Dear colleague,

In this bulletin, please find information on the following funding and training opportunities that might be of interest to you or to one of your colleagues/students, as well as an important survey:

- L’Oreal UK and Ireland Fellowships for Women in Science
- Women in Science FlyingStart Programme
- Irish Research eLibrary – Impact Survey

L’Oréal UK and Ireland Fellowships for Women in Science
Deadline: 8 April 2009, midnight
For: Women Postdoctoral Researchers

The Award
Four Fellowships will be awarded in 2009 to outstanding women scientists at postdoctoral level to enable and/or facilitate promising scientific research in the life or physical sciences. The Fellowships, each worth £15,000 (equivalent € for candidates in Ireland), are tenable at any UK or Irish university or research institute to support a 12-month period of research. The award can be spent in innovative ways to enable women scientists to pursue and continue their research careers – such as buying equipment, paying for childcare or funding travel costs to an overseas conference.

Eligibility requirements
- Candidates must be female postdoctoral researchers who have already been awarded their research doctorate
- Candidates must have no more than 8 years active full-time postdoctoral experience (discounting career breaks, but including teaching experience and/or time spent in industry).
- Candidates must be undertaking research in the life or physical sciences.
- Candidates must be conducting their research at a UK or Irish university or research institute.
- Candidates must be a citizen of the European Economic Area (EEA), or a Swiss citizen, or have permanent residence status in the UK or Ireland; and must be residing in the UK or Ireland at the time of application.
- N.B. Candidates returning to scientific research after a career break are eligible to apply.

Please forward this to anyone who might be interested.

If you are interested in applying, details of the awards including the online application are available at:
http://www.unesco.org.uk/FWIS_National.htm and http://www.womeninscience.co.uk

FLYINGSTART Programme: Women in Science
Deadline: 6 April 2009
For: Women Final Year Students, Postgraduates and Graduates (within 5 years of graduation)

The National Council for Graduate Entrepreneurship, with the University of Surrey, is offering a FREE ‘Women in Science’ Programme for final year students, postgraduates and graduates (within five years of completing their studies) with a business concept or idea they want to develop and launch within 12 months.

The Programme begins with a 3-day course at the School of Business at the University of Surrey, on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th April 2009. The Programme will take up to 30 participants, and provides the one-to-one mentoring, support and training needed to turn every idea into a business. It is customised to suit the needs of each participant and individual one-to-one mentoring is provided free for a full 12 months following the course.

Eligibility requirements

- Candidates must be currently studying or graduated from a science or technology related subject or have a product or service or process idea which is science or technology related.

NOTE: While the course description states it is open to all English applicants, they are also taking applicants from Ireland.

For further information and to apply email FlyingStart Events Coordinator David Benson – david.benson@ncge.org.uk, or go to http://www.flyingstartonline.com/fsprogrammes/upcoming

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Irish Research eLibrary Impact Survey: Help secure the future of the IReL

For: All Staff, Researchers and Research Postgraduates

Since 2004 the Irish Research eLibrary (IReL) has delivered over 22,000 journals and 40,000 e-books to the desktops of researchers at the seven Irish universities and the Royal College of Surgeons (RCSI). IReL is currently funded by the Higher Education Authority and Science Foundation Ireland until the end of 2009. Funding from 2010 onwards is not yet in place, and the Irish university libraries and RCSI are conducting a survey to establish the impact of IReL. A high response rate for this survey is very important; low participation could be viewed as a lack of interest in continued access to IReL.

Dr David Lloyd, Dean of Research notes: "The greatly increased availability of a wide range of electronic research publications through the IReL initiative has been a significant element in facilitating research in College. It will be important to measure and demonstrate the value of this resource through the impact survey."

The survey is brief and will take less than 5 minutes to complete. The questionnaire is at http://websurveyor.net/wsb.dll/11820/irel09.htm

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