RMIT/Brunel University Research Collaboration Program

Guidelines

RMIT University and Brunel University in London have formally agreed to a Research Collaboration Program based on researcher/research student exchange with the primary goal of funding collaborations that will lead directly to the generation of proposals for external research funding.

Both RMIT and Brunel will each allocate funds in support of their own researcher participation in this program. RMIT has allocated a sum of $20K in 2009. Brunel will be investing a similar amount within their Research Development Fund (RDF).

Applications are encouraged in the following research areas:

- Bioengineering/processing (including Traditional Chinese Medicine);
- Bioinformatics/Information Systems;
- Design;
- Environmental science and technology;
- Globalisation;
- Materials Science and Engineering;
- Sports Science/Engineering.

Applicants should apply to their home institution for funding associated with proposed research exchanges. RMIT applications should provide details, on the designated application form, of the co-applicant from Brunel University. All joint applications will be reviewed by, and will require the support of, senior representatives of both institutions. In 2009 $20,000 will be made available by RMIT to support joint applications with Brunel University. It is envisaged that this will be sufficient to seed approximately 3-4 Grants per year.

Eligibility

Any member of staff who is eligible to apply for an external research grant in his/her own name may apply to the RMIT/Brunel University Collaborative Research Program.

Proposals should relate to initiatives that will support the generation of external research income, for example:

- travel and subsistence to support research exchanges and/or establish consortia that will lead directly to the generation of a proposal for external research funding

The Collaborative Research Program is a competitive scheme. Preference will be given to projects that:

- will lead to a bid for external research grant funding; and
- have a close fit with the research plans of the School/College/University as appropriate, and ideally can show matched financial support.

The Scheme cannot be used to cover research leave, research projects or running conferences.

Application Process

Applications should be made on the designated application form and submitted to the RSU by no later than 17 June 2009. A current CV, including a list of publications for last 5 years, should also be included.

Decisions will normally be notified within 3-4 weeks of application submission.

Applications should be sent electronically to margaret.thorpe@rmit.edu.au (ext. 57405)