



ALERT 1: ARC LINKAGE ROUND 2 2010

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1. ARC ADVICE REGARDING ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTION REQUESTS

Linkage Projects Pre-Submission Eligibility Exemption/Advice Requests

Pre-Submission Eligibility Exemption/Advice Requests for *Linkage Projects* proposals for funding commencing in July 2010 (LP10 Round 2) are now open in the ARC Research Management System (RMS), accessible via the ARC website (<https://rms.arc.gov.au>). The closing date for Pre-Submission Eligibility Exemption/Advice Requests is 17.00 (AEDST) on Wednesday 14 October 2009. UNSW internal deadlines are below.

Linkage Projects Eligibility Exemption/Advice Request instructions and forms are available on the ARC website at: http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_eligibility.htm

Round 2 RMS application forms

Linkage Projects LP10 Round 2 is not currently open for proposals. The ARC will advise research offices via the Research Network Message (email) when LP10 Round 2 proposals are available for drafting and submission in RMS.

If you have any questions regarding the *Linkage Projects* scheme, please email ARC-LinkageProjects@arc.gov.au.

2. LINKAGE TIMELINES

The ARC closing date for submission of Proposals for Round 2 of *Linkage Projects* for funding commencing in July 2010 is **5.00pm (AEST) Wednesday 18 November 2009**.

The UNSW **internal deadlines** have been set as follows:

Friday 9 October, 2009 Eligibility exemption requests

Submitted through RMS. All requests should be discussed with the RSO prior to this date. The completed and final Request must be locally submitted on this date. The Request will be then checked for compliance prior and submitted by the GMO to ARC by Wednesday 14 October.

Monday 19 October, 2009 Drafts for strategic advice

Submission of complete draft applications for the final RSO feedback due by this date.

Monday 26 October, 5pm Drafts for compliance advice

Internal GMO deadline for receipt of applications for compliance check only if you are not receiving RSO support. The 3 week review period allows sufficient time to provide feedback on compliance matters associated with the introduction of the ARC's new RMS system. Please click "Office Submit" in RMS and email your pdf for compliance checking mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au and include the LP number in the subject heading.

Note: if you have completed your application and are only waiting for partner letters of support, please include the draft letter in the email.

Thursday 12 November 5pm Finals for submission

Deadline for submission of all applications to the GMO for final compliance check. Applications submitted after this date will not be checked by GMO.

All applications need to be are electronically submitted by the GMO to the ARC by 5pm Wednesday 18 November.

3. GATHER YOUR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS EARLY FOR UPLOADING TO RMS

- The [Certification Forms](#) require the signatures of CIs, PIs and Head of School/ Partner Organisations and must be delivered to the GMO by no later than 12 November.
- Track record information – F13 – F17 must be included for all CIs and APDIs and preferably for PIs. F13 is mandatory for all named investigators. F17 is for named APDIs only. Refer your collaborators to our [Advice Sheet For Completing Track Record](#).
- Commonwealth-funded Centre letter, if required, is uploaded at F7. This should certify that the person named on the proposal and associated with the Centre is doing work that doesn't overlap with the core programming of the Centre. Note: PIs associated with Centres do not need to obtain a letter.
- For H1 and H2, details of research funding sought, both current and past for the years specified are mandatory. Please note that RMS defaults to "complete and valid" when nothing has been entered, therefore please check that this is accurate and complete.
- For I, short progress reports must be provided for projects for which named investigators have been awarded funds in 2008 under Discovery Projects, Linkage Projects schemes or Federation Fellowships schemes. These projects will have the prefix DP, LP, FF. Please cross-check with the information disclosed in H1 and H2.
- Partner organisation support letters (no more than 2 pages in 12 point font) are uploaded in G5 of the application form – see [Template letter for use by Partner Organisations supporting your Linkage Grants](#) for support letter requirements.

Consult the [Step by Step guide on Linkage Projects](#) for detailed instructions.

4. USING THE ARC'S RMS SYSTEM

The ARC's information on the new RMS system can be found at: http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/system_default.htm GMO online training materials are at: <http://www.gmo.unsw.edu.au/training/resources.html> and GMO will be presenting regular training sessions on using RMS – See [the GMO Training Calendar](#) for details.

Existing GAMS users - If you had a GAMS user account prior to January 2009, your GAMS ID and profile have been copied to RMS. Your RMS User ID will be the same as your GAMS ID with all letters capitalised, and the password reset.

GMO technical support on RMS: If you are experiencing difficulties please contact x 57231 or operations.gmo@unsw.edu.au

Please note that RSO/GMO cannot see your application unless UNSW has been chosen as administering organisation.

5. PARTNER ORGANISATION CONTRIBUTIONS – CHANGE IN RULES

Changes to the Partner Organisations contributions which are now expressed as a percentage of total ARC request rather than dollar values (Appendix E Section E3, Funding Rules). These contributions must be correctly expressed, because the RMS system does not automatically validate nominated contributions.

APAI only applications

The combined minimum partner cash contribution is now a minimum of 20% of the total support requested from the Commonwealth, and the in-kind contribution must also be a minimum of 20% of the total support requested from the Commonwealth. The partner contribution must be provided for each APAI, for every year supported.

Applications requesting less than \$500k each year from the Commonwealth

The combined minimum partner cash contribution is a minimum of 20% of the total support requested from the Commonwealth overall, and cash and in-kind partner contributions over the life of the grant must equal or exceed the total amount requested from the Commonwealth.

Applications requesting more than \$500k each year from the Commonwealth

If you are requesting more than \$500k pa, contact James Walsh in the RSO.

For other changes ref to p.15 of the [Funding Rules](#)

6. PROJECTS THAT HAVE MEDICAL / DENTAL OUTCOMES

If you are submitting a Linkage Project and are either from the Faculty of Medicine or your application has a strong link to the medical field you should be aware of the ARC's recent work to clarify the definition it uses for medical and dental research. The [definition](#) contains, and is an elaboration of, the definition we were all referencing at the beginning of the year. A series of frequently asked questions has also been included in the new advice.

Projects that have medical / dental outcomes could be ruled ineligible. Please check the definition and use the FAQs to ensure that your project is eligible for ARC funding.

See: http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/md_research.htm for further information. [James Walsh](#) is available to advise you further in this regard.

7. KEY CONTACTS FOR SUPPORT AND ADVICE

- Strategic interpretation and insight into guidelines and funding rules; any partner organisation/investigator eligibility/ negotiations /facilitation; and eligibility exemption advice: contact - James Walsh – RSO j.walsh@unw.edu.au
- Application compliance issues GMO: mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

Email mygrants.gmo@unsw.edu.au

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