Research Investment Plan

Research Infrastructure Funding 2022

Investment in research infrastructure is central to building research capacity, producing high quality outputs, improving competitive grant competitiveness, supporting industry collaboration and attracting and retaining high quality researchers. The Research Infrastructure Funding scheme provides funding for research equipment and infrastructure.

Funding from the Research Investment Plan is available to provide researchers with access to research equipment and infrastructure.

Refer to guidelines on page 5.

Applicant Name:

1.   Name of asset to be purchased

2.   Provide a description of the asset and the capability it will support. For example, external competitive-funded research projects/contracts, research outputs, commercialisation capabilities, post-doctoral fellowships, HDR students, global collaboration, industry partnerships etc.

3. Provide an outline of the purpose and significance of the asset

4. Budget (all amounts excluding GST and in AUD)

Purchase cost	$
Other costs (e.g. import, installation etc.)	$

External funding granted for equipment:	$
Source of funding (e.g. LIEF grant):	

Other funding applied for:	$
Source of applied funds:	

Total requested from this scheme	$

Breakdown of costs (or attach budget):

5. List the proposed users, outlining any arrangements for multi-user access and capacity for a user-pay service by external users

6. Detail how technical staff with appropriate expertise are available to maintain the asset

7. Outline the proposed location of the asset and assurance that any refurbishment and support requirements (air quality, quarantine, licenses, training, new staff, etc) to accommodate and manage the item have been budgeted by the College in liaison with Planning, Facilities and Development and Research, Development and Support and assurance that any data storage requirements (including costs) have been agreed with Information Data Services. Provide evidence as attachment.

8. Indicate the capacity of the College to provide ongoing technical support for the asset

9. Provide confirmation that no suitable equipment is available, or accessible elsewhere within Flinders or accessible locally within the State or elsewhere under reasonable circumstances

10. What is the estimated time from order to delivery of the equipment?

Guidelines

- **Budget allocation:** One to two-year funding to support the purchase of equipment or research infrastructure.
- **Eligibility:** Applicants must be balanced or research academic staff members or hold academic status at Flinders University.
- **Responsibility:** Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research)
- **Call for applications:** Colleges are required to distribute a call to all College staff for applications and assess applications prior to submitting a prioritised list to the DVCR for consideration.
- **Funding:** Determined on a case by case basis depending on the cost of the equipment/infrastructure. Co-investment from the College may be required and will be negotiated on a case by case basis.
  Funding will be transferred in arrears following expenditure and must be fully expended before 31 December 2022. Unspent funds will not be carried forward.
- **Administration of funding:** Relevant College.

Applications must be assessed and prioritised through the College Research Committees and submitted by **Monday 18 October 2021** with:

1. a description of the asset required, and the capability it will support, for example, external competitive-funded research projects/contracts, research outputs, commercialisation capabilities, post-doctoral fellowships, HDR students, global collaboration, industry partnerships etc.;
2. an outline of the purpose and significance of the asset;
3. the cost of the asset and an indication of quotes obtained, verifying the anticipated cost;
4. any planned applications for external funding for the asset through, for example, the ARC Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) grant scheme;
5. an indication of any funding contribution from the College via a co-investment;
6. the proposed users, outlining any arrangements for multi-user access and capacity for a user-pay service by external users;
7. confirmation that technical staff with appropriate expertise are available to maintain the asset;
8. the proposed location of the asset and assurance that any refurbishment and support requirements (air quality, quarantine, licenses, training, new staff, etc) to accommodate and manage the item have been budgeted by the College in liaison with Planning, Facilities and Development and Research, Development and Support and assurance that any data storage requirements (including costs) have been agreed with Information Data Services;
9. the capacity of the College to provide ongoing technical support for the asset;
10. confirmation that no suitable equipment is available, or accessible elsewhere within Flinders or accessible locally within the State or elsewhere under reasonable circumstances;
11. the estimated time from order to delivery of the equipment.

Note that the procurement of the funded assets will require compliance with the University's Tender for Goods and Services Policy at:
https://www.flinders.edu.au/content/dam/documents/staff/policies/fees-finance/tender-for-goods-and-services.pdf. Advice can be obtained from: procurement@flinders.edu.au.