NEW CALLS

University of Sydney: International Program Development Fund
Deadline: Monday 10 August 2009
http://www.usyd.edu.au/international/ipdf.shtml

The International Program Development Fund (IPDF) provides funding to University of Sydney academics to support initiatives in internationalisation. Applicants are encouraged to submit funding applications for innovative and sustainable programs built around collaborative research and/or learning and teaching initiatives linking the University with the world’s leading academic institutions. Multilateral projects that partner with more than one institution are particularly encouraged, as are applications that incorporate a research mobility component for early career researchers and postgraduate students. For further information contact: Nicholas Haskins, Program Manager (International Networks) T: 9036 7219; E: n.haskins@usyd.edu.au

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Referat 513 Sprach-und Fachkurse, Informationsreisen Application for the Deutschlandkundlicher Winterkurs
Deadline: 15 August 2009
http://ic.daad.de/sydney

In co-operation with the Universities of Duisburg-Essen, Freiburg, Leipzig, the ILK Dusseldorf & the Institute Fubis in Berlin, the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) offers scholarships for a six (4 week) Deutschlandkundlicher Winterkurs from January to February 2010. This is an opportunity for students and junior faculty members with a sound knowledge of German (min B1, preferably B2) wanting to improve their language skills and understanding of contemporary affairs. Courses will last six (four) weeks from January to February 2010 (exact dates depend on course); a flat rate course allowance of EUR 750 (ca. AUD 1,310); a travel allowance of EUR 1,100 (ca. AUD 1,930); a part-cost grant of EUR 975 (ca. AUD 1,710) for living expenses. Participants should allow EUR 250 to EUR 300 (ca. AUD 450-700) of their own funds for additional expenses.

University of Sydney: Institute of Social Sciences - Development Programs
Deadline: Friday 24 July 2009, 5 pm

The development of new projects designed to increase cross-disciplinary research capacity is a main task for the Institute. It has four programs that provide funds and administrative support designed to:
•Establish new cross-disciplinary research collaboration [New Capacity Projects]
•Establish cross-disciplinary research projects designed to have specific policy, economic or social impact [Applied Projects]
•Develop international collaborative cross-disciplinary research projects [International Linkage program]; and
•Build cross-disciplinary research projects that extend the area studies social science capacity of the University [Area Studies program]

The Institute will allocate funds to projects for the subsequent year. These allocations are seed funding and are not able to support long-term commitments. The Institute will assist successful activities in their search for further and more permanent support. For further information and application clarification, contact: Zoe Morrison, Project Officer T: 9114 0837; E: zoe.morrison@usyd.edu.au
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Marie Curie Teaching International Fellowships:
International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) & International Incoming Fellowships (IIF)
Deadline: 18 August 2009
http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/mariecurieactions/

International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF) aims to reinforce the international dimension of European researchers by giving them the opportunity to work in a high-level research organisation in a third country, like Australia. Financial support (a stipend for the duration of the project, overheads for project administration, travel and limited funding for other research activities) for a research and training project in an Australian institution is normally provided for 1 or 2 years. The International Incoming Fellowship scheme (IIF) is aimed at supporting top-class researchers active in third countries to develop mutually beneficial research cooperation with Europe by working in a European institution for 1-2 years. Financial support (a stipend for the duration of the project, overheads for the project administration, travel and limited funding for other research activities) is provided. For both schemes all disciplines of research are covered and they are open to researchers at all career stages. The 2008 success rate for IOF was 25%; IIF was 21% (26% for fellows going to Australia) with variations across disciplinary panels.

OPEN CALLS

Swiss National Science Foundation International Short Research Visits
Deadline: open call; applications may be submitted at any stage
http://www.snf.ch/E/funding/individuals/shortvisits

The SNSF’s international short research visits allow for researchers working in Switzerland to go abroad or for researchers from elsewhere to come to Switzerland. The visits can last between one week and three months and are limited to one person (the visiting fellow) going to one institute (the host institute). Both the visiting fellow and one person from the host institute (the host) are co-applicants of the proposal. The main aim of this funding instrument, which is open to all fields of research, is to initiate or to consolidate international collaborations. To reach this aim, short research projects between the host institute and the visiting fellow should be carried out during the stay.

There should be an exchange of knowledge that is beneficial to both co-applicants. The funding is not for attendance at congresses, conferences, workshops, seminars, or talks or for scientific sabbaticals. International short research visits have no geographical limitations. Swiss researchers can go to any other country or researchers from any country can come to Switzerland. Proposals must be prepared jointly by the visiting fellow and the host. The application can only be submitted by the Swiss co-applicant. Visits can last between one week and three months. The SNSF pays lump sums contributing solely to travel (one round trip) and living expenses of the visiting fellow.

European Institute of Innovation and Technology (EIT) Call for independent experts
Deadline: open call; applications may be submitted at any stage
http://eit.europa.eu/experts.html/

EIT has published a call for prospective independent experts to assist the EIT with tasks related to the evaluation and implementation of Knowledge and Innovation Communities (KICs). Candidates must have good English skills, both written and spoken. They are also expected to have a high level of professional expertise in one of the following fields: sustainable energy; climate change mitigation and adaptation; future information and communication society; business creation and venture capital; innovation in existing business; entrepreneurial education; research and product development. In addition, they require a high level of competence in other areas, a complete list of which is available on the EIT website.
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Wellcome Trust Programme Grants
Deadline: open call; applications may be submitted at any stage
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Biomedical-science/Grants/Research-support/WTDO04407.htm

Programme grants provide support for up to five years for internationally competitive research relevant to human and animal health. This longer-term funding gives researchers the opportunity to concentrate on a programme of research without having continually to seek funds from a variety of sources to maintain the group. The Wellcome Trust encourages holders of programme grants to pursue new ideas and avenues as they arise. The Trust would particularly like to promote research in the following areas: Adjuvant identification and development, Stem cells, the 3Rs (replacement, refinement, reduction), Influenza research. Applicants should direct any enquiries to the appropriate funding stream: Immunology and Infectious Disease, Populations and Public Health, Neuroscience and Mental Health, Physiological Sciences, Molecules, Genes and Cells.

The Trust now has a separate scheme for proposals for the development of technologies and biomedical resources. The funding committees consider programme grant applications from principal investigators based in the United Kingdom or in the Republic of Ireland who meet the Trust’s eligibility criteria and have a strong track record of obtaining grant support from the trust or other organisations. Overseas researchers with a track record of Wellcome Trust funding as a principal investigator, co-applicant or fellow, may apply for programme grant support without needing a UK-based collaborator. Programme grants can be used to support international collaborations between universities in the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland and overseas institutions. The ‘centre of gravity’ of the programme should be within the United Kingdom or Republic of Ireland. The level of support available depends on the scientific needs of the work but applicants should note that recent awards have rarely exceeded £1.2 million.

Research expenses can include the following: Salaries for research assistants and/or technicians, materials and consumables, the purchase and maintenance of animals, the purchase and maintenance of equipment, collaborative travel. A travel allowance to attend scientific meetings is automatically provided as part of an award. Prospective applicants should initially discuss their research proposal with a member of the trust’s scientific staff from the appropriate funding stream and then submit a preliminary application. Application forms can be submitted at any time and are processed on a rolling basis for consideration at funding committee meetings, which are held four times a year. Applicants are advised to allow at least six months from submission of a full application to their preferred start date.

European Commission DG Economic and Financial Affairs: Visiting Fellows Programme
Deadline: open call; applications may be submitted at any stage
http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/eco_research/eco_research8351_en.htm

Outside experts are invited to ECFIN to prepare a research paper and share their findings with staff. DG ECFIN seeks to attract leading economists in academia, international organisations, governments and top research institutions to participate in its Visiting Fellows Programme. Visiting Fellows are invited for a short-term visit (normally for one or two weeks with the possibility of an extension of up to three months) to present and discuss with ECFIN staff original research work related to the functioning of the European Economic and Monetary Union, both from a macroeconomic and a microeconomic perspective. The general aim of the programme is to enhance the overall quality of work done at ECFIN as well as strengthening in-house knowledge by improving its connections with the economic research community. Visiting Fellows staying for one or two weeks in Brussels receive an honorarium of between €1,500 and €3,750 (depending upon experience and length of stay), together with a daily subsistence allowance of €92 and an accommodation allowance of €100 per night.
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**Industrialised Countries Instrument Education Cooperation Program (ICI ECP) - Cooperation in higher education and training between the EU and Australia**

Deadline: Tuesday 15th September 2009

http://www.dest.gov.au/sectors/international_education/default2.htm#EU/Australia_Cooperation_in_Higher_Education_and_Training_Projects_Call_for_applications_Sixth_Round_projects

Specific objectives of ICI-ECP activities:

- supporting cooperation between higher education and vocational training institutions with a view to promoting joint study programmes and mobility;
- fostering the mobility of students between the European Union and the Partner Countries by promoting transparency, mutual recognition of qualifications and periods of study, research and training, and, where appropriate, portability of credits;
- supporting the mobility of professionals (teaching and administrative staff) with a view to improving mutual understanding, and expertise, of issues relevant to the relations between the European Union & the Partner countries;
- exchanging best practices in the field of higher education and vocational education and training, & to promote knowledge building and sharing on horizontal issues of common interest for the EU and the Partner Countries.

The Action provides funding for international curriculum development projects that involve short term mobility between the EU and the partner ICI country not directly related to award of a joint or dual/double degree. Consortia applying for such a project are formed by at least 3 institutions from the EU and 2 institutions from a given partner country (i.e. Australia). Selected consortia will set up a framework for student mobility whereby EU students will typically spend one semester in the partner country institution and vice versa with full recognition of the study period abroad by the home institution. Support includes mobility grants for students and members of the academic and administrative staff. The maximum duration of Joint Mobility projects are based on 36 months. Considerable preparation will be required ahead of the deadline to form a consortium and agree on curriculum/mobility projects.

**ENI AWARDS**

Deadline: 30 October 2009

http://www.eni.it/eni-award/eng/bandi.shtml

Eni is an Italian integrated energy company active in oil and gas, electricity generation and sale, petrochemicals, oilfield services construction and engineering industries. The Eni Award is dedicated to scientific research and its applications focusing specifically on energy and environment issues. The aim of the award is to promote a better use of energy sources and a wider dissemination of scientific knowledge. Eni assigns awards in the following areas: The new frontiers of hydrocarbons: Award sum of €300,000, Renewable and non-conventional energy: Award sum of €200,000, Environmental protection: Award sum of €200,000 and Research debut: two awards of €25,000

**NEW WEBSITE**

SWISS AUSTRALIAN ACADEMIC NETWORK – WWW.SAAN.ID.AU

The new SAAN website aims to provide users with a network and information platform to promote and develop partnerships between Switzerland and Australia in the areas of research, education and technology.

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