

# Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2009

## Victoria

### Deakin University

**LP0989182** A/Prof F Mansouri; Prof Z Skrbis; Dr S Francis; Ms C Guerra

**Approved Project Title** **Social Networks, Belonging and Active Citizenship among Migrant Youth in Australia**

**2009 :** \$ 71,000

**2010 :** \$ 93,000

**2011 :** \$ 93,000

**2012 :** \$ 60,000

**Primary RFCD** 3701 SOCIOLOGY

#### **Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)**

The Australian Red Cross

The Centre for Multicultural Youth Issues

**Administering Organisation** Deakin University

#### **Project Summary**

This project will focus on youth from three Australian migrant communities at the centre of recent debates about migrant integration, intercultural conflict and social cohesion. It will investigate the role of formal and informal networks in creating among migrant youth a sense of belonging to the mainstream society. The project redresses a critical gap in popular and official understandings of the social fabric of Australia and will provide benchmark data for improved government and community services in the area of migrant youth. It will examine and assess the role of social networks in informing young people's sense of belonging and active participation in the community of citizens.

**LP0989307** Prof MP McCabe; A/Prof DJ Mellor; Dr TE Davison; Prof Dr K George; Mr G Karantzas

**Approved Project Title** **Evaluation of a Training Program for Staff to Recognize Depression Among Aged People Living in Residential and Community Care**

**2009 :** \$ 90,000

**2010 :** \$ 82,000

**2011 :** \$ 83,000

**Primary RFCD** 3801 PSYCHOLOGY

#### **Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)**

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Uniting Aged Care

**Administering Organisation** Deakin University

#### **Project Summary**

Depression is a significant problem among older people, and is likely to increase in prevalence with the aging of the population. A large percentage of depressed older people fail to receive treatment because their depression is not diagnosed. This illness leads to high economic and social costs if it is not diagnosed and treated. This project will evaluate the effectiveness of a training program to assist carers to detect depression, and so refer older people for treatment of this condition.

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**LP0989299** Dr GF Ottmann; Dr C Laragy; Ms JH Allen; Dr GM Naughtin

**Approved Project Title** **Towards Community Aged Care Reform: Design and evaluation of a seamless, flexible service model**

**2009 :** \$ 96,000

**2010 :** \$ 95,000

**2011 :** \$ 104,000

**Primary RFCD** 3212 PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH SERVICES

### **Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)**

Uniting Care Community Options UCCO

Alzheimer's Australia VIC

Brotherhood of St. Laurence

Carers Victoria

Council on the Ageing COTA

Helen Macpherson Smith Trust

**Administering Organisation** Deakin University

### **Project Summary**

The project will develop and test a seamless and flexible community aged care model that is more responsive to consumer needs. To be rolled out by Uniting Care Community Options in its community aged care operations, it is expected that the project will raise consumer satisfaction, service quality, and health outcomes. The project will also explore the potential of pooled funding focusing on its potential to resolve major service gaps that result from the complexity of current funding arrangements. Moreover, the project will generate new scientific evidence regarding the viability of consumer-directed community aged care in Australia and establish an ongoing research program.

**LP0989820** Prof X Wang; Dr L Wang; Dr T Lin; Dr H Yu

**Approved Project Title** **The Properties and Processing Performance of Ultrasonically Cleaned Wool Fibres**

**2009 :** \$ 100,000

**2010 :** \$ 100,000

**2011 :** \$ 100,000

**Primary RFCD** 2903 MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

### **Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)**

Shangdong Ruyi Woolen Textile Co Ltd

**Administering Organisation** Deakin University

### **Project Summary**

Australian wool production is a \$2.5 billion export industry, and about 70% of Australian wool is exported to China for further processing. Scouring or wool cleaning is the first critical step in the processing chain, which has come under increasing pressure to reduce water and energy consumption and effluent discharge. Assisting leading wool processors in the research and development of the latest wool processing technologies is of direct benefit to the wool production industry in Australia.