AN INVITATION TO RESEARCHERS TO A NEW POSTDOCTORAL REFERENCE GROUP

The NHMRC is establishing a new Post-Doctoral Reference Group.

The Post-Doctoral Reference Group will provide a valuable forum for early- to mid-career health and medical researchers to interact with and advise NHMRC.

The overall aim of the reference group is to provide feedback on issues faced by early- to mid-career researchers to better inform NHMRC’s Research Committee.

Post-Doctoral Reference Group feedback will encompass specific and wider issues including:

- Early Career and Career Development Fellowship schemes;
- Mentoring and balancing family, research and professional responsibilities;
- Other matters that may affect developing researchers such as international opportunities, and developments in the higher educational and health care systems.

The Post-Doctoral Reference Group will engage in ongoing communication and consultation between members of the group, responsible NHMRC staff members and members of Research Committee. This will be done via an electronic forum and an annual meeting of the Reference Group in Canberra. It is proposed to hold the first meeting in September 2011.

Finally, the NHMRC wish to ensure that the Reference Group has strong representation across the four pillars that NHMRC sees as the basis of support of health and medical research – biomedical, clinical, public health and health services research.

If you are an early- to mid-career researcher at the University of Melbourne and would like to be involved please register your interest via email to Dan Barr dpbarr@unimelb.edu.au, Melbourne Research Office, by Monday 27 June 2011.

In your email please include your contact details, department, research area (biomedical, clinical, public health or health services) and what you consider your career stage to be i.e. early- or mid-career. As a rough guide, based on NHMRC people support schemes early-career researchers may have up to 7 years post-doctoral experience and mid-career researchers may have between 7 and 12 years post-doctoral experience.

Kind regards,
Dan

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