National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) and Strategy & Programs Update

ARMS 2010

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Program Operations

Projects
- Discovery Projects
- Linkage Projects

Fellowships
- Future Fellowships
- Australian Laureate Fellowships

Specialised
- Linkage, Infrastructure, Equipment & Facilities
- Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development

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Recent Announcements

- Centres of Excellence announced on 16 July 2010
- $255.9 million investment in 13 Centres of Excellence

- Australian Laureate Fellowships announced on 7 July 2010
- $35.5 million investment in 15 Laureates

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ARC Strategy & Programs Branch

Strategy & Programs

- Program Evaluation
- Program Operations
- Policy Coordination & Governance

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Program Operations

Program Coordination
- Cross-scheme coordination
- Post award management
- College of Experts & SAC liaison

Program Strategy
- Development
- Parliamentary liaison
- Sector consultation

Quality & Business Systems
- Data management
- Quality assurance
- Reporting systems

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ARC Linkage Research Training Awards

- Part of the Clean 21 Initiative
- $23.4 million investment over 6 years
- Focus on emerging green industries and reducing environmental impact of existing industries
- Valuable hands-on experience for postgraduate researchers
- Up to 100 awards in 2012 and up to 100 awards in 2014
- Awards to institutions with research activity in key areas
- Industry partners and students can be identified after award of funding to provide greater certainty to industry partners

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**Communication of Funding Outcomes**

- Single letter to Vice-Chancellor, copied to DVC(R) and Research Office
- Outcomes Spreadsheet indicating funding outcomes for all proposals submitted
- Letter from the Minister to each successful applicant
- No individual letters for unsuccessful, ineligible or withdrawn Proposals

**CoE nominations for 2011**

- Nominations will open in early October and close before end of October
- Selection process will include a referee process
- ARC CEO appoints the College of Experts
- Appointees to be announced in early November
- Induction session to be held in Canberra for new appointees in early December
- Please encourage suitably qualified female nominees

**Research Opportunity & Performance Evidence**

- Focus on ECR Proposals and success rates in previous years
- Feedback from the sector and assessors
- Focus on differences in success rates by gender
- Fellowship eligibility and opportunities

**Linkage Projects Evaluation**

- How effective is *Linkage Projects* in facilitating benefits to higher education institutions, researchers and Partner Organisations?
- How effective is *Linkage Projects* in supporting strategic aspirations and operational needs of higher education institutions, researchers and Partner Organisations?

**Linkage Projects Evaluation**

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**Upcoming Events**

ARC announcement of **Major Research Grants for 2011** including an expo, showcasing ARC funded research

25 October 2010, Canberra

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Upcoming Events

ARC/NHMRC Research Administrators Seminar
in association with ARMS

8 & 9 November 2010
National Convention Centre, Canberra

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