

Cross-College Research Grants Funding Rules

1. Submission Deadline

Applications for this scheme open Monday, 1 March and close at 5pm (ACDT) on Monday, 29 March 2021.

2. Details

The objective of Cross-College Research Grant (CCRG) funding is to promote collaboration across colleges and support research performance at Flinders. The CCRG is intended to support research likely to lead to ERA eligible top-quality publications or external grant applications. Funding for Cross-College Research Grants is provided on a matched co-funding basis between the relevant Flinders colleges.

3 Eligible Activities

Support can be provided for research projects. Each participating College will contribute up to \$5,000 towards the project, with costs split equally amongst the relevant Colleges.

4. Participant Eligibility

4.1 Chief Investigators (CI)

CIs will be:

- balanced or research-only staff employed at Level A-D under academic employment conditions at a minimum of 0.6 FTE for a full year, and be employed for the entire duration of the grant should it be awarded
- or
- clinical affiliates who are research active in CMPH, CNHS or CEPSW

At least one CI from a different college to that of the first named applicant must be named on the application. This additional CI must be employed under the same conditions as those outlined above.

4.2 Requirements of All Applicants

All CIs listed in an application must declare any anticipated absences from Flinders University that are longer than one month (study leave, long-service leave, maternity leave etc.) and explain how the proposed project or activity will be conducted in view of the anticipated absence.

4.3 Application submission and award limits

- A researcher can only be named lead CI on one application
- A project can only be funded once
- Applications from groups of collaborating investigators are encouraged, however, to help ensure that the available funds benefit research widely within the Colleges, multiple applications with essentially the same group of Chief Investigators will be given a lower priority for funding.

5. Expected outcomes

Projects funded under this scheme should contribute to the University's research goals, and should result in:

- An external research grant application, especially involving an industry partner
- Publication in top quality journals (at least Q1)

6. Funding

6.1 Available Funding

Funding for Cross-College Research Grants is provided on a matched co-funding basis between the relevant Flinders colleges. Each participating College will contribute up to \$5,000 towards the project. Up to a total of \$20,000 is available from the following Colleges:

- Business, Government and Law
- Education, Psychology and Social Work
- Medicine and Public Health
- Nursing and Health Science
- Science and Engineering

Up to a total of \$10,000 is available from the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.

6.2 Funding Period

Funding will be available for 12 months from the date of the award letter (the funding period). In exceptional circumstances the awarding College may approve an extension to the funding period for up to 6 months. Requests for extension must be made in writing 1 month prior to the end of the funding period. Under no circumstance will funding be extended beyond a 6-month extension.

6.3 Eligible Expenses

The following budget items (GST exclusive) are eligible for funding under CCRG:

- Personnel: e.g. RAs involved in the project for data collection and analysis, interviewing, transcription of interviews etc.; IT consultants where essential to the conduct of the research;
- Fieldwork and travel for data collection purposes: associated costs, including subsistence (for travel and accommodation, see standard rates on the application form);
- Maintenance/consumable items: essential to the conduct of research including costs incurred in the course of experiments and non-standard items, etc.;
- Equipment: where essential and not otherwise available, with preference given to equipment that can be made available to other members of staff after the end of the project. Equipment purchased with CCRG funds is the property of the relevant participating College. For items over \$3,000 a supplier quotation will be required.

6.4 Ineligible Expenses

- CI salaries or consulting fees;
- Living expenses and per diems;
- Support for HDR students;
- Teaching or marking relief;
- Phones, tablets, laptops and computers;
- Items that are available through other channels or that duplicate basic services already provided by the University, including stationery;
- Activities for which funding is available from other sources, for example, Outside Studies Program, Establishment Grants.

7. Applications

Applications must be submitted using the CCRG application form, accompanied with attached supporting documentation.

The 5-page project details document must adhere to the following formatting requirements; No less than 11-point Arial or 12 point Times New Roman font. Minimum 2cm margins all round.

A plan must be provided for how the study can be conducted within the current restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Projects without such a plan cannot be funded.

Each budget item should be justified. Reference to any financial or in-kind contributions from other sources should be included on the Application Form.

Application forms and associated supporting documentation must be submitted to cross-collegeresearchgrants@flinders.edu.au before the submission deadline.

8. Assessment Procedure

Applications will be assessed by a committee comprising senior academic staff from the relevant Colleges. Applications will be assessed based on the significance of the research, the quantity of expected outcomes, and research track record.

9. Successful Applicant Responsibilities

Successful applicants will be required to:

- Obtain any ethics approvals prior to undertaking the work for which ethics approval is required;
- Ensure all expenditure is consistent with the application budget and all financial claims against the project account are submitted in a timely fashion and prior to the project end date;
- Submit to the College a report within 1 month of the end of the funding period.