

Guidelines on Research Income Attribution

(Endorsed by the University Research Committee, 2021)

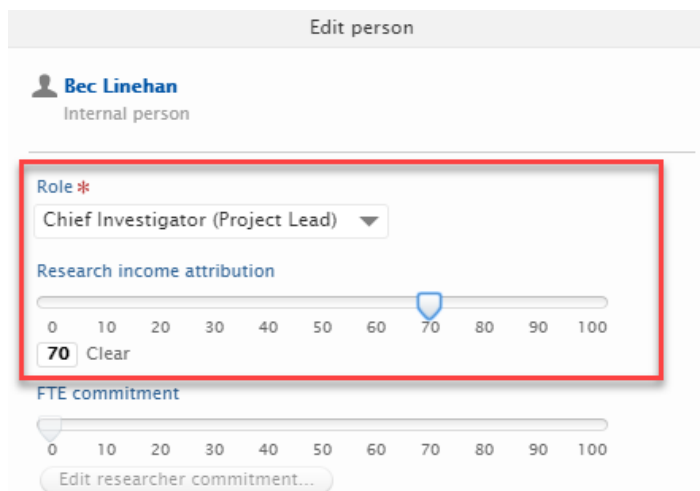
Research income attribution data in ResearchNow Award records is used to attribute HERDC eligible research income that comes to Flinders with a grant or contract that has multiple Flinders Investigators. This is an entirely internal process, used to provide data for internal uses such as Academic Performance Review.

How is income attributed to researchers?

The attribution of HERDC eligible research income that comes to Flinders with a grant or contract that has multiple Flinders Investigators can be either **default** or **custom** as follows.

1. The **default** split of HERDC eligible research income to Flinders is an equal share to each of the Chief Investigators (CIs). If there is no Flinders CI, income is attributed evenly to Flinders Associate Investigators (AIs)
2. Alternatively, a **custom** percentage can be attributed to each CI and, if appropriate, to an Associated Investigator (AI). This is to recognise greater or lesser contributions to the project, *as agreed by the Investigators*.

Custom percentages can be added when entering a new CI or AI into an Application in ResearchNow:



Roles in Application & Award in ResearchNow

The roles in the application and award process in ResearchNow have been simplified and defined for improved clarity. The roles that are available are:

Role Name	Description
Chief Investigator (Project Lead)	Lead Chief Investigator (CI) or Principal investigator
Chief Investigator (Flinders Lead)	Used where the Chief Investigator (Project Lead) role is an external investigator
Chief Investigator	All other Chief Investigators, regardless of affiliation
Associate Investigator	A category used by some funding bodies to indicate a lower level of commitment to the project

Ensuring income attribution splits have been agreed

A mandatory question in the Application has been included to ensure that all income attribution splits have been discussed and agreed amongst internal collaborators, see below.

RESEARCH INCOME ATTRIBUTION HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AND AGREED TO BY ALL FLINDERS CHIEF AND ASSOCIATE INVESTIGATORS 

Add Research income attribution has been discussed and agreed to by all Flinders Chief and Associate Investigators

Investigators

- Yes, Custom Attribution % Specified
- Yes, Default Attribution % Applies
- No

If you do not have agreement and select 'No', please discuss with your College Dean (Research), as they may be unable to approve your application until this agreement is in place.

Changing income attribution on an award

If you have an Award record where the income attribution needs to be changed, please provide evidence to your Dean (Research) to support the change and evidence of agreement of the Chief Investigators and Associate Investigators.

If approved, the Dean (Research) will email a request for the change to research.grants@flinders.edu.au so that the Award can be updated.

Further information regarding ResearchNow Applications & Awards and responses to frequently asked questions are available [here](#).

The Research Engagement & Success Team welcomes any queries or requests to meet with you and your research support officers should you wish to do so. Please raise a request to the team for help via [ServiceOne](#)

Regards,
Professor Robert Saint