Research Students

1. Still a couple of places left for the Introductory NVivo 8 session scheduled for the 9.30am – 4.00pm 30th April 2010 at Bundoora. Building 220. Level 3 Room 31 (Computer lab). Ms Sue Bullen, who is an expert in NVivo 8, is running this one-day workshop. Please contact Louise Prentice if interested Ph: 9925 7877.

2. I am in the process of organising a half-day SPSS - Statistical Package for the Social Scientists (now called PASW) workshop for 23rd July 2010 in Building 220, Level 3, Room Computer lab commencing at 9.30am. If anyone would like to be part of this training session please email Karen Corneille (Karen.corneille@rmit.edu.au) so we can gauge the level of interest for this workshop.

3. The first 2010 Research Student conference is scheduled for Friday 18th June from 2pm – 8pm (including dinner). Please start booking your preferred time slot with Louise Prentice asap. In Progress presentations have 20 minutes, PhD Completion Seminars have a 1 hour time slot and PhD confirmation of candidature have an hour and Masters confirmation have 30 minutes allocated.

Research Supervisors

1. Please remind you research postgraduate of the are new processes and forms for applying for ethics approval in 2010. The new RMIT College ethics committees are called CHEANs - College Human Ethics Advisory Networks. Please do not use the old forms, as they will not be accepted in 2010. New forms for 2010 are on the RMIT HREC web site or you can be directly linked via the D&SC Ethics web site.

2. I have purchased some research equipment as part of the CRESSSI (Cluster for Research in Education for Sustainability and Social Inclusion) initiative. We have a number of iPod touches, FLIP MINO HD video cameras and Mac external hard drives available for loan to academics. These items are for use in research projects. The video cameras are compact and very easy to use. iPod touches can be used for voice recording, listening to podcasts, and viewing video and image files (amongst other things). They also can be connected to the internet using wi-fi connections where available. Please contact Karen Corneille if you would like to borrow any of these items. She is in Room 220.2.13 and works Tue, Wed & Fri.
Research Staff
The ARC has released the Funding Rules and Instructions to Applicants for the ARC Linkage Round 1 for 2010 submission for projects commencing 1 January 2011.

*** The ARC Closing date is Round 1 - 12 May 2010.
*** Round 2 - 17 November, 2010

The DSC College closing date for fully developed Round 1 application review - 12 April 2010.

Expression of Interest Round 1 - please submit to lorraine.bridger@rmit.edu.au
Attached is a one page Expression of Interest document. Please take the time to complete the document and return it to me by Thursday 1 April. Completion of an Expression of Interest enables the College to provide targeted advice to applicants.

Changes to ARC Linkage for 2010 applications
1. The minimum per annum budget request for ARC funding is now $30,000. For an application to be eligible, each year's budget must meet this figure.
2. All applications submitted must meet a minimum requirement of 20% cash for any budget request of between $30,000 and $500,000. All ARC Linkage applications must be supported by cash and in-kind from Partner Organisations at the same level as the budget requested from the ARC. Projects requesting more than $500,000 are accepted however, they must meet a minimum requirement of 50% cash commitment from the Partner Organisations
3. ARC APAI stipends are no longer a "stand alone" application enumerated request. How to explain this. For those familiar with ARC Linkage, applicants could specify the number and type of Stipends being requested, eg. "regional or IT". The successful grant offer would then specify the number of APAIs awarded as part of the funding. APAIs also required specific post award reporting, e.g. commencement of student(s), etc. The NEW Linkage Funding Rules, simply indicate that to make a request for a stipend it is an entry as a line item in the "Personnel" section of the project budget. The funded project will no longer specify a stipend and you may use the funding in any way eg. as a part time RA, stipend or whatever, you see fit.
4. Please note the ARC Stipend value for 2010 applications is $27,222. Therefore a "stipend only" application no longer meets the ARC minimum funding requirement of $30,000 per annum budget request.
5. The ARC Linkage application in now via the RMS on line system. I suggest you plan some additional time in data entry, especially if you have a number of Partner Organisations.

Reminder dates for your Research calendar for 2010
1. Research Writers’ Retreat is scheduled for 29th June to the 1st July 2010 at the Geelong Conference Centre. The EoI will be going out this week but please put the date in your diary in advance.

2. 2nd Research Student Conference is scheduled for Friday the 19th November 2010.