

# Research Funding News

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<a href="#">NZMS Financial Assistance</a>	RG/TG	Continuous	Unspecified	New Zealand Mathematical Society

\*These are international funders, for details regarding eligibility criteria and possible login requirements please contact the RDA team

**Note:** Some of these opportunities are listed through the GETS (Government Electronic Tender System) which requires a login to access. Contact [Jo Stone](#) to obtain access.

## Research News –Updates

### Cessation of Community of Science Database Subscription.

This is to advise that Massey University's subscription to COS/Pivot terminated on 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2012, and funding alerts from this service are no longer available. Massey does not currently subscribe to a funding database, but replacement options are being considered by the SLT. We will advise as soon as a decision is to hand.



The Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment (MBIE). MBIE came into existence on 1 July 2012. It integrates the functions of the former Ministry of Science and Innovation, Department of Building and Housing, Ministry of Economic Development, and the Department of Labour. Within MBIE is the Science + Innovation Group, which will continue to be the lead government agency driving New Zealand's science and innovation sector. Their website remains: <http://www.msi.govt.nz/>

### Changes to Funding Announced in Previous Funding Newsletter.

The Royal Society of New Zealand has informed us that 21/06/2012 that it regrets to advise the **cancellation of the NZ-Spain Bilateral Mobility Fund**. In the last 24 hours they have heard that due to Spanish Government budgetary constraints there will be no scheme this year. The Spanish authorities are hoping to recover funding for the scheme in time for next round 2013-2014. We are releasing this notification quickly in order to help prevent further investment of time and effort into this year's scheme.

**Further, The Dumont d'Urville French Mobility fund deadline for applications has been brought forward two weeks, from 5<sup>th</sup> October to 21<sup>st</sup> September.**

### Dumont d'Urville NZ-France S&T Support Programme – 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2012

To support New Zealand-initiated activities under the Bilateral Arrangement, the Minister of Science and Innovation, through the International Mobility Fund, has allocated funding up to \$90,000 per annum to the "Dumont d'Urville S&T Programme". The programme is administered by the Royal Society of New Zealand (the Society).

Projects involving new fields of research for partnerships previously supported through the programme are **not** eligible for support. Applications involving research into renewable energy and/or that involves a new bilateral partnership will be given priority.

Funding under this round will be provided for the development of **collaborative exchange projects** in the fields identified above where the visit by researchers to the other country promises to improve the level of co-operation on specific projects.

For 2012-13, there is \$42,680 available for allocation. The first significant activity funded must be commenced after 1 January 2013 and concluded before 30 June 2013.

For 2013-14, where there is up to \$51,680 available, the first significant activity under each funded project must be concluded before 30 June 2014.

**Sponsor: Royal Society of New Zealand**

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**The China Exchange Programme: The dates when researchers must be present in Beijing for orientation have been finalised to 3<sup>rd</sup> September, with the orientation starting 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

### New Zealand-China Scientist Exchange Programme – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

The objectives of the scientific exchange programme are to encourage and facilitate greater understanding and development of research linkages for up to 10 early- to mid-career researchers of NZ and China (up to 5 each), to facilitate access to expertise in each country, and to extend cooperation in jointly agreed priority

research fields for collaboration. It is considered that an early- to mid-career researcher would have at least 5 years research experience post receiving their PhD degree.

Therefore, the Royal Society of NZ (RSNZ) is inviting applications from researchers to visit China to collaborate with researchers in Chinese institutes for a four week period. If the NZ applicant wishes to visit China for a shorter (not less than two weeks) or longer (no more than six weeks) period then a clear case must be made in the application.

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## Workshops



### HRC Pacific Health Research Roadshows

The Health Research Council of New Zealand is committed to fostering Pacific health research in New Zealand. Our HRC Career Development Awards are aimed at providing scholarships for Pacific students completing a post graduate degree in a health related field. These also include awards summer student ships and development grants.

**In 2012 the closing dates for the following awards is September 3.**

- 1. Masters Scholarships**  
The Scholarship provides up to \$10,000 towards one year of personal support plus fees and a \$1,000 Tufungatika allowance, but no working expenses, for applicants completing the research component of a Master's degree.
- 2. PhD Scholarships**  
The Scholarship provides three years of personal support of up to \$25,000 per annum, plus fees, up to \$10,000 in total research working expenses and a Tufungatika allowance, for outstanding graduate applicants in any discipline whose proposed research programme is relevant to health.
- 3. Postdoctoral Fellowships**  
Pacific Health Research Postdoctoral Fellowships are available to applicants from all disciplines undertaking a research programme, which will contribute to health outcomes for Pacific. The Fellowships are to the value of \$125,000 for research associated costs plus a salary, which is negotiated through the host institution for up to four years.
- 4. Summer studentship Awards**  
This Award provides \$5,000 to introduce research to those applicants who have the potential to develop in a career that may involve Pacific health research. Applications are sought from applicants undertaking health related courses wishing to be involved in a Pacific health research project over the summer vacation.
- 5. Development Grants**  
Up to \$10,000 is available to support Pacific health researchers in developing a project proposal for the Funding Round via one of four Research Investment Streams; Rangahau Hauora Maori, Health and Wellbeing in New Zealand, Improving Outcomes for Acute and Chronic Conditions in New Zealand, and New Zealand Health Delivery.

The Pasifika Roadshow will profile the Pasifika career development awards, and will include a two hour writing workshop to assist students with their CDA applications.

Dates/locations:

**Turitea Campus:** 11.00 am - 1.00 pm, Thursday 26th July, Fale Pasifika, YFC Building, University Avenue. For more details and to register, please contact Sonny Liuvaie email: [S.Liuvaie@massey.ac.nz](mailto:S.Liuvaie@massey.ac.nz)

**Albany Campus:** 1:00pm – 4:00pm, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> August, SC5, Ground Floor, Study Centre, East Precinct. To register for this workshop, please email [Jo Stone](mailto:Jo.Stone@massey.ac.nz).

## Funding Opportunity Deadlines

### Researcher Grant 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2012

The objective of the Research Grant is to both build capability and encourage professional development of emerging researchers in New Zealand in the field of New Zealand-Asia relations.

The two-year Research Grant is designed to aid researchers at New Zealand universities to carry out research into New Zealand-Asia relations. Funding will be released to the successful applicant in four instalments of \$10,000 each.

Applicants must spend some of their research time at an Asia-based university or think tank with whom they, or their department, have a working relationship.

Grant applications will be considered for research topics within the following areas only:

- Implications of New Zealand's changing demography
- The changing dynamics of the Asian region and how this affects New Zealand
- New Zealand's business engagement with Asia
- Educating New Zealanders about Asia.

#### **Sponsor: Asia New Zealand Foundation (Asia:NZ)**

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### NZAS Medals and Awards – 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2012

Applications are invited for the following annual Medals and Awards:

#### *Marsden Medal*

The Marsden Medal is awarded for a lifetime of outstanding service to the cause or profession of science, in the widest connotation of the phrase.

#### *Shorland Medal*

The Shorland Medal is awarded to an individual or to a team in recognition of major and continued contribution to basic or applied research that has added significantly to scientific understanding or resulted in significant benefits to society.

#### *Research Medal*

The Research Medal is awarded for outstanding fundamental or applied research in the physical, natural or social sciences published during the year of the award or the preceding three calendar years. Applicants will normally be under the age of 40 on 1 January, 2012.

#### *Science Communicator Award*

This award is made annually to a practicing scientist (or group of scientists) for excellence in communicating science to the general public, in any area of science or technology. Nominations are sought from scientific organizations, scientific associations and individuals.

#### *How to apply (new procedures for 2012):*

- Interested applicants should apply directly, rather than seek a nomination.
- Applications are to be submitted electronically through Research Management Services.
- Individuals or Scientific Teams (of up to five people) may apply for the Shorland Medal
- Nominations from previous years remain valid for five years from the original submission. Nominators/nominees are invited to update their submission in the new format although this is not obligatory.

#### **Sponsor: New Zealand Association of Scientists (NZAS)**

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### Summer Student Scholarships – 30th July, 2012

Applications are now open for the Summer Student Scholarship. The maximum grant available under MURF is \$5,000.00. All funds are to be used by 28 February 2013. Please read the guidelines carefully and complete the application form as requested.

Applications close at 5.00pm on Tuesday 31 July 2012. A signed completed application is to be emailed to [summer-scholarship-apps@massey.ac.nz](mailto:summer-scholarship-apps@massey.ac.nz).

**Sponsor: Massey University**

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### **Liley Medal Nominations 2012 – 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**

Nominations are now being sought for the Health Research Council's Liley Medal 2012. The HRC established the Liley Medal in 2004 as an annual award to recognise an individual whose recent research has produced **a significant breakthrough** within the health and medical fields. The medal honours the outstanding contributions made by Sir William Liley KCMG, BMedSc, MB, ChB, PhD (ANU), Hon. DSc (VUW), Dip Obs, FRSNZ, FRCOG, Hon. FACOG while at the National Womens Hospital in Auckland.

Please note, the researcher's work that is nominated must have been carried out and published while the health researcher was in New Zealand, and HRC will only consider publications from 2011. Publications from 2012 will be eligible for next year's Liley Medal assessment. Previous Liley Medal winners are listed here: [Previous Liley Medal Recipients](#).

The winner will be announced at the New Zealand Science Awards dinner, which will be held on the 21 November 2012 in Auckland.

**Sponsor: Health Research Council of New Zealand**

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### **Global Research Perspectives Program – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**

This is CPA Australia's annual research grants program, which encourages and supports research worldwide that is relevant to its membership, the profession and the global business community. CPA Australia will consider bold and innovative projects that have merit and potential, and supports the dissemination of high-quality and innovative research to influence governments and regulators and inform members.

Potential focus areas for research are:

1. Accounting Education
  - a. Asian literacy in accounting education
  - b. innovations in teaching and assessment
  - c. tertiary and professional program curriculum and skills development
  - d. international education standards
  - e. internationalisation and accounting education
2. Public sector
  - a. improving transparency and accountability
  - b. enhancing quality of public sector reporting: Accrual ex-ante reporting and ex-post reporting
  - c. leadership by governments in sustainability and integrated reporting as applied to public sector entities
  - d. effective governance arrangements
  - e. role of government audit committees
  - f. audit and assurance services
  - g. improving performance; value-for-money approaches
  - h. risk management frameworks and practice
  - i. forensic and investigative accounting
  - j. models and practice for building capability and culture
3. Reporting and assurance issues
  - a. enhancing quality of public sector reporting: accrual ex-ante reporting and ex-post reporting
  - b. defining levels of assurance (example. reasonable and limited assurance)

- c. activities and motivations in the context of the global financial crisis by stakeholders who influence the development and specification of standards
  - d. processes followed in different countries regarding the specification of required standards
  - e. the expectations gap regarding auditing and alternative assurance frameworks
  - f. relationships and communication between external auditors and the audit committee
  - g. auditing non-financial disclosures
  - h. increasing complexity in financial reporting and its implications on audit quality
  - i. the increased specification of, and interest in, fair value accounting invites consideration of research into topics such as:
    - i. the conceptual underpinnings of the notion of fair value
    - ii. issues and approaches to the discovery of fair value in different markets and for different industries
    - iii. auditing and assurance of fair value measures
4. Sustainability and integrated reporting
- a. developments in the quantification and monetization of economic externalities
  - b. Implications for the law of directors' duties and understanding of the functions and validity of corporate personality and limited liability.
  - c. adaptation or development of business information systems in support of sustainability reporting, with a focus on small to medium-sized enterprise
  - d. adaptation of management accounting practices to supply-chain and life-cycle analysis
  - e. linking net foreign income disclosures with improved governance practices
  - f. determining materiality criteria for selecting non-financial disclosures
  - g. embedding environmental, social and governance criteria in investment appraisal processes
  - h. assurance of sustainability and integrated reporting
  - i. accounting and assurance for water
5. Ethics and governance themes
- a. the role of institutional investors and proxy advisers
  - b. formal and informal board and committee functions and corporate effectiveness
  - c. executive remuneration
  - d. reporting
  - e. ethical decision making ( including moral awareness, moral intensity, cognitive bias)
  - f. the role of regulators on corporate governance
  - g. the role of audit committees and external auditors
  - h. governance, ethics and risk management
  - i. whistleblowing
  - j. ethical culture and leadership

Partnerships between academe and business are encouraged. Cross-disciplinary applications and requests for joint funding with other organisations are welcomed.

**Sponsor: CPA Australia**

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### **Quality of Life Grants – 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2012**

This programme awards grants to non-profit organisations that provide services to individuals with paralysis. Grants are awarded to programs or projects that improve the daily lives of people with paralysis, with some emphasis on but not limited to paralysis caused by spinal cord injuries. Funding is awarded twice yearly to non-profit organisations that provide critical life-enhancing and life-changing programs and services that improve physical and emotional health. Funded projects offer a diversity of services and approaches: improving access; providing education and job training; sponsoring organised sporting opportunities; and more to individuals living with paralysis and their communities.

**Sponsor: Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation, (CDRF) Quality of Life Grants**

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### **Grants in Aid of Research & Grant Applications for Research in the Field of Diabetic Diseases – 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2012**

The Council of the Foundation is making available grants to support a wide range of research projects related to the objects of the Foundation. The council also invites applications specifically for grants in the field of diabetic diseases, (diabetes, mellitus and its complications). Successful applicants will be encouraged to present the findings of their research to members of Diabetes Wellington Inc. and a summary of each research project will be published in "Diabetes News".

All grants may be used for some or all of the following purposes:

- a) The purchase of equipment and supplies specifically required for the conduct of the research
- b) The payment of salaries and wages (applicants should note that for this round it is anticipated that funds available will be very limited and salaries are unlikely to be funded)
- c) Working expenses of the research project.

The primary object of the foundation is "to enquire and conduct research into the nature and origin and causes of disease and afflictions both bodily and mental with the object of improving the health of the community." The expectation of the foundation is that funding of a research project will result in the publication of a scientific paper in a reputable journal. Recognition is given to the fact that many of the diseases that afflict Western society are incompletely understood. The shortest route to the understanding and successful treatment all too often lies in the application of long-term basic research. This needs stressing in order to bridge the gap between the possible short term expectations of those supplying funds and the research workers who are faced with the realities of research.

**Sponsor: Wellington Medical Research Foundation**

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### **Grants in Aid of Travel – 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2012**

The Foundation makes available some limited funds for small travel grants. The grants are designed to assist rather than fund fully, travel which is for the purpose of presenting at appropriate scientific meetings, results of research funded by the Foundation. The funds available are not adequate to meet applications by all who receive research grants.

**Sponsor: Wellington Medical Research Foundation**

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### **Cooperative Research Programme (CRP) Research Fellowships – 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2012**

The Programme's main objective is to strengthen scientific knowledge and provide relevant scientific information and advice that will inform future policy decisions related to the sustainable use of natural resources, in the areas of food, agriculture, forests and fisheries. The objective and work of the Programme are anchored in both a policy and scientific environment in the fields of food, agriculture, forestry and fisheries, which, more than ever, have a multidisciplinary nature.

Applications are invited from research scientists working in the fields of agriculture, forestry or fisheries who would like the opportunity to conduct some of their research abroad, in another member country of the Co-operative Research Programme. The fellowship period may range from two to 26 weeks.

Applications should fit into one of the three following research themes:

#### **Theme 1 - The Natural Resources Challenge**

- Addressing environmental issues related to natural resource stewardship.
- Monitoring and evaluating natural resource stewardship efforts.
- Holistic economic and societal evaluations of systems where natural resources are used in the agri-food chain.
- Planning and management for availability and efficient utilisation of water, soil, air, biomass, and energy.

- Societal options and responses to ensure environmental protection, the availability and quality of natural resources, energy options, and the countryside, including forests.
- Cross-discipline and technology evaluations to assess sustainability, including models and databases.

#### Theme 2 - Sustainability in Practice

- Risk assessment and management related to agricultural practices.
- New tools for predicting, detecting, and fighting pests in a sustainable perspective.
- Strategies that evaluate compromises when human and natural resources, innovative technologies, the environment, and social issues are involved.
- Development and implementation of innovative concepts, including bio-energy, that focus on the efficient use of natural resources while enhancing sustainability.
- Strategies, techniques, and incentives to encourage adoption of production systems that emphasize long-term sustainable goals.

#### Theme 3 - The Food Chain

- Impact of transgenic plants and animal cloning.
- Molecular farming for food production and safety of the resulting animal and plant products.
- New plant protection strategies for sustainable agriculture.
- Monitoring xenobiotics, genetic modifications, pathogens, allergens in the food chain.
- Genomic research relevant to agriculture and aquaculture.
- Micro-array technology relevant to agriculture.
- Emerging diseases and resistance to conventional treatment (new pathogens and strains).
- New technologies for detection, diagnosis and treatment of old pathogens.
- New tools for preventing outbreaks of old and new pathogens.
- Impact of current trade patterns and flows on dissemination of pathogens/pests.

The fellowship award consists of three components that collectively are called the travel lump sum allowance. The total travel lump sum allowance awarded will depend upon distance from the fellow's laboratory to the host institution and the number of weeks of the fellowship.

1. Travel costs (calculated based on a return economy class air ticket (APEX or similar). The travel allowance is calculated to cover a single return trip to and from the host laboratory and the place of domicile.
2. Weekly Subsistence Allowance of the equivalent of €400 or €450 per week (depending on the cost of living of the host country). This subsistence allowance is to cover all normal living expenses (accommodation, food, etc.) and incidentals (daily travel to and from work etc.).
3. Terminal charges: A lump sum allowance of €165 is paid to cover transportation costs incurred in the taking and leaving of duties at the host laboratory.

No proposed research fellowship may be undertaken before March 1, 2012. All administrative arrangements for all Research Fellows departing in 2012 must be completed before November 1, 2012, although departure may be undertaken up to December 15, 2012, at the latest.

**Sponsor: Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)**

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#### **ALISE/OCLC LISRG (Library & Information Science Research Grant) Program – 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

In recognition of the importance of research to the advancement of librarianship and information science, OCLC and ALISE promote independent research that helps integrate new technologies that offer innovative approaches and contributes to a better understanding of the information environment and user expectations and behaviours.

Research related (but not limited) to the following areas is encouraged:

- Impact of digital technology on libraries, museums, and archives
- Social media, learning, and information-seeking behaviour
- New developments in knowledge organization (metadata, social tagging, linked data, etc.)

The LISRGP provides grant awards of up to US\$15,000 for a one-year research project. Monies can be applied to the following costs:

- Release time from teaching for the principal investigator
- Research assistants
- Project-related travel
- Required attendance and presentation of research results at the 2014 ALISE Conference
- Equipment, if integral to the research
- Other research expenses

Staff training, general operating or overhead expenses, and other indirect costs are not funded. The institutional cost share for the project, which must be specified in the application, may include:

- Travel, including travel to the required ALISE Conference
- Release time
- Stipends
- Research Assistants
- Indirect costs and overhead expenses

All costs must be clearly defined in the budget portion of the proposal. Capital equipment cost should be prorated if the useful life of the equipment extends beyond the end of the project.

Grant recipients will be notified by the end of December 2012 and announced at the 2013 ALISE Annual Conference, 22-25 January 2013, in Seattle, Washington.

**Sponsor: OCLC Online Computer Library Center, Incorporated and OCLC Research, in collaboration with the Association for Library and Information Science Education (ALISE)**

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## **College Research Awards and University Research Medals – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

### *Research Medals/Awards:*

Applications/nominations for the 2012 College Research Awards and Massey University Research Medal - Team are now open. Applications are to be received at Research Management Services by 5pm 14 September 2012.

Each winner of the relevant College Research Award will automatically be nominated for the relevant Massey University Research Medal. The University Research Medals are the highest award for research bestowed by the University (Honorary Degrees excluded). The University Research Medals may be presented annually. The winners of the medals will be presented with their medal at a special ceremony.

### *College Research Award - Individual*

This Research Award has been established in order to recognize outstanding research contributions in each of the Colleges. One award may be granted annually in each College and will be presented at an appropriate ceremony. The winner of this award in each College will automatically be nominated for the University Research Medal, which is the highest award for research bestowed by the University (Honorary Degrees excluded). The University Medal may be awarded annually and a research grant of \$20,000 will be made. It will be presented at a special ceremony.

### *College Research Award - Supervisor*

This Research Award has been established to recognize and promote research excellence within each of the Colleges. One award may be granted annually with the objective of the award being to recognize staff who have an outstanding record of research supervision at the Masters or Doctoral level. It will be presented at an appropriate ceremony. The winner of this award in each College will automatically be

nominated for the Massey University Research Medal - Supervisor. The University Medal may be awarded annually and a research grant of \$10,000 made. It will be presented at a special ceremony.

#### *College Research Award - Early Career*

This Research Award has been established to recognize and promote research excellence within each of the Colleges. One award may be granted annually with the objective of the award being to recognize staff who have completed their appropriate postgraduate qualification within the past seven years and who are showing research potential and leadership of the highest calibre. It will be presented at an appropriate ceremony. The winner of this award in each College will automatically be nominated for the Massey University Research Medal - Early Career. The University Medal may be awarded annually and a research grant of \$10,000.00 made. It will be presented at a special ceremony.

#### *Massey University Research Medal - Team*

The Research Medal has been established in order to recognize outstanding research contributions by a team. One medal may be awarded annually to each full-time academic or research member of the team and a research grant of \$25,000 will be awarded to the team. The award will be made at a special ceremony.

#### **Sponsor: Massey University**

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### **COST Open Call for Proposals to Support Scientific & Technical Collaboration in Europe – 21<sup>st</sup> September, 2012**

COST is an intergovernmental framework for the coordination of nationally funded research at a European level, based on a flexible institutional structure. COST networks are called Actions. Cooperation takes the form of concerted activities, i.e., the coordination of nationally funded research activities. Since 1971 COST has brought together research teams in different countries working on specific topics. COST finances networking of nationally funded activities in supporting meetings, conferences, short-term scientific exchanges, and outreach activities. COST does not fund research itself. Currently more than 200 Actions are supported.

An action must include participants from at least 5 COST member countries, the average for existing actions being 16 countries. The 34 member countries of COST include the 25 EU member states, Bulgaria, Croatia, Iceland, Norway, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro, FYR of Macedonia, Switzerland, and Turkey. In addition, Israel is a cooperating state. COST also welcomes institutions from non-COST countries to join individual actions where there is mutual benefit. Every year approximately 50 new actions will be approved. **New Zealand Researchers are able to participate, and are funded by the Royal Society of New Zealand to travel to Europe to take part in COST meetings instigated by European researchers with mutual research interests.**

The proposal is put forward by an expert (the proposer), who represents a group of researchers belonging to the European scientific community. The proposer must be based in a COST country.

COST is organised in the following scientific and technical domains:

- Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences (BMBS)
- Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies (CMST)
- Earth System Science and Environmental Management (ESSEM)
- Food and Agriculture (FA)
- Forests, their Products and Services (FPS)
- Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health (ISCH)
- Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
- Materials, Physical and Nanosciences (MPNS)
- Transport and Urban Development (TUD)
- Others



COST invites proposals for new COST Actions contributing to the scientific, economic, cultural, or societal development of Europe. Proposals playing a precursor role for other European programmes (eg Horizon 2020) involving young groups' ideas are especially welcome. COST is inviting researchers throughout Europe to submit proposals for research networks and use this unique opportunity to exchange knowledge and to embark on new European perspectives. This continuous call is thematically open.

**Sponsor: European Science Foundation (ESF); European Co-operation in the field of Scientific and Technical Research (COST)**

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### **Ernst Mayr Travel Grant in Animal Systematics – 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2012**

The Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ) at Harvard University periodically awards travel grants for research in animal systematics, known as the Ernst Mayr Grants. The principal objective of these grants is to stimulate taxonomic work on neglected taxa. These include taxa with numerous poorly described species, genera and families known to have many undescribed species in institutional collections, taxa for which it is unknown what proportion of the nominal species are synonyms and difficult genera without keys.

It is not the aim of these grants to support largely phylogenetic studies of taxa in which the species are reasonably well known, or to support biogeographic studies. The study of type specimens and their correct identification is the greatest need in poorly known taxa. This typically requires visits to other museums, which is what the Ernst Mayr Grants program tries to facilitate. Preference is given to studies that use the MCZ's collections, although applications to work at other museums will be considered. There is enough demand for this support for taxonomic work to make it impossible to also support phylogenetic and other evolutionary studies from the Ernst Mayr Grants.

**Sponsor: Harvard University Museum of Comparative Zoology (MCZ)**

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### **Pilot Awards – 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2012**

Grants for basic, translational, and clinically oriented research on the causes of, or treatments for, age-related and degenerative diseases awarded on the basis of the scientific merit of the proposed research and the relevance of the research to understanding aspects of the disease that lead to improved treatments, prevention strategies, and diagnoses of the programme disease.

Pilot awards are designed to take a highly innovative proposal with modest preliminary data and give investigators the opportunity to prove their ideas. These awards are typically described as being "high risk - high reward". They are often given to investigators who need funding to demonstrate the validity of an extremely focused hypothesis.

Although, in theory, no preliminary data is necessary for AHAF awards, the most competitive proposals have data serving to back the proposal. This data is used to evaluate the merit of the hypothesis and the competence of the investigators to perform and interpret the proposed experiments.

**Sponsor: American Health Assistance Foundation (AHAF) Alzheimer's Disease Research**

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### **Travelling Fellowships – 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2012**

The fellowships are normally awarded for periods of 1 to 6 months. Applicants should normally be from the post-doctoral level through to mid-career. The fellowships will cover the cost of travel to and from the UK and some internal travel. Applications for payment of subsistence will also be considered, particularly where there are large differences in the cost of living between the two countries. The fellowships will cover the cost of travel to and from the United Kingdom and some internal travel. Applications for subsistence will be considered particularly when there is a marked difference in the cost of living between the countries involved and that either hardship would result if a subsistence payment were not made or the Fellowship would not be able to be taken up. The payment made for fellows coming to the UK will normally be £700 per month. The Trust will not provide for the costs of attending conferences and workshops.

Potential applicants wishing to visit the UK should establish contact with a host organisation in the UK and obtain their agreement to submit the application to the Trust. In the absence of contact with a potential host

organisation, potential applicants may submit brief expressions of interest directly to the Trust and the Trust will provide contact with an appropriate Institute or University.

Travelling Fellowships may involve periods spent at more than one location, but in all cases a single principal host organisation must be identified. Fellows will be required to provide the Trust with a report on the conclusion of the fellowship

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### **Research Grants - Continuous**

The Gerda Henkel Foundation's funding activities concentrate basically on German and foreign academics in the fields of historical humanities. Research projects in the following fields are supported in particular:

- History
- Prehistory and Early History
- Archaeology
- Art History
- Historic Islamic Studies
- Legal History
- History of Science.

The grants for research projects involve, depending on the type of project, the assumption of costs for personnel, travel, materials and/or other costs. As part of a research project, the costs incurred of visiting (foreign) scholars can also be financed. An own-post (PostDoc) at a research establishment may be funded. The precondition is that the applicants must have successfully completed their PhD and afterwards have at least five years professional experience working in an academic field. Project participants can also be financed in the form of a research scholarship.

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### **NZMS Financial Assistance - Continuous**

The NZ Mathematical Society Council invites applications for financial assistance, in particular for grants in these categories:

- Research Grant (conference, travel, other)
- Grant from South Pacific Fund
- Conference/workshop organisation
- Student Travel Grant

but also in other specified areas.

Members only may apply for financial assistance with the costs of hosting mathematical visitors, organising conferences or workshops, attending conferences, and any other mathematical research-related activity.

A relatively high priority will be given to applications involving contact between the mathematical communities of New Zealand and the islands of the South Pacific.

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