

Internal Review of NHMRC, ARC and other external Grant Application Reviews in 2008 School of Paediatrics and Reproductive Health

The School will be offering review of research project and fellowship applications for support to the NHMRC and ARC in 2008 by staff and affiliates.

The School and Faculty views this process as highly beneficial in improving the quality of applications and their likely success and the Faculty requires this for access to their Health Science Research Development Awards <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/health/research/grants/> (formerly near miss scheme/B1 scheme)

For applications in 2008, the grant review process will be mandatory for staff at Level C or below reflecting the importance it plays in researcher development. Participation both as an applicant and as a reviewer will be one of the criteria assessed in a range of the School and Institute support schemes in 2008 and beyond.

Two Stage Review Process:

1) Research Centre Review of Applications

Research Centres are asked to provide internal review of applications to be completed and feedback to applicants by Monday 21 January or earlier.

2) School Review of Applications

The School Research Committee will provide a final review of applications by individual reviewers and/or panel in February 2008.

Stage 1 Research Centre Review

New applications to NHMRC or ARC

Applicants preparing new proposals should

- complete and submit the attached template (includes Declaration that the applications will be submitted and administered through the University of Adelaide and indicate which Research Centre is most appropriate to review the application)
- for NHMRC applications: a two page synopsis and draft application as per the NHMRC instructions or
- for ARC applications: a 100 word summary and Part E as per the ARC instructions

Please email submissions to Virginia Furness, virginia.furness@adelaide.edu.au, and provide two hard copies (Level 6, North Wing, Medical School, School of Paediatrics and Reproductive Health) by **Wednesday 9 January 2008** and sooner if possible for Research centre review. Feedback will be provided by 21 January 2008.

Revised applications to NHMRC or ARC

Applicants preparing revised applications should

- provide a copy of the NHMRC assessment or ARC letter of advice and histogram
- summarise the major issues identified in previous NHMRC or ARC assessments as needing to be addressed and how these have been or will be dealt with in the revised proposal
- provide the same information as for new applications (see above).

Submission and deadlines are as for new applications.

Stage 2 School Review

Applications should be submitted as described above for a second review by **Friday 8 February 2008**. Feedback will be provided by **Friday 15 February 2008**. (Note: Research Branch internal closing date for NHMRC is 22 February 2008)

Call for Assessors

The School is calling for experienced investigators from each Research Centre or our affiliates, who have served on NHMRC assessment panels or hold NHMRC funding, to assist in the review of applications and \$200 will be provided for each grant or fellowship application reviewed, in recognition of this service.

Please email Virginia Furness, virginia.furness@adelaide.edu.au, with your full contact details. Both electronic and hard copies of applications, assessment guidelines and forms will be provided to you. Applications will be sent to you by **Friday 11 January 2008** with assessments due by **Monday 21 January 2008** or sooner if possible.