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GRANTS MANAGEMENT OFFICE – DIVISION OF RESEARCH

ALERT 1: ARC DISCOVERY ROUND

This Bulletin is the first of the regular alerts that will be issued by the Grants Management Office in the lead-up to the closing date for this year's ARC Discovery Round.

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1. KEY DATES

Friday 9 January	Closing Date for Eligibility Exemption Requests
Monday 9 February	Closing Date for full compliance review of applications
Thursday 26 February	Closing Date for GAMS submission and delivery of final copies
Tuesday 3 March 10am	Courier takes all applications to the ARC to ensure receipt by deadline

2. ROUND STATISTICS

The Grants Management Office is expecting to again process around 400 ARC Discovery applications, with last year's numbers giving an indication of which UNSW Faculties the applications are likely to originate from:

ADFA	39
Built Environment	2
COFA	6
Engineering	95
FASS	36
Law	10
Medicine	26
Science	138
Business	33

3. CAN YOU APPLY?

All applicants must have met their reporting obligations for other ARC funded projects in order to compete in the DP10 round.

Researchers wishing to undertake medical or dental research must apply to the ARC for an eligibility ruling by completing [this form](#) and submitting it through the GMO by Friday 9 January, for submission to the ARC by their deadline of 16 January. Similarly if you are concerned about your eligibility for Fellowships in the round, an eligibility ruling must be sought.

You can be a lead or co-CI through UNSW if you:

- are engaged for more than 50% of your time with UNSW OR hold an adjunct appointment and not derive more than 50% of your employment from organizations funded by the government mainly for research activities (Commonwealth-funded Research Centres; AIMS, ANSTO, CSIRO, DSTO, GA, and State/Territory R&D organizations and research areas within a government entity)
- are currently a CI on one or no 2010-funded Discovery projects
- will not exceed your maximum quota of two Discovery projects held in 2010 should your application be successful (for example, if you hold one 2010-funded Discovery grant currently, you cannot submit two Discovery project applications for 2010. If you do, both applications will be deemed ineligible because if both were successful in the round, you would have exceeded your Discovery project quota).
- Will be predominantly resident in Australia for the duration of the grant
- Will be taking significant intellectual responsibility for the project (particularly if you are named as lead CI) and making a significant intellectual contribution to the project.
- Will not be undertaking relevant postgraduate or undergraduate study.

You can be a lead or co-CI if you are associated with a Commonwealth-funded Centre if you:

- are engaged for more than 50% of your employment with UNSW OR hold an adjunct appointment and not derive more than 50% of your employment from organizations funded by the government mainly for research activities (Commonwealth-funded Research Centres; AIMS, ANSTO, CSIRO, DSTO, GA, and State/Territory R&D organizations and research areas within a government entity)
- are not already a CI on any 2010-funded Discovery projects
- will not exceed your maximum quota of ONE Discovery project held in 2010 should your application be successful (for example, if you hold one 2010-funded Discovery grant currently, you cannot submit a Discovery project application for 2010. If you do, your application will be deemed ineligible because if it were successful in the round, you would have exceeded your Discovery project quota).
- Will be predominantly resident in Australia for the duration of the grant
- Will be taking significant intellectual responsibility for the project (particularly if you are named as lead CI) and making a significant intellectual contribution to the project

You can apply for a Discovery project as an APD, ARF, QEII or APF if you:

- Comply with the above points for CI, though see below if your Fellowship is hosted by a Commonwealth Centre.

As a Fellow hosted by a Commonwealth-funded Centre, you can be a lead or co-CI if you:

- will be involved in one Discovery Project in addition to your Fellowship in 2010 should your application be successful
- will not exceed your maximum quota of ONE Discovery project held in 2010 should your application be successful (for example, if you hold one 2010-funded Discovery grant currently, you cannot submit a Discovery project applications for 2010. If you do, your application will be deemed ineligible because if it were successful in the round, you would have exceeded your Discovery project quota).
- Will be predominantly resident in Australia for the duration of the grant

- Will be taking significant intellectual responsibility for the project (particularly if you are named as lead CI) and making a significant intellectual contribution to the project

As an Australian Laureate Fellow, you can apply in DP10 under the following rules:

- If your Fellowship involves salary supplementation only, you may be involved in up to two Discovery Projects in addition to your Australian Laureate Fellowship.
- If your Fellowship comprises project funding and/or research costs in addition to the salary supplement you may only be involved in one Discovery Projects project.

Note: Because ALF outcomes will not be announced until sometime in 2009, ALF applicants should assume their current status and apply the eligibility criteria on that basis. For example, an ALF applicant currently eligible as a CI can hold up to 2 DP projects. If the ALF is awarded (with the assumption that the announcement will take place some time in mid 2009) the researcher will have the opportunity to wait until he finds out about the DP10 project - which will happen some time later - and then pull out of one DP project before 31 December 2009. If, on the other hand, his ALF doesn't get up but his DP10 does, then he won't have to worry about relinquishing either one of this DP projects.

UNSW researchers who have applied for a Future Fellowship should assume their current status and apply the eligibility for Discovery Projects on that basis.

As a Federation Fellow, you can be a lead or co-CI through UNSW if you:

- are employed through UNSW
- are not already a CI on more than two 2010-funded Discovery projects
- will not exceed your maximum quota of two Discovery projects held in 2010 should your application be successful (for example, if you hold one 2010-funded Discovery grant currently, you cannot submit two Discovery project applications for 2010. If you do, both applications will be deemed ineligible because if both were successful in the round, you would have exceeded your Discovery project quota).
- Will be predominantly resident in Australia for the duration of the grant
- Will be taking significant intellectual responsibility for the project (particularly if you are named as lead CI) and making a significant intellectual contribution to the project

You can be a sole CI if you:

- are engaged for more than 50% of your time with UNSW OR hold an adjunct appointment and not derive more than 50% of your employment from organizations funded by the government mainly for research activities (Commonwealth-funded Research Centres; AIMS, ANSTO, CSIRO, DSTO, GA, and State/Territory R&D organizations and research areas within a government entity)
- are only putting in **one** application as a sole CI and you are not already holding a 2010-funded Discovery Project as a sole CI.
- Will be predominantly resident in Australia for the duration of the grant
- Will be taking significant intellectual responsibility for the project (particularly if you are named as lead CI) and making a significant intellectual contribution to the project

You can be named as a PI if you:

- Are NOT eligible to be a CI. Note: the fact that you have exceeded your quota of grants held is not reason enough to be named as a PI. Someone recognized by the ARC as a CI cannot be a PI as well.
- Are not named as a PI on more than FOUR Discovery Projects funded for 2010 should the application/s made this year be successful.
- Secure significant cash or in-kind resources for the project (note: these can be derived from a costing of your time on the project, office and other facilities devoted to your project involvement, and so on)
- Will be making a significant intellectual contribution to the project.

You can be a Fellowship applicant if you:

- Have only one Fellowship application submitted in this round (researchers can only be nominated for ONE Fellowship in any round)
- Comply with the requirements regarding time as a researcher since the date of your PhD award:
 - APD - PhD awarded on or after 4 March 2006
 - Initial Australian Research Fellowship ARF/QEII first timers – PhD awarded on or after 4 March 2001
 - Subsequent ARF/QEII second timers – PhD awarded on or after 4 March 1996

E RANKED 2009 APPLICATIONS MUST NOT BE RESUBMITTED

In 2008, a number of researchers wished to resubmit 'E' ranked applications, on the basis that more work has been done and the idea is a good one. Any applications resubmitted this round will be ruled ineligible by the ARC in all circumstances, even if further preparations have been done. Please do not attempt to resubmit these applications.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FROM GMO

Once applicants are registered on GAMS, the Grants Management Office (GMO) will contact you and maintain that contact throughout the application period, keeping you up to date with any news of the round. Note: GMO provides compliance advice only. For strategic and scientific support, researchers should approach mentors within their Faculties and/or the Research Strategy Office.

See the Grants Management Office Discovery 2010 advice at:

http://www.gmo.unsw.edu.au/ApplyingForFunds/ARC/ARC_index.html or email mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au for further information and advice on how to prepare your application.

FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT WHO WILL CONSIDER YOUR APPLICATION AT THE ARC

The ARC has published lists of the various Panels within the College of Experts on its website. The information about the College of Experts is at: http://www.arc.gov.au/about_arc/expert.htm

Applicants are encouraged to review the Panel members to gain a greater understanding of the experience and credentials of the core group of people who will be making decisions on their application.

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