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Applications sought for Group Leader at the European Molecular Biology Laboratory

Australia's Associate Membership of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL) began on 1 March 2008. A key aspect of the Associate Membership is the Faculty Development Program, which provides for two Australian-supported Group Leader positions at EMBL's network of five basic research laboratories in Europe.

NHMRC funding is available to support the placement of one Group Leader in Europe for up to five years. NHMRC and EMBL are seeking applications from talented molecular and cell biologists for the NHMRC-supported Group Leader position. This is an opportunity for a researcher of outstanding ability to further their career at EMBL in Europe and develop into an internationally recognised research leader.

For further information and details of how to apply go to

<http://www-db.embl.de/jss/servlet/de.embl.bk.emblGroups.JobsPage/08006.html>

Nominations open for Prime Minister's Prizes for Science

The Prime Minister's Prizes for Science are a national tribute to excellent and dedicated work in Australian science and science teaching. Nominations for the \$300,000 Prime Minister's Prize for Science close at 5pm on Friday 9 May 2008. See <https://sciencegrants.dest.gov.au/SciencePrize/Pages/Home.aspx>

Review of the NHMRC Road Map

The *NHMRC Road Map: A Strategic Framework for Improving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health through Research*, located at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/publications/synopses/r28syn.htm>, is being reviewed.

The review is being undertaken by NHMRC in consultation with its key advisory committee on Indigenous health issues, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Research Advisory Committee (ATSIHRAC), which is chaired by Professor Cindy Shannon.

It is intended to have consultation workshops in 2008 in Townsville, Sydney, Perth, Melbourne and Alice Springs. For those unable to attend the workshops, NHMRC is offering an opportunity to have input through written submissions.

For more information on the review and how to participate visit

http://acceptance.nhmrc.gov.au/consult/review_of_NHMRC_roadmap.htm

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Professor Hilton talks about his current work, which may one day lead to identifying genes that can be targeted at treating many debilitating diseases. He also shares his passion for nurturing and encouraging young researchers.

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Tracker would like to draw your attention to the request for applications announced last week by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).

This request is a component of the Islet Transplantation Program, which was established by the JDRF with funding from the Department of Health and Ageing. It is designed to help take islet transplantation from being an experimental procedure to one broadly available for people with diabetes.

JDRF will direct \$2.2 million over two years to this program, and only investigators and institutes based in Australia are eligible.

Further information detailing the process of application can be found at www.jdrf.org.au and click on 'Islet transplantation – new funding available'.

Expressions of interest must be submitted by 18 April 2008.