Scholarship & Funding Opportunities

For a full list of current funding opportunities, as well as continuous funding opportunities (no set deadline), please visit the JCU Research office website at http://www-public.jcu.edu.au/researchservices/grants/extgrant/JCUPRD_038684

JASON is a postgraduate scholarship search engine. Scholarships in the database apply to Australian students wishing to study at home or abroad, and to international students wishing to study in Australia.
http://www.jason.edu.au/

For a list of research student scholarship opportunities available at James Cook University visit http://www.jcu.edu.au/grs/scholarships/index.htm

CLP Conservation Awards
The Conservation Leadership Programme (CLP) is a partnership of four conservation organisations – Bird Life International, Conservation International, Fauna & Flora International, and The Wildlife Conservation Society. The mission of the Conservation Leadership Programme is to promote the development of future conservation leaders and provide them with the capacity to address the most significant conservation issues of our time.

The CLP has been helping young conservationists to achieve their goals and move into positions of influence within the conservation sector for more than 25 years. Successful applicants will:
- Develop the knowledge, skills and abilities of team members;
- Implement high-priority conservation projects combining research and action; and
- Contribute to the long-term success of local conservation efforts.

This year’s awards include:
- Future Conservationist Awards (up to US $12,500 each)
- Conservation Follow-up Awards (up to US $25,000 each) – available only to previous CLP Future Conservationist Award winners
- Conservation Leadership Awards (up to US $50,000 each) – available only to previous CLP Follow-up Award winners


WCS Research Fellowships
The Wildlife Conservation Society saves wildlife and wild places worldwide. We do so through science, global conservation, education, and the management of the world's largest system of urban wildlife parks, led by the flagship Bronx Zoo. Together these activities change attitudes towards nature and help people imagine wildlife and humans living in harmony, WCS is committed to this mission because it is essential to the integrity of life on Earth

The WCS Research Fellowship Program (RFP) is a small grants program administered by the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) Institute that is designed to build capacity for the next generation of conservationists by supporting individual field research projects that have a clear application to the conservation of threatened wildlife and wild places.

Read more: http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/09/wcs-research-fellowships.html
Mohammed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund
Eligibility for grants will extend to all plant, animal and fungi species conservation efforts, without discrimination on the basis of region or selected species. To cover a wide spectrum of species conservation efforts, two types of grants are available:
- up to $5,000
- between $5,000 and $25,000.
For further information visit http://www.mbzspeciesconservation.org/

INET Research Grant
The Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) is an organization created to promote changes in economic theory and practice through conferences, research grants, joint ventures with academic and research institutions and other education initiatives. The Institute seeks to create an environment nourished by open discourse and empower the next generation of scholars with the necessary support to accelerate and advance new and important thinking on economic issues.

The Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET) awards Research Grants to individuals and institutions to pursue ground-breaking high-impact research in the field of economics. The Research Grant program is one of the major initiatives of the Institute. INET plans to award approximately 50 grants per year ranging in value from $30,000-$250,000. Grants will be awarded primarily to individuals or teams of individuals affiliated with academic institutions, think tanks and other centers of vital research on questions of import. The Institute is particularly interested in funding early stage research and research scholars and realizes that related disciplines such as history, political science, psychology and adaptations from the physical sciences may offer much of value for the Institute’s program.
Read more: http://cambodiajobs.blogspot.com/2010/07/inet-research-grant.html

Endeavour Awards
The Endeavour Awards is an internationally competitive, merit-based program providing opportunities for citizens of the Asia-Pacific region to undertake study, research and professional development in Australia.
The aims of the Endeavour Awards are to:
- Deepen Australia’s global engagement in education and research;
- Reinforce Australia’s reputation as a high quality education provider and leader in research, innovation and knowledge management;
- Enhance language skills and cultural understanding of Australia; and
Provide opportunities for Australian professionals to enhance their skills and knowledge.
An update from the Research Office...

Commercial-in-confidence
There has been some debate regarding whether information presented in a grant application is deemed as a non-confidential disclosure, thereby impacting what material can and cannot be patented. For researchers writing grant applications, please be advised that those who are working on potentially patentable material should mark relevant grant applications accordingly (commercial-in-confidence). The ARC and NHMRC also recommend that any subject matter that might compromise intellectual property protection be excluded from the parts of the application that may be released into the public domain. If you have any further questions, please contact the Research Office.

Research Contracts or Agreements
Researchers do not have delegation to sign research Contracts or Agreements on behalf of the University. Only the DVC Research or Director Research has the delegation. If you are sent a contract or consultancy, please contact our Legal Services Office, Jim. Campbell@jcu.edu.au immediately. Jim will review the contract and arrange signing with the appropriate delegate.

JCU – Cash Contribution
When an application cover sheet including a cash contribution from JCU is submitted to the Research Office, supporting documentation must be included showing who approved the contribution.

NHMRC

Reminder - TRIP Fellowship Applications
The next round of Translating Research Into Practice (TRIP) Fellowships will open on 1st February 2011 and close on 24th March 2011. Applications will be accepted through NHMRC’s Research Grants Management System (RGMS). To receive information as it becomes available, you may subscribe to NHMRC Tracker by going to www.nhmrc.gov.au or to request information, please email TRIPFellowships@nhmrc.gov.au.

NHMRC Partnership Projects
Applications for the third round of NHMRC Partnership Projects will open on 1 February 2011 and close at 5pm AEDST on 29 April 2011. NHMRC Partnership Projects are designed to help create partnerships among decision makers, policy makers, managers, clinicians and researchers. All applications should be submitted electronically using NHMRC’s RGMS. Further information is available from the NHMRC website.

Research Help Centre
NHMRC has launched the new research Help Centre (RHC). The RHC will provide a more responsive ‘one stop shop’ which will deliver: advice on how to use the NHMRC’s Research Grants Management System (RGMS) information about peer review policies and guidelines support for researchers and institutions applying for research funding access to information on research funding opportunities. You can call the RHC on 1800 500 983 or email at help@nhmrc.gov.au.

Funding Calendar
The NHMRC funding calendar can be accessed at http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants/calendar/index.htm

RGMS availability A reminder to RGMS users that the system is unavailable to all users between 6am and 9am AEST every Tuesday and Thursday morning. RGMS is usually available to users at all hours, however NHMRC schedules system maintenance to occur during the above period. This is to ensure that system enhancements and performance improvements can be implemented with minimal inconvenience to applicants.

ARC 2012 Discovery Projects
The ARC has announced the closing date for 2012 Discovery Projects. Research Office closing date is 21 February, 2011. ARC closing date is 21 March, 2011. Researchers should now be aware that GAMS which was the previous ARC system for grant submissions has now closed and all applications are now entered through a new system call RMS (Research Management System). Further information is available from http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/system_default.htm

NIH
National Institutes of Health (NIH) Funding – 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 Rose.Green@jcu.edu.au ph: 4781 6213 to assist you with the application process.
2011 AMSA Awards

Silver Jubilee Award - presented to a scientist who has made an outstanding contribution to marine research in Australia.
Technical Award - intended to recognize outstanding achievements in the field of technical support to marine science in Australia.
Allen Award - provides a maximum of $2,500 to support an outstanding post-graduate student to attend an international conference in any field of marine science.

Closing date for nominations: 28 February 2011
Contact: secretary@amsa.asn.au
For more information visit www.amsa.asn.au

Fellowships

Radcliffe Institute Fellowships
The Radcliffe Institute Fellowship Program is a scholarly community where individuals pursue advanced work across a wide range of academic disciplines, professions, and creative arts. Radcliffe Institute fellowships are designed to support scholars, scientists, artists, and writers of exceptional promise and demonstrated accomplishment who wish to pursue work in academic and professional fields and in the creative arts. In recognition of Radcliffe's historic contributions to the education of women and to the study of issues related to women, the Radcliffe Institute sustains a continuing commitment to the study of women, gender, and society. Applicants' projects need not focus on gender however. Women and men from across the United States and throughout the world, including developing countries, are encouraged to apply.


UNESCO Fellowships
The fellowships offered under this scheme are of short term duration (6 months maximum) and are intended for specialized training at the postgraduate level. Priority targets are promising and qualified specialists who seek to undertake advanced research or to upgrade their skills and knowledge of state-of-the-art developments in their field of study or work.

Target candidates:
Graduate and Postgraduate candidates for study abroad wishing to:
Pursue training;
Undertake advanced research; upgrade skills; or attend specialized or refresher courses

Read more: http://cambodia-jobs.blogspot.com/2010/03/unesco-fellowships.html

2011 Churchill Fellowships
Awarded to Australian citizens who wish to conduct research overseas and share the findings with the Australian community.
Average Fellowship value: $25,000
Applications close 28 February 2011
Contact: info@churchilltrust.com.au
Phone: 1800 777 231 or 02 6247 8333
For more information visit www.churchilltrust.com.au

2011 Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship – Marine Science
Contact: info@churchilltrust.com.au
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Smithsonian-Mason Global Conservation Studies Program, Front Royal, VA
Contact: SCBIt raining@si.edu For more information visit http://www.con servationtraining.si.edu

Spatial Ecology, Geospatial Analysis & Remote Sensing
14-25 March 2011
Learn to use GIS tools to address conservation research problems, quantifying effects of human-induced global change on wildlife and biodiversity. http://nationalzoo.si.edu/

Species Monitoring & Conservation: Terrestrial Mammals
18-29 April 2011
Explore current techniques in assessment and monitoring of wild mammal populations, including bats. Participants learn principles of study design; current field assessment methods; data analysis techniques including MARK and DISTANCE software; application of monitoring data to decision-making and population management; and collection and preparation of museum voucher specimens. http://nationalzoo.si.edu/

Effective Conservation Leadership
3-13 May 2011
What makes for a successful conservation leader? Conservation professionals need to know more than science to lead effectively. Employing real-life environmental and conservation case studies, this course addresses key conservation leadership skills, including cross-cultural learning, team-building and support, project management, applied conservation ethics, effective communication, and conflict resolution. http://nationalzoo.si.edu/

Abstracts due: June 2011 http://www.europeanecology.org/meetings/

7th International Conference on Marine Bioinvasions
“Advances and Gaps in Understanding Marine Bioinvasions”
23-25 August 2011
CosmoCaixa Science Museum, Barcelona, Spain
www.icmb.info/

Space and Flows: An International Conference on Urban and Extraurban Studies
17-18 November 2011
Monash University Prato Centre, Prato, Tuscany, Italy
This conference aims to critically engage contemporary spatial, social, ideological, and political transformations in a transitional world. Title and short abstract due: 17 February 2011. Future deadlines will be announced on the conference website after this date. http://spacesandflows.com/conference-2011/

International Educational Technology Conference
25-27 May 2011
Istanbul University, Istanbul, Turkey
The IETC aims to diffuse the knowledge and researches among academicians and lead to development in educational technology and instructional technologies. Proposal and abstract due: 16 May 2011 http://www.iet-c.net/

The European Ecological Federation (EEF) 12th EEF Congress
“Responding to Rapid Environmental Change”
25-29 September 2011
Ávila, Spain


Defence Science Research Conference and Expo 2011
Share research and applications in the field of science, innovation and technology specifically targeted at topics attributable to the advances within the defence industry.
3-6 August 2011
Singapore
Full paper submission due: 28 February 2011
www.dsr2011.org

ISSRM 2011 Madison Conference
“Integrating Conservation and Sustainable Living”
4-8 June 2011-02-11
Madison, Wisconsin, USA
Abstracts due: 15 February 2011

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Australian Marine Sciences Association (AMSA) 48th annual conference
3-7 July 2011
Fremantle, Western Australia
The theme of AMSA 2011 is ‘Crossing Boundaries’. We invite presentations in marine science that cross boundaries of any kind, such as multi- and trans-disciplinary studies, science focusing on various spatial and temporal scales, movement/transport of organisms or particles, integration of research and management. Abstracts due: 25 February 2011 http://www.amsa2011.com.au/

Advertisements
Positions Vacant

CoralWatch Project Manager
Part-time appointment (20 hours per week) through to 31 December 2011 initially, with extension dependent on funding and performance.
Closing date: 18 March 2011
Duties: 80% office and 20% field (fieldwork, workshops, seminars, events)
Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Assist with the development, promotion, production and distribution of CoralWatch materials including DIY Kits, Education book and Reef Education packages
- Write and assist with production of reports, papers and articles in relation to the project
- Analyse data from field work and global bleaching databases, report on key project and study findings
- Organise and conduct field monitoring and research, collecting coral health data at Heron Reef, in Moreton Bay as well as establishing and supporting new monitoring sites
- Apply for grants, awards and sponsorship
- Identify, invite and support users of the CoralWatch system
- Collaborate with Project AWARE, Reef Check, schools and other project partners and connect with complimentary reef monitoring and education programs.

For further information regarding application procedures contact: Diana Kleine – CoralWatch Project Manager (Education) Phone: (07) 33653127 or d.kleine@uq.edu.au

Research position in Marine Science Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
The Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI; see: www.stri.org), headquartered in the Republic of Panama, invites applicants interested in conducting research in the new world tropics to fill a permanent research position in Marine Science. The Isthmus of Panama, completed 3 million years ago, is an ideal location for the study of divergence and speciation of tropical marine organisms. The successful candidate is expected to develop a strong research program, supervise students, collaborate with other staff, and provide service to the Institute.

We seek a broadly-trained marine scientist who addresses fundamental research questions and whose interests complement those of the existing staff. Applicants at any level and any specialty (including Evolutionary Biology) will be considered.

Minimum Qualifications: A PhD in a relevant field, a demonstrated record of research excellence, and a commitment to communicating science to the public.

To Apply: Interested candidates should submit a single pdf file containing a summary of research accomplishments and interests, curriculum vitae, five significant reprints, and the names and contact information of three referees. Please send applications electronically to strimarinejob@si.edu.

Enquiries: Dr. Rachel Collin, Chair, Search Committee on Marine Science at: collinr@si.edu
Review of applications will begin on February 15, 2011, and interviews will commence shortly thereafter.

Research Associate Phytoplankton Ecology and Nanostructure
The appointee will work on a collaborative research project between the School of Biological Sciences and the School of Chemical and Physical Sciences in the Faculty of Science and Engineering. The project is funded by the National Centre of Excellence in Desalination (NCED) and the appointee will investigate the impact of salinity on phytoplankton community composition and in particular on the nanostructure of diatoms frustules.
 Contact: Dr Sophie Leterme Email: sophie.letterme@flinders.edu.au Phone: 08 8201 5184

Senior Planning Officer (PO3) with DERM
The Biodiversity Sciences team within the Department of Environment and Resource Management is looking to recruit a Senior Planning Officer with expertise in terrestrial fauna. This role will be based in Townsville, at Pallarenda, and will participate in assessing and mapping natural resource values, with particular reference to terrestrial fauna, to support biodiversity planning outcomes, including the acquisition of new National Parks.
For further information visit www.nt.gov.au/nreta
Contact: Robyn Delaney Email: robyn.delaney@nt.gov.au Phone: 08 8999 3473
Postdoctoral Research Position - Marine larval physiology and evolution

A postdoctoral position is available immediately to study developmental, biochemical, physiological, and ecological responses of marine invertebrate larvae to temperature in the laboratory of Amy Moran, Department of Biological Sciences, Clemson University. [http://www.clemson.edu/~moran](http://www.clemson.edu/~moran). Research will focus on the role of larval thermal environment in determining larval success, connectivity among populations, and species range limits. A Ph.D. is required for this position, and outstanding experience in ecological or comparative physiology, marine biology, molecular biology, or a related field is also required. Preference will also be given to applicants with expertise in rearing larval stages of marine organisms. Experience in molecular, physiological, and biochemical techniques, including biochemical and enzyme assays and/or analysis of gene expression, would also be valuable. Applications from individuals with a background in integrative biology are especially welcomed. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a candidate is selected. The start date is flexible but should be within 6 months. Primary consideration will be given to applications received before March 1, 2011. To apply for this position, please send a cover letter, statement of research interests and goals, CV, and names of three persons willing to provide letters of recommendation to: Dr. Amy Moran, moran@clemson.edu

Volunteer position
Sea Turtle Restoration Project Join Randall Arauz, 2010 Goldman Environmental Prize Winner and me, Todd Steiner, the Sea Turtle Restoration Project's Executive Director, on a scuba diving research expedition to tag sea turtles and hammerhead sharks at Cocos Island National Park, Costa Rica, located half way between mainland Costa Rica and the Galapagos Islands. There are only a few spots left for a few lucky individuals, so if you are interested contact us now!

For more information visit [http://seaturtles.org/article.php?id=1703](http://seaturtles.org/article.php?id=1703)


Cost: $5,640. Includes all meals, nitrox refills, $245.00 Cocos Island National Park entrance fee, and transportation from your hotel in San José to the dock in Puntarenas.

From the Graduate Research School...

Recently the Graduate Research School has seen some staffing changes. We would like to introduce Mr Christopher Ende and Dr Lauretta Grasso who hold the positions of Research Enrolment & Scholarship Officers. These positions were formerly held by Marjorie Renouf and Kristy Naughton. Chris is the contact person for all research students in the Faculty of Science & Engineering (School of Engineering & Physical Sciences, School of Marine & Tropical Biology and the School of Earth & Environmental Sciences). Lauretta is the contact person for research students from all other Faculties and Schools.

We would also like to introduce Ms Helen Sugars who will perform the role of Executive Assistant to the Dean in the absence of Sue Midson. We wish Sue an enjoyable year as she takes her long service leave. Professor Helene Marsh remains as the Dean of Graduate Studies and Ms Barbara Pannach continues as Manager of the Graduate Research School.

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