vaughn visiting fellows program. This year the program will be a year-long faculty seminar on immigration and its influence on identities, cultures, nationhood, and urban politics. The examination will be based primarily on the US experience, from the early American period to the present. The seminar will explore the subject of immigration through historical, literary, artistic, and social scientific works. Applications are invited from scholars in all disciplines whose lively presence will help to focus the center's work and stimulate discussions. It is anticipated that the successful applicant will have completed the terminal degree in her/his field and will have a record of scholarly publication. The seminar meets weekly and will allow the visiting fellow ample time to pursue a major research project. The visiting fellow is provided with a spacious office within the center's own building. The fellowship pays a stipend of up to \$50,000 and provides \$2,000 in moving expenses.	http://www.vanderbilt.edu/rpw_center/VF_Fellowship_info_2009_2010.htm
The WALTHAM Foundation	The WALTHAM Foundation is dedicated to pushing forward the frontiers of humane scientific research into	http://www.waltham.com/foundation.h

<p>APPLICATION DEADLINES - All applications are due by 1st February 2009.</p>	<p>the nutrition and healthy longevity of companion animals.</p> <p>Since it's inception in 2001, the WALTHAM Foundation has received more than 500 proposals, funded projects in 20 countries, and provided over \$500,000 towards research that directly improves the health and welfare of our companion animals worldwide. The vast number of internationally recognized presentations and peer-reviewed publications emanating from this work is a testament to the scientific caliber of the proposals we receive and to the quality of the investigations which we have supported. WALTHAM is proud to be in partnerships with the world's leading researchers.</p> <p>In 2009, the WALTHAM Foundation is offering grants of up to US\$15,000 to scientists, veterinarians and nutritionists globally to improve and enrich the lives of our companion animals. Projects may be of a veterinary, nutritional, or behavioural nature. All projects must comply with WALTHAM's ethical guiding principles: the research must not inflict suffering or result in the euthanasia of the animals involved. All clinical studies must have informed owner consent.</p> <p>We invite you to apply for a grant in 2009. Please be as specific as possible in the descriptions of the project and funds required. An English version of the application form may be loaded via the links in the righthand panel. (To save either version, PDF or MS Word, right-click on the appropriate icon and select Save Target As from the pop-out menu).</p> <p>SELECTION PROCESS</p> <p>All applications are evaluated by a team of scientists to ensure that each project we support complies with our ethical principles, that the science is of a high standard, and that the research will increase our collective knowledge and benefit the care or well-being of companion animals. Please note that each year, we receive numerous high quality applications, so do not be discouraged should your application not be selected. All applications are kept under strict confidentiality. We appreciate your interest in the WALTHAM Foundation.</p> <p>If you require further information please contact us at waltham.foundation@waltham.com</p>	<p>tm</p>
<p>JD SMYTH POSTGRADUATE TRAVEL AWARDS Australian Society for Parasitology, AU Deadline: 30 June and 31 December annually</p>	<p>Grants enable students to travel overseas to gain knowledge on techniques that may not be available in Australia, to form liaisons that may benefit their careers in the longer term and to promote the cause of parasitology in Australia.</p> <p>The Australian Society for Parasitology invites applications for its postgraduate travel awards. Financial assistance is to be provided to full-time postgraduate student members of at least six months standing who are enrolled at a recognised Australian university. Grants enable students to travel overseas to gain knowledge on techniques that may not be available in Australia, to form liaisons that may benefit their careers in the longer term and to promote the cause of parasitology in Australia. The fellowship is not provided for the primary purpose of attending a conference. The maximum value of the fellowship is to be determined annually by the council.</p>	<p>http://www.parasite.org.au/Smyth.html</p>

<p>PARTNERSHIPS-ALLIANCES FACILITATION PROGRAMME Queensland Department of State Development, Trade and Innovation, AU No deadline.</p>	<p>This provides funding to facilitate Queensland-based applicants to identify, facilitate and formulate collaborative funding proposals to submit to relevant Queensland, national or international funding schemes. The programme will provide one-off grants of up to \$100,000, offered for a maximum period of 12 months. The Queensland Department of State Development, Trade and Innovation invites applications for funding from its partnerships-alliances facilitation programme. This provides funding to facilitate Queensland-based applicants to identify and formulate collaborative funding proposals to submit to relevant Queensland, national or international funding schemes. The objective is to encourage and help secure the participation of Queensland-based organisations in cutting edge and high profile research, development and innovation collaborations.</p> <p>The following research priorities have been identified: enabling sciences and technologies; environmentally sustainable Queensland; health and wellbeing; safeguarding Queensland; smart industries; tropical opportunities.</p> <p>The programme will provide one-off grants of up to \$100,000, offered for a maximum period of 12 months. Project proposals must indicate a funding body to which the funding proposal will be submitted, have a Queensland-based lead applicant and involve a research organisation and ideally an industry partner. Project proposals must have funding that is matched by a cash contribution at a rate of no less than 1:1.</p>	<p>http://www.dtrdi.qld.gov.au/dsdweb/v4/apps/web/content.cfm?id=1581</p>
<p>The Harold Mitchell Foundation Deadline: None</p>	<p>Arts and health funding</p> <p>Your project or activity must pertain to the field of either the TartsT or ThealthT or a blend of both of these areas of interest. Your project should fulfil one or more of the following criteria to be deemed eligible for consideration of funding.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tcreates DiscoveryT in the arts and or health fields by breaking new ground and setting up opportunities for the future. 2. Tincreases the CapacityT of communities to foster their arts and health activities and the capacity of talented individuals with the commitment and potential to improve our world. 3. Tenables EstablishmentT of arts or health activities with real potential to take off and be ongoing. 	<p>http://www.haroldmitchellfoundation.com.au/har_howtoapply.asp</p>
<p>EDUCATION GRANTS Ian Potter Foundation, AU Deadline: 2 February, 1 June and 1 October 2009</p>	<p>Grants in this area are strongly influenced by the foundation's other interests, particularly the environment, the arts and community wellbeing. Small grants are made for amounts below \$20,000 and general grants for amounts above \$20,000.</p> <p>The Ian Potter Foundation is inviting applications for its research grants to support projects in education. Grants in this area are strongly influenced by the foundation's other interests, particularly the environment, the arts and community wellbeing. Current priorities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •early childhood education; •volunteerism in schools and communities; •school-family linkages; •science education; 	<p>http://foundation.ianpotter.org.au/education.html</p>

	<p>•education in rural and regional areas.</p> <p>Funding objectives are to support educational policy research of outstanding quality and to support educational programmes of benefit to the general community. Small grants are made for amounts below \$20,000 and general grants for amounts above \$20,000</p>	
<p>ARTS GRANTS Ian Potter Foundation, AU Deadline: 2 February, 1 June and 1 October 2009</p>	<p>Funding currently focuses on education, audience development and the arts as a vehicle for building a sense of community. Small grants are made for amounts below \$20,000 and general grants for amounts above \$20,000. The Ian Potter Foundation is inviting applications for its research grants to support projects in the arts. Funding currently focuses on education, audience development and the arts as a vehicle for building a sense of community. Applicants must be organisations with both deductible gift recipient and tax concession charity status, and be based in Australia. Small grants are made for amounts below \$20,000 and general grants for amounts above \$20,000.</p>	<p>http://foundation.ianpotter.org.au/arts.html</p>
<p>INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR SUPPORT Australian Agency for International Development AusAID, AU Deadline: applications must be received at least three months prior to the seminar date</p>	<p>This scheme funds attendance at international development-oriented seminars in Australia and overseas. A minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$50,000 may be provided for any one seminar.</p> <p>The Australian Agency for International Development invites applications for its international seminar support scheme. This scheme funds attendance at international development-oriented seminars in Australia and overseas. International seminars are defined as seminars, conferences, workshops and symposia at which over 20 per cent of the expected participants (for seminars of less than 100 total participants), or over 20 individuals (for conferences of 100 or more total participants), will be from developing countries outside the country where the seminar is to be held. Normally a minimum of 25 participants would take part.</p> <p>Organisers of the seminar apply on behalf of the participants. Seminars must be initiated or co-sponsored by an Australian organisation. Non-Australian organisers of seminars held overseas can seek funding assistance for Australians, if the participant is invited either as a keynote speaker or key resource person.</p> <p>Applicants must demonstrate that the seminar will assist in a practical way to reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development in developing countries. Priority is given to short seminars with a clear focus and practical value, and priority is given to seminars that focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • poverty reduction including, employment generation; • good governance, human rights and participatory development; • private sector development; • sustainable improvement of production and productivity in agriculture and other sectors, including technology transfer; • economic policy reform, including trade and income related issues; • health and population, particularly primary health and child and maternal health; • education, including adult literacy and distance education; • urbanisation and infrastructure development; 	<p>http://www.aisaid.gov.au/business/other_opps/issc.cfm</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • environment and development; • peace, conflict and development. • A minimum of \$5,000 and a maximum of \$50,000 may be provided for any one seminar. Seminars in the following countries will be eligible for funding: Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. 	
<p>Library Council of New South Wales</p> <p><i>Deadline: 15 December 2008</i></p>	<p>Short-term fellowships for visiting scholars</p> <p>The Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University invites applications for its short-term fellowships program. The aim of the fellowships is to support visiting scholars pursuing postdoctoral or equivalent research using the library collections. The Beinecke collections afford opportunities for interdisciplinary research in such fields as medieval, Renaissance, and eighteenth-century studies, art history, photography, American studies, the history of printing, and modernism in art and literature.</p> <p>The fellowships will pay for travel costs to and from New Haven and a living allowance of \$4,500 per month and are designed to provide access to the library for scholars who live outside the greater New Haven area. Fellowships, normally granted for one month, must be taken up between September 1, 2009 and May 31, 2010. Recipients are expected to be in residence during the period of their award.</p>	<p>http://www.library.yale.edu/beinecke/brbleduc/brblapplyvisiting.html</p>
<p>Centre for Research for mothers and children NIH</p> <p><i>Deadlines:</i> <i>February 5</i> <i>June 5</i> <i>October 5</i> Until September 8 2011</p>	<p>Reducing risk behaviors by promoting positive youth development (R01)</p> <p>A total of five components of the National Institutes of Health invite applications for grants in reducing risk behaviors by promoting positive youth development. These grants seek to enhance understanding of effective positive youth development programs and the mechanisms responsible for positive health and developmental outcomes. This will be accomplished through the development, implementation, and evaluation of new or improved positive youth development programs, the evaluation of existing successful programs, or the evaluation of effective, evidence-based, gender-inclusive programs that are adapted, translated, or disseminated for new populations of youth and adolescents. A goal of positive youth development is the promotion of healthy physical, intellectual, psychosocial and emotional development in youth and adolescents. Positive youth development equips young people with attributes, skills, competencies, and values that will contribute to their future role as productive, socially-minded, healthy citizens likely to succeed in areas of family, work, and society. This funding opportunity will utilize the R01 mechanism and runs in parallel with one of identical scientific scope, PA-08-242, that solicits applications under the R03 mechanism. Eligible applicants include domestic and foreign non-profit or for-profit organizations and public or private institutions. PA-08-241</p>	<p>http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-08-241.html</p>
<p>Overseas Travel Fellowships</p> <p><i>Deadline: 28th February 2009</i></p>	<p>Australian Research Council Nanotechnology Network</p> <p>The Australian Research Council Nanotechnology Network invites applications for the ARCNN overseas travel fellowships. The fellowships allow postgraduate students or early career researchers the opportunity to visit an overseas research institution for up to three months. Applicants must be currently studying or working in Australia, within the field of nanotechnology, and must be a member of ARCNN. The total funding available is \$5,000 for travel and accommodation. Payment of funding support will be made as a</p>	<p>http://www.ausnano.net/content/overseas_travel</p>

	reimbursement to the Australian Institution that incurs the initial costs.	
FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS		
the Great Artesian Basin PhD top-up scholarship <i>closing date for the scholarship changed from 31 Oct 2008 to indefinitely</i>	<p>Great Artesian Basin PhD top-up scholarship program</p> <p>Are you:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pursuing a PhD in the social sciences, economics, engineering or science? • Interested in contributing to the management of an iconic water resource? • Seeking extra funding? <p>The Great Artesian Basin (GAB) is the world's largest fresh water artesian aquifer system and one of Australia's most important water resources. The Great Artesian Basin Coordinating Committee (GABCC) has established two PhD top-up scholarships to foster better understanding of the GAB, and invites applications from suitably qualified applicants.</p> <p>The PhD top-up scholarships are intended to supplement the funding of primary scholarship holders who intend to conduct innovative research that will make a contribution to the management of the GAB. The GABCC welcomes applications from a variety of disciplines including science and engineering, economics and social science. The scholarships are each valued at \$5000 per annum over three years.</p> <p>Prospective applicants are encouraged to review the GABCC's Research Prospectus for the GAB prior to applying for the top-up scholarship. Projects should address priority research questions identified in the Prospectus, or closely related areas. Eligible studies may involve ecological, physical, cultural or socioeconomic aspects of the GAB.</p> <p>The Great Artesian Basin Coordinating Committee has decided to extend the <i>closing date for the scholarship changed from 31 Oct 2008 to indefinitely</i>. The GABCC website has been updated to reflect the change to the closing date. URL:</p> <p>The following is a link to our flyer which you may be able to put up on noticeboards on campus and/or email to research networks http://www.gabcc.org.au/tools/getFile.aspx?tbl=tblContentItem&id=195</p>	<p>http://www.gabcc.org.au/public/content/ViewCategory.aspx?id=73 AND http://www.gabcc.org.au/public/content/ViewCategory.aspx?id=74</p>
DAME JOYCE DAWS FELLOWSHIPS Nurses Board of Victoria, AU Deadline: 6/2/2009	These enable registered nurses to develop or implement best practice in the areas of thoracic nursing care, chronic respiratory disease management, end stage or palliative respiratory disease management or primary health respiratory management. Funding is worth \$10,000 for a 12 month period.	http://www.nbv.org.au/web/guest/fellowship-grants
The African Studies Centre of the University of Leiden <i>Deadline: none</i>	The African Studies Centre of the University of Leiden invites applications for its visiting research fellowships. These fellowships allow scholars to spend up to three months at the ASC for data analysis and writing. The fellowships covers a return ticket, basic accommodation and living expenses. The centre covers a wide range of disciplines including anthropology, economics, human geography, history, law, sociology, and the applied sciences of agronomy and nutrition. The research interests are set out in the following theme-group programmes with a four-year time span:	http://www.ascleiden.nl/Research/Vfprogramme.aspx

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •connections and transformations; •economy, environment and exploitation; •social movements and political culture. <p>The African Studies Centre gives priority to African scholars from African academic institutions who have a PhD or are in the final stages of PhD study in one of the social science disciplines or in the humanities related to African studies.</p>	
2009 NICS Fellowships <u>Applications</u> open on 30th August for the 2009 Fellowships.	NICS Fellowships provide an opportunity for future leaders in Australian health care to develop their knowledge and expertise in closing the gaps between evidence and practice.	http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/nics/asp/index.asp?page=programs/programs_article&cid=5263&gid=237&id=714
Scholarships in Higher Education (<i>DEWR</i>)	Scholarships, fellowships, awards and other sources of funding for study and/or research available through the Higher Education Group, DEEWR.	http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/higher_education/policy_issues_reviews/key_issues/scholarship/default.htm#cls#cl
<u>VISITING FELLOWSHIPS</u> Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, AU Deadline: 31/5/2009	Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation invites applications for the McMaster visiting fellowships. These are awarded to distinguished overseas scientists working in areas directly related to veterinary science or agriculture. Fellowships are usually of two to 12 weeks duration where the fellow undertakes to review and make recommendations on a specific area of research, or a programme of public lectures and high level discussions on research policy and management, or other activities approved by the selection committee. A visiting fellow should be a leader in a research discipline, or experienced in directing research or developing research policy at an institutional, national or international level. These are awarded to distinguished overseas scientists working in areas directly related to veterinary science or agriculture.	http://www.csiro.au/org/ps1au.html#2
<u>RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS</u> Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation, AU Deadline: 31/5/2009	Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation invite applications for its McMaster research fellowships. These support distinguished overseas scientists working in areas directly related to veterinary science or agriculture. Fellowships are usually of three to 12 months duration where the fellow is actively involved in a CSIRO research project. A research fellow should be a natural or social scientist with expertise that can contribute significantly to CSIRO's research in a designated high priority area. These support distinguished overseas scientists working in areas directly related to veterinary science or agriculture. Fellowships are usually of three to 12 months duration where the fellow is actively involved in a CSIRO research project.	http://www.csiro.au/org/ps1au.html#2
TRAINING (POST DOCTORAL) FELLOWSHIPS – None Available		
TRAVEL GRANTS		
Ian Potter Foundation Deadline: 6 October 2008 and 2 February, 1 June and 1 October 2009	Ian Potter Foundation, AU The Ian Potter Foundation invites applications for its early career travel grants. Applications will be accepted for travel and conference grants. Travel grants made are normally worth between \$2,000 and \$3,000, and are paid to the individual's employing organisation. Most travel grant recipients in the past have been staff from universities or research institutes, but those working in the technical and further education sectors are encouraged to apply and staff of any organisation with deductible gift recipient status are eligible. The	http://foundation.ianpotter.org.au/travel.html

	<p>objective of the conference grants is to support symposia and conferences of international status to be held within Australia. Awards are generally made to assist with the travel and accommodation costs of an international keynote speaker. The foundation does not make travel grants to undergraduate, masters or doctoral students.</p> <p>Applications will be accepted for travel and conference grants. Travel grants made are normally worth between \$2,000 and \$3,000, and are paid to the individual's employing organisation. Deadline: 6 October 2008 and 2 February, 1 June and 1 October 2009</p>	
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