School of Nursing & Midwifery, Research Development Fund

*Available in two year cycles. (1st cycle: May 2006 to May 2008)*

**Purpose**
The Research Development Fund is intended to further support the Academic staff and those with academic status with their research related activities. It can be used as a top-up for existing funded research projects, seeding the development of new projects as well as support to existing unfunded projects (It is expected that unfunded projects will be phased out from within the school by May 2008).

**Eligibility**

School’s Academic Staff whose:

- Research framework is in line with the research strategic direction of the SONM, Faculty and University
- Activities the funding is sought for are research related and clearly linked to a specific research project/proposal (e.g. literature review, data entry, formatting of documents, questionnaire production, survey mail-out, transcription)
- Outcomes of the research project lead to publication

Are eligible to apply for the Staff development fund

Funding level for an individual member of the School’s academic staff will be up to $500.00 over a two year period. The $500.00 can be used for more than one project within the two year cycle. This will be of particular use if for example you are one of a research team of 3 who need $500.00 for a project, which means that you would use $166.67 each for that project leaving you $ 333.34 each for another project that you may be doing as an individual or with a different team. Unused money at the end of the two year period will not accrue but will revert back to general revenue. Staff members may reapply every two years provided they can demonstrate a publication resulted from each previous application.

**Application procedure**
Applications in written form should be submitted to the Associate Dean (Research). It should consist of the names of the staff member/members applying for the funds, an explanatory paragraph, an outlined budget of the research related supportive activities for which the funding is sought.