

Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2007

Western Australia

Curtin University of Technology

LP0775502 Prof Dr GB Dellar; Dr RF Cavanagh; Mr DN Ansell; Dr PS Reynolds; Ms L Moore

Approved Project Title **Western Australian rural and remote schooling: The influence of learning environments on student participation and retention**

2007 : \$ 74,000

2008 : \$ 60,000

2009 : \$ 65,000

Primary RFCD 3301 EDUCATION STUDIES

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Department of Education and Training

Administering Organisation Curtin University of Technology

Project Summary

By 2010 all Australian States and Territories will have raised the school leaving age from 15 to 17 years of age. As one of the first States to have undertaken this essential step toward re-engaging disaffected youth in education, training and/or employment options, it is important that a rigorous examination of the Western Australian experience is conducted. The proposed research focuses on what is likely to be the most problematic area of the initiative for school communities - how and why the programs offered to students in rural and remote school and classroom learning environments impact upon student engagement and retention.

LP0775460 Dr AM Williams; Dr MC Oldham; Dr C Toye

Approved Project Title **Evaluating the feasibility and effect of using a hospital wide coordinated approach to introduce evidence-based changes for pain management**

2007 : \$ 47,998

Primary RFCD 3211 NURSING

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital

St John of God Hospital Subiaco

Administering Organisation Curtin University of Technology

Project Summary

This project will develop a comprehensive educational program and approach to pain management for public and private hospitals that could be used by other hospitals elsewhere. An educational program for hospitals staff, and specifically for Pain Resource Nurses, will be produced. This project has the potential to minimise the experience of pain and prevent widespread complications associated with pain for all hospitalised patients, irrespective of diagnosis or reason for admission. It is also envisaged that this project will establish a model of change that could be used to facilitate evidence-based practice in other aspects of healthcare apart from pain.

LP0775473 Prof SA Worden; Ms A Farren; A/Prof JH Stanton

Approved Project Title **Innovative Solutions for Wool Garment Comfort through Design**

2007 : \$ 25,118

2008 : \$ 25,118

2009 : \$ 26,118

Primary RFCD 4104 DESIGN STUDIES

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Department of Agriculture Western Australia

Administering Organisation Curtin University of Technology

Project Summary

This project will investigate how innovation in garment design can add value to the Australian wool clip and be a driver for new industrial development and product innovation. The project is relevant to stakeholders in rural communities as it will show the potential of new distributed technologies for resource-based industries and enable the wool industry to deliver increases in national wealth while minimising environmental impacts. As the project will provide examples of design-led innovation for a traditional Australian product, the links made between wool and garment innovation will encourage a broader consumer understanding of Australian cultural identity.