

# FRC Quarterly Newsletter

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Merry Christmas

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## News from the Chair

Professor Sandra Jones

Congratulations on another great year for research in the Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences.

As you will see from the list of grant successes on page 9 we have not slowed down at the end of the year, but have continued to build on our early success in the major funding rounds – including ARC Discovery, ARC Linkage and NHMRC (as well as substantial grants from a diverse range of other funding sources). The excellence of research in the Faculty has also been highlighted with the receipt of numerous prizes and awards to staff and students throughout the year.

The Annual Faculty Student Research Awards function was held on the 10th of December, and was a great opportunity to celebrate the excellent work being undertaken by research students throughout the Faculty. Congratulations to the winners of the Research Student Prize (for the best journal article published by a HDR student in 2008); and the winners of the Outstanding HDR Student in each School.

### Outstanding Higher Degree Research Students

- Li-Mei Liu (School of Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health)
- Teresa du Bois (School of Health Sciences)
- Retta Andresen (School of Psychology)

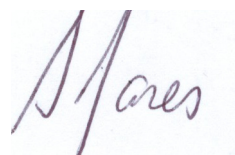
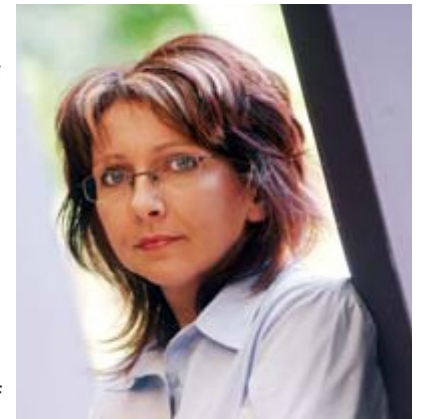
### Research Student Publication Prize

- 1st Mei Han (School of Health Sciences)
- 2nd Teresa du Bois (School of Health Sciences)
- 3rd Lynne Smith (School of Psychology)

Also announced at the function were the winners of Summer Scholarships and 2009 Research Traineeships (see page 2).

I have really enjoyed being involved in another year of research with our dynamic and enthusiastic research staff and students, and would like to congratulate and thank everyone for their efforts. I would also like to thank my great 'team' for all their help: Susan Lowe, FRC Secretary, for all the administrative support; Ravi Daga, Senior Administrative Officer, for data wizardry; and Julia Green, Administrative Assistant, for RIS support and training.

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## Staff Profile

### Dr Gavin Dixon



The faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences would like to welcome Dr Gavin Dixon to the position of Manager of Innovation and Commercialisation (MIC) for Health, Science, Medicine and Arts. Gavin trained as a neuroscientist at USYD, gaining a BSc(Hons) and a PhD in the field of brain development. He has worked as a scientist at UNSW, UQ and USYD, researching the pathology of human brain disorders such as schizophrenia (with NISAD, now called Schizophrenia Research Institute), alcohol-related brain damage and bipolar disorders. Gavin was involved in an internet start-up from 1996-1998 which served the tourism industry of the far north coast of NSW. In 1999, Gavin and his wife founded Sydney's first argentine tango dance school! He trained as a patent and trademark attorney from 2002-2005 and worked from 2004-2008 as IP Director for an ASX-listed biotech called Apollo Life Sciences, a company with interests in drug delivery platforms, therapeutic proteins and cosmetics.

Gavin's role at UOW centres around maximizing UOW's commercialisation outcomes in the disciplines of health, science and the arts. The university generates considerable intellectual property (IP), which can take numerous forms. For example, the development of a new chemical compound with therapeutic properties is typically protected by securing patent rights. Alternatively, the development of a training program to help overweight kids pursue a healthy lifestyle would typically result in the production of manuals and other materials that are the subject of copyright protection.

IP generating by the university's health, science and arts researchers is identified, evaluated and prioritized by Gavin along the most appropriate commercialisation pathway. This process is facilitated by UOW's partnership with UniQuest, Australia's most successful technology transfer organisation. Commercialisation options include (1) developing a research collaboration with an industry partner for the generation of further IP, (2) licensing the IP rights to a company with commercialisation experience in the field, or (3) licensing the IP into a start-up company for further development prior to a market exit.

Gavin's role also extends to raising awareness of IP and commercialisation related matters amongst the staff and students of the university. This happens through formal means such as seminars and workshops as well as one-to-one discussions with researchers.

Congratulations to Gavin on his appointment and we look forward to the contributions he will make to not only our faculty but to the faculty of Arts and the University of Wollongong.

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## FRC Scholarships and Traineeships

Congratulations to all successful applicants

Summer Scholarships:

**Frances Gilham** - School of Health Sciences  
**James Garrard** - School of Health Sciences  
**Janette Ellis** - School of Health Sciences  
**Michael Lewis** - School of Health Sciences  
**Michelle Wells** - School of Health Sciences  
**Naomi Jama** - School of Psychology

Research Traineeships:

**Julia Green** - Centre for Health Initiatives  
**Karin Sandquist** - Illawarra Institute for Mental Health

## Research News

### Peer recognition for Alison Bell

On Wednesday 29 October, the Australian College of Educators recognised Alison Bell's contribution to education and to her colleagues by presenting her with an Australian College of Educators Peer Recognition Award. Below is the citation on which this award was based.

"Alison Bell has contributed to the high quality teaching at the University of Wollongong by modelling good teaching practice in her own subjects within the postgraduate occupational health and safety programs and by acting as a consultant and mentor to colleagues through her work on the Faculty Education Committee.



Alison and family at her graduation ceremony last week. Alison graduated with a Master of Science - Research, her thesis was titled 'An Ergonomic Analysis of Vacuum Cleaning Tasks using Observational Risk Assessment Tools'.

A recent example of her commitment to quality in teaching and learning is the project Alison undertook as part of her work as a 2008 Faculty Teaching and Learning Scholar. As a result of student feedback Alison and her colleagues realised that the high failure rates in a particular subject were related to the assessment tasks set for that part of the postgraduate programs in occupational hygiene. This project provided the opportunity to review the appropriateness of the assessment tasks and to more clearly align the learning outcomes and assessment tasks. As a result Alison has explored the nature of professional competence, reviewed the competencies of occupational hygienists, and developed a matrix of assessment strategies which provide integrated assessment of professional competencies. This matrix has then been applied to the subjects' learning outcomes and provides useful feedback to the profession regarding their competency standards and requirements.

Alison has shared her insights at the National Assessment Roundtable: The Culture of Assessment in Australia as part of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council's Distributive Leadership for Learning and Teaching Project held in Sydney, September 2008. It was in the organising of this event that Alison was able to develop as a colleague and a leader. The success of this roundtable was due in large part to the way in which Alison and her colleagues structured the day to create opportunities for dynamic interaction between the participants. In a university where other activities compete for attention the profile that Alison's work provides to teaching and her support of colleagues contribute to the profile and quality of teaching at the University of Wollongong and to the student experience."

Congratulations to Alison on this outstanding achievement.

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### Primary School Environments: Are children active in the playground?

PhD candidate Anne-Maree Parrish recently presented an oral paper at the International Conference on Childhood Obesity, Hong Kong, November 2008 - "Do Australian Primary school environments affect children's playground physical activity levels?"

The research aimed to investigate whether children's playground physical activity levels are affected by structural and physical differences in playground environments at 13 Australian primary schools. The Children's Activity Scanning Tool (CAST2) was used to collect observational playground physical activity data and each school surveyed to gather environmental data. The results of the study showed that the odds of children being physically active during break times were greatly affected by their physical environment, suggesting that schools can contribute to children's daily recommended activity levels by providing environments that promote playground physical activity.



Anne-Maree Parrish after receiving her award

Anne-Maree was awarded the prize for best paper and presentation overall at the conference for this paper. This is an outstanding result for Ms Parrish, as this was her first conference presentation, so to win the prize at an international conference is remarkable.

## Research News

### 2008 Dissection Training Award Program

The 2008 Dissection Training Award was held in the Human Anatomy Laboratory, on 29th September to 3rd October, this year and is the second time this innovative training scheme has run. Students who had studied human anatomy at the University of Wollongong were invited to apply to participate in the program and participants were selected on the basis of their previous dissection experience.

Each student was given five days to dissect an anatomical specimen, which was judged in terms of the quality and complexity of the dissection by staff from the Human Anatomy Laboratory, the School of Health Sciences and the Graduate School of Medicine. The specimens produced were of an extremely high quality and will greatly contribute to teaching materials used in the anatomical education of future students at this University. Congratulations to Viktor Ko who was awarded 1st place in the Dissection Training Award and to Nicole Novosel and Liam Pearce, of the Anatomy Laboratory, for the professional manner by which this training program was conducted.



Participants of the 2008 Dissection Training Award program: Viktor Ko, Teena Downton, Alishja Hoban, Pooja Balgi and Helen Keteku

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## Leading practices in mining and health

Hazardous materials are used at most mining and mineral processing operations in Australia. Many waste products generated by these operations can be hazardous to human health. The Department of Resources Energy and Tourism launched the "Leading Practice Sustainable Development Program for the Mining Industry" in 2006 to develop leading practice management of hazardous materials that will benefit not only the environment, community and company shareholders, but the mining industry as a whole.

This prestigious Federal Government Working Group has invited Brian Davies from the School of Health Sciences to work on this project. Brian will be helping draft a new guideline on hazardous materials management in the mining industry.

Brian was approached by the project manager due to his extensive background and expertise in the health aspects of the mining industry. Brian will be providing guidance and overview for this project, collaborating with other professionals from non-government organisations and consultancies as well as other academics.

## Research News

### Conference builds links for better mental health treatment



Speakers and delegates at the Building Teamwork conference held at Northfields Clinic: Associate Professor Brin Grenyer from UOW, Northfields Clinic Director Dr Chris Allan, Dr Nick Bendit from Hunter New England Health Service, Dr Janine Stevenson from the University of Sydney and Dr Adrien Keller from Illawarra Mental Health.

A conference was held at the University of Wollongong's Northfields Clinic on Friday, October 31st to promote links between public and private health providers in order to better treat the psychiatric disorder Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD).

The conference was held by Northfields Clinic and Specialist Psychologist Services (Illawarra Mental Health), who run a joint treatment program for BPD. It focused on research and treatment development.

Delegates from around NSW attended the conference, which Northfields Clinic Director Chris Allan says provided a rare opportunity for treatment providers working with BPD to meet and share ideas and resources as well as being updated on recent treatment and research.

"This program has been running for over seven years and is unique in its provision of both group therapy and long term therapy to treat this disorder," he said.

According to SANE Australia, BPD occurs in between two and five percent of the population. People affected by the complex disorder can experience distressing emotional states, difficulty relating to other people and can sometimes self harm.

BPD is often misunderstood, and causes are thought to be a combination of biological and life factors – such as abuse, trauma or neglect during childhood. Because of the complex nature of BPD, conferences bringing together treatment providers and researchers are important to further understand the disease.

The theme of the conference was 'Building Teamwork' and it focused on developing linkages between public and private practitioners who provide treatment for BPD.

At the conference, UOW's Dr Brin Grenyer provided an update of recent treatment developments for BPD and Dr Nick Bendit, from Hunter New England Mental Health Service, talked about the failure of medication in treating BPD and the interpersonal complexities of prescribing medication to patients.

Director of Clinical Governance from South Eastern Sydney and Illawarra Mental Health Service, Dr Adrien Keller, outlined new plans by South Eastern Mental Health to develop an evidence-based program for the treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder.

## Research News

### Memorandum of Understanding

Associate Professor Nigel Taylor from the School of Health Sciences has been working with Trish Tindall, manager of International Relations (Deputy Vice-Chancellor unit) to establish two separate Memoranda of Understanding (MOU); one for postgraduate training and the other for research.

The first MOU was with Maastricht University (finalised in March, 2008), and relates to student and staff exchanges.

The second is the Environmental Physiology and Ergonomics Research Exchange (EPERE) and is a cooperative project involving five internationally-recognised laboratories from Australia, France, Japan, Slovenia and the United Kingdom.

The aims of this project are:

- to build upon and maintain the EPERE consortium as an international Centre of Excellence in human, environmental physiology research
- to train talented young researchers in a range of multidisciplinary skills essential to understanding integrated human physiology
- to expand research funding opportunities for each laboratory
- to share research expertise, skills and ideas
- to facilitate access to larger research teams, resources and expertise
- to strengthen the links between the basic sciences and its translation into wider societal needs
- to facilitate research exchanges among the five laboratories.

Further information on these MOU's and contacts may be found via the School of Health Sciences website at:

<http://www.uow.edu.au/health/epere/index.html>

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## Outstanding contribution to student learning in nursing

On 4 August Margaret Wallace from the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Indigenous Health, along with a number of other award recipients, attended a ceremony at the University of NSW to receive an Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. The citation read 'For creating stepping stones to evidence-based practice in nursing by drawing teaching teams into the ongoing process of curriculum development'. This award highlights the high quality of teaching and research staff in the school and their dedication to student learning.



Award Recipients: Margaret Wallace, Mr Marcus O'Donnell, Professor Stephen Tanner (both from Creative Arts), and Associate Professor Garry Hoban (Education)

## Research News

### Council of Psychologists elect a new Chair

Associate Professor Brin Grenyer has been elected Chair of the Council of Psychologists Registration Boards. The Chair of this Board represents the 8 Australian State and Territory Psychologist Registration Boards and the New Zealand Psychology Registration Board, which taken together regulates all of the 30,000 psychologists across Australia and New Zealand.

Brin has also been re-elected as a Director on the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council, responsible for the accreditation of academic programs in psychology across 38 Universities.

Congratulations to Brin on his success.

## News from the Centre for Translational Neuroscience

### Schizophrenia Research Institute Recognise a Lifetime Achievement Awards

The annual supporters' thank you event, Cocktails and Consciousness was held on Tuesday 28 at the Garvan Institute Galleria. Around 150 guests attended. The event was an opportunity for the Institute to recognise some of their significant and valued members.

Judy Gibson was announced as a Life Governor of the Schizophrenia Research Institute, in recognition of her, and husband Jack's extensive fundraising support and promotion of the Institute over many years. To acknowledge and honour their support, the Institute also announced the Jack & Judy Gibson Fellowship for Schizophrenia Research, which was awarded to Dr Elisabeth Frank.



Cocktails & Consciousness: Dr Elisabeth Frank, Judy Gibson, and Peter Maher

Congratulations to the recipients of the Schizophrenia Research Institute's Research awards for 2007-2008, which were announced at the Scientific Summit, and who were awarded certificates at Cocktail's and Consciousness. This year's recipients were both from the University of Wollongong:

Dr Kelly Newell was presented with the Early Career Researcher Award and \$7,000 towards her research program.

Teresa du Bois, who received the Postgraduate Student Award, received \$3,000 funding for her schizophrenia-related research.

### Grant Success

Prof Xu-Feng Huang and Dr Kelly Newell were awarded \$417,750 for their NHMRC project titled: "NMDA receptor/neuregulin1 signalling in response to phencyclidine administration."

Dr Elisabeth Frank was awarded an Establishment Grant of \$30,000 from the Clive & Vera Ramaciotti Foundations for the project:

"Monitoring drug-induced changes of neurotransmission in vivo – a microdialysis approach in an animal model of schizophrenia"

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Dr Elisabeth Frank was awarded \$13,407 for the 2009 URC Small Grants Scheme project: "Evaluation of mGlu2/3 as a novel drug target in a genetic animal model for schizophrenia"

## Congratulations

### **A huge congratulations to:**

**Herb Groeller** and **Dennis Wang**, who both successfully achieved promotion in the November 2008 round.

**Alison Bell** on receiving an Australian College of Educators Peer Recognition Award on Wednesday 29 October in recognition of her contribution to education and to her colleagues. (See story page 3)

**Cassie Sparkes** won the inaugural BioAssayLINK award at the recent Australian Atherosclerosis Society conference held in Bondi (28-31 Oct 2008). This award was open to all PhD students presenting at the conference and is awarded for research that shows the most promise for commercialisation at some point in the future.

**Margaret Wallace** on receiving an Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citation for Outstanding Contribution to Student Learning. (See story page 4).

### **Congratulations to our graduating staff:**

**Alison Bell**, Lecturer, School of Health Sciences (MSc - Research). Her thesis was titled 'An Ergonomic Analysis of Vacuum Cleaning Tasks using Observational Risk Assessment Tools'

**Moira Williamson**, School of Nursing, Midwifery & Indigenous Health (PhD). Her thesis was titled 'Dealing with Diversity: Incorporating Cultural Sensitivity into Professional Midwifery Practice'

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## Library News

### *Who moved my cheese?!*



### **CINAHL (Cumulative Index to Nursing & Allied Health Literature) database changes for 2009**

The publisher of the CINAHL database is moving all content from the familiar OvidSP search platform to another called Ebsco. Access via OvidSP will discontinue early next year.

Avoid surprises later and start running your searches in the new interface NOW - the Ebsco option is already available from the database listing for CINAHL: <http://www.library.uow.edu.au/databases/UOW026417.html> For assistance using CINAHL on Ebsco, for example, setting up alerts in this interface, contact Alison Pepper.

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## Grant Success

Congratulations to the following researchers and their teams:

Prof Xu-Feng Huang; Dr Kelly Newell

*NMDA receptor/neuregulin 1 signalling in response to phencyclidine administration*

Funding: \$417, 750

Funded By: NHMRC Grant

Dr TW Mitchell; Dr SJ Blanksby; Dr JL Beck; Prof X Huang; A/Prof PL McLennan; Prof W Jessup; Dr K Gaus; Prof MD Willcox; Prof RJ Truscott; Prof LH Storlien; Prof ID Caterson.

*Unique, state of the art lipidomics infrastructure*

Funding: \$400, 000

Funded By: ARC LIEF Grant

Dr SJ Blanksby; Dr TW Mitchell; Prof MD Willcox; Dr Z Zhao

*Identifying tear lipids, their deposition onto contact lenses and their role in the development of dry eye*

Funding: \$303, 000

Funded By: ARC Grant

Collaborating/Partner Organisation: Institute for Eye Research Limited

Dr AR Clarke; Prof RJ Barry

*Development of Central Nervous System Functioning in AD/HD: a Longitudinal Study*

Funding: \$210, 000

Funded By: ARC Discovery Grant

Dr SJ Blanksby; Dr TW Mitchell; Dr K Ekroos

*New methods to complete the lipidomics puzzle: revealing the structural lipids by mass spectrometry*

Funding: \$205, 000

Funded By: ARC Grant

Dr DC Burke (Maquarie); Dr R Palermo; Dr MA Williams; Dr S Favelle (UOW)

*The human face as an evolved signalling system*

Funding: \$185, 000

Dr HC Hill; Dr PD Claes; Prof A Johnston

*Face space: linking three dimensional shape and human perception across changing viewing conditions.*

Funding: \$160, 000

Funded By: ARC Discovery Grant

Prof. Frank Deane; Dr. Peter Kelly; Dr. Trevor Crowe

*Training D&A service providers to better treat problems with Amphetamine-type Stimulants*

Funding: \$155, 162

Funded By: Australian Government Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, Amphetamine-type stimulants Grant Program  
Collaborating/Partner Organisation: The Salvation Army

Prof SC Jones; Dr LK Kervin

*Measuring children's responsiveness to food advertising*

Funding: \$120, 000

Funded By: ARC Grant

Dr. Trevor Crowe; Dr. Lindsay Oades; Prof. Frank Deane  
*Implementing Recovery-based Practices.*

Funding: \$85,000

Funded By: Whitby Mental Health Centre, Ontario, Canada

Dr. Trevor Crowe

*Mental Health Service Providers training in Drug and Alcohol: Evaluation of outcomes and practice change using the Dual Diagnosis Capability in Mental Health Treatment (DDCMHT) Index.*

Funding: \$35,000

Funded by: Network of Alcohol and other Drug Agencies

Prof. Frank Deane

*Regional and urban boarding house managers' capacity to support the mental health and substance abuse needs of residents at risk of homelessness*

Funding: \$28,590

Funded By: Non-Government Organisation Mental Health and Drug and Alcohol Research Grants Program (Mental Health Coordinating Council)  
Collaborating/Partner Organisation: Baptist Community Services-LifeCare

### Small Grants

Dr Huang; Dr Chao; Dr Newell; Dr Frank

*NR2b receptor binding density and mRNA expression in the prefrontal cortex of schizophrenia*

Funding: \$5, 500

Dr Elisabeth Frank

*The mGlu2/3 receptor binding in the human prefrontal cortex of schizophrenia patients and controls*

Funding: \$5, 200

Dr Kelly Newell

*The roles of metabotropic glutamate receptor 5 and cannabinoid CB1 receptors in schizophrenia*

Funding: \$5, 000

## Publications

### Journal articles:

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- Uppal S., Oades, L., Crowe, T., & Deane, F. P. (accepted Oct 2008). Barriers to transfer of collaborative recovery training into Australian mental health services. *Journal of Evaluation in Clinical Practice*.
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Yeatman, H. (2008). Window of opportunity - positioning food and nutrition policy within a sustainability agenda. *Australia New Zealand Journal of Public Health*, 32 (2), 107-109.

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Hall, D. & Jones, S. C. (2008). Corporate Social Responsibility, Condition Branding and Ethics in Marketing. In D. Spanjaard, S. Denize & N. Sharma (Eds.), *Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy Conference Sydney NSW, Australia*: Promaco Conventions Pty Ltd.

Jones, S. C. & Reid, A. L. (2008). Marketing to Children and Teens on Australian Food Company Websites. In D. Spanjaard, S. Denize & N. Sharma (Eds.), *Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy Conference Sydney NSW, Australia*: Promaco Conventions Pty Ltd.

Jones, S. C., Barrie, L. R. & Gregory, P. (2008). Cheap as chips: The price of RTDs in New South Wales. In D. Spanjaard, S. Denize & N. Sharma (Eds.), *Australian and New Zealand Marketing Academy Conference Sydney NSW, Australia*: Promaco Conventions Pty Ltd.

Miller, W. & Yeatman, H. 2008, Empowerment evaluation: Did the approach work with a national school breakfast program in Australia? *American Evaluation Association. Evaluation 2008, Denver Colorado, 5-8 November 2008*

Miller, W. & Yeatman, H. 2008, 'Who is being served? A critical view of national school breakfast program outcomes utilising empowerment evaluation', *Australasian Evaluation Association, Australasian Evaluation Society Inc., Lyneham ACT*

Parrish, AM, Russell, K., Yeatman, H., Iverson, D. Do Australian Primary school environments affect children's playground physical activity levels? *International Conference on Childhood Obesity, 13-16 November 2008, Hong Kong.*

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Yeatman, H. (2008). Food and nutrition policy roles for players and institutions in Australia. *Population Health Congress 2008. A Global World - Practical action for health and well-being (pp. 258-258). Brisbane:*

Mohd Abu Bakar, W., Yeatman, H., Condon-Paoloni, D. & Gibson, C. R. (2008). Measuring Food Insecurity in Wollongong. *Population Health Congress 2008: A Global World - Practical Action for Health and Well-Being (pp. 297-297). Australian Health Promotion Association.*

## Current Grant Opportunities

(as on 23rd December 2008)

Closing Date	Scheme	Details	Contact
16th Jan	Joan Hardy Scholarship for post-graduate nursing research	<p>National Tertiary Education Industry Union (NTEU) calls for application for the Joan Hardy Scholarship for post-graduate nursing research. The Scholarship will be available for any student undertaking a study of nurses, nursing culture or practices, or historical aspects of nursing as a lay or professional practice. The student need not therefore be or have been a nurse and can be undertaking the study in disciplines/schools other than nursing.</p> <p>Subject to funds being available the Scholarship valued at \$2,000 will be awarded each year for five years. The successful candidate may only hold the Scholarship once.</p> <p>The Scholarship will be paid in two instalments; half on the awarding of the Scholarship and the remainder on evidence of submission of the thesis.</p> <p>Applicants must be currently enrolled in an academic award of an Australian public university, and expect to submit the thesis within one year of being award the Scholarship.</p> <p>Applications should include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▫ Current CV</li> <li>▫ Details of current study focus- what question is being examined and its value to nursing.</li> <li>▫ Evidence of award enrolment.</li> <li>▫ Demonstration of capability of completion within one year of being award the Scholarship.</li> <li>▫ Expected date of completion of award.</li> <li>▫ References from the nursing industry, a nursing academic and head of research committee of the University where enrolled.</li> <li>▫ Evidence of trade union membership from the relevant Union.</li> </ul>	Eleanor Floyd efloyd@nteu.org.au
24th Jan	Endeavour Awards	<p><b>ENDEAVOUR AWARDS – 2ND ROUND APPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>From 1 December 2008, applicants can apply for the second round of the 2009 Endeavour Awards for the following Awards only:</p> <p>Endeavour Research Fellowships (Australian applicants only); and Endeavour Indigenous Research Fellowships (Australian applicants only)</p> <p>Second round applications will close on 31 January 2009.</p> <p>There are NO Endeavour Postgraduate Awards or Endeavour VET Awards available in the 2009 second round.</p> <p>Applications for the 2010 round for all Endeavour Awards will open from April to July 2009.</p> <p>For further information: <a href="http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/">http://www.endeavour.deewr.gov.au/</a></p>	Christine Mason HDR Project Officer Research Student Centre X5672 cmason@uow.edu.au

## Current Grant Opportunities

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28th Jan	Bonnie Babes Foundation Research Funding	<p>The Bonnie Babes Foundation Inc was established to provide grief counselling for families who have experienced the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or prematurity and to assist with vital medical research into the causes of these deaths.</p> <p>The Foundation supports organisations undertaking research into stillbirth, miscarriage and prematurity. The support is generally for the purchase of equipment essential for the research or for maintenance funds 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 would also support the purchase of medical equipment used in the assessment of pregnancies at risk of loss or in the management and treatment of premature babies.</p> <p>The Foundation will not fund conference travel or building funds. Grant applications will be accepted from Australian bodies only and are usually provided in the range of \$2,000 to \$20,000. Applications in excess of this amount may be considered, as may partial funding of projects.</p>	Caroline Hartnett, Bonnie Babes Foundation, Ph: 03 9803 1800 or enquiry@bbf.org.au
30th Jan	2010 Heart Foundation Travel Grant	<p>The Heart Foundation also calls for applications for travel grants. For this round, candidates may apply for reimbursement of costs for travel undertaken from 1 January to 30 May 2009. Please visit the Travel Grant &lt;<a href="http://email.ibox.com.au/tr/l/yktkjh/hiujudo/y">http://email.ibox.com.au/tr/l/yktkjh/hiujudo/y</a>&gt; page to access forms, intructions and more information.</p> <p>Heart Foundation closing date: 6 February 2009 (Please check with your Research Administration Officer for your institute's closing date)</p> <p>Interested applicants should apply for this scheme through the upcoming NHMRC Project Grant round (further information on this scheme is available at <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html</a>).</p> <p>Please follow the 2010 NHMRC Project Grants timetable (available at <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html</a>) to allow time for review and feedback.</p>	Claire Carter ccarter@uow.edu.au X4349
10th March	2010 Heart Foundation Grant-in-Aid	<p>The Heart Foundation is offering funding to support research in the area of cardiovascular disease and related disorders. The work may be pursued as an investigation in biomedical, clinical or public health research (including health services research).</p> <p>The Heart Foundation is now calling for applications for funding to commence in 2010. Please visit the Grant-in-Aid page &lt;<a href="http://email.ibox.com.au/tr/l/yktkjh/hiujudo/r">http://email.ibox.com.au/tr/l/yktkjh/hiujudo/r</a>&gt; to access forms, intructions and more information.</p> <p>Heart Foundation closing date: 17 March 2009 (Please check with your Research Administration Officer for your institute's closing date)</p> <p>Interested applicants should apply for this scheme through the upcoming NHMRC Project Grant round (further information on this scheme is available at <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html</a>).</p> <p>Please follow the 2010 NHMRC Project Grants timetable (available at <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html</a>) to allow time for review and feedback.</p>	Claire Carter ccarter@uow.edu.au X4349
10th March	2010 Cure Cancer Australian Foundation Scheme	<p>Cure Cancer Australia Foundation is partnering with Cancer Australia to offer National funding via the 2009 round of the Collaborative Cancer Research Scheme. Further information about the grants scheme can be found on the Cancer Australia website <a href="http://www.canceraustralia.gov.au">www.canceraustralia.gov.au</a>&lt;<a href="http://www.canceraustralia.gov.au">http://www.canceraustralia.gov.au</a>&gt;. Relevant documentation, including application forms and instructions for applicants will be published on the websites of Cancer Australia and the National Health and Medical Research in December 2008, to coincide with the opening of the call for applications on 8 December 2008.</p> <p>Please follow the 2010 NHMRC Project Grants timetable (available at <a href="http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html">http://www.uow.edu.au/research/rso/UOW009260.html</a>) to allow time for review and feedback.</p>	Claire Carter ccarter@uow.edu.au X4349