

2007 Business School Research Project Grants Scheme

Rules and Guidelines for Funding

Applications for funding under the Business School Research Grants Scheme (BRPGS) are now sought, with a closing date of Friday 27th July (5pm). A budget totalling \$130,000 has been set aside for this round.

Aims of the Scheme

The scheme aims to support Business School researchers by means of research project grants of limited scope and duration. The scheme is particularly designed to support the early career researcher (ECR).

Distribution of Funds between ECR and non-ECR applications

Applications from ECRs and other staff will be assessed in two separate pools. ECRs are staff who are still completing a PhD, or who received their PhD within 5 years of the time of application (2002 onwards).

Available funds will be initially split between the ECR and non-ECR pools on a 60:40 basis.

Projects that represent a collaboration between ECRs and non-ECRs will be initially allocated to the ECR pool.

Uncommitted funds in either pool may be used to fund applications in the other pool, where such applications are deemed to be of sufficient quality.

Eligibility

Academic staff members employed at 0.4 FTE or higher within the UWA Business School are eligible to apply under this scheme. This includes staff on fixed-term teaching & research or research appointments, where the period of the research is covered by the term of their existing employment contract and that contract permits additional project work.

Restrictions & Conditions

1. The following people are not eligible to apply under this scheme:
 - a. adjunct staff members;
 - b. staff employed on casual, one-semester or teaching-only contracts;
 - c. higher degree students.
2. Applicants holding appointments at Levels D & E will only be considered eligible if they have applied to an external funding source (excluding UWARGS) in the previous two calendar-years.
3. Travel funded under this scheme cannot be taken within six months of commencing or returning from any period of study leave that attracts a grant funded by the School.
4. Funds allocated for items other than research assistance will be paid against purchase orders or receipts.
5. Expense items must relate to the grantee (hospitality and third-party expenses will not be reimbursed).

6. Research Assistants employed under the scheme must be located at UWA.
7. Where a student is to be employed using funds from this scheme, preference should be given to students enrolled through the School.
8. Funding is available under this scheme for teaching relief, but not for conference travel.

Note: In future rounds, all non-ECR applicants (Levels B to E) will be required to produce evidence of having applied to either UWA or external research funding schemes within the past two calendar-years before being considered eligible under this scheme. Furthermore, non-ECR staff who received a BRPGS grant in the previous year will be ineligible.

Scope of Project Grants

It is envisaged that these grant applications will

- be project specific (i.e., they are not intended as general support for a range of research or teaching activities);
- contain a detailed budget justification and must be spent in line with the budget proposal (i.e. they are not one-line grants which can be spent on unspecified items);
- be up to \$15,000;
- be held for one year from the date of offer, with any unspent monies to be returned to the School.

Evaluation Criteria

All applications will be evaluated against the following criteria, which are adapted from the ARC criteria for ranking the merit of proposals.

1. Significance & Innovation (25%)

- Does the research address an important problem?
- How will the anticipated outcomes advance the knowledge base of the discipline?
- Are the project aims and concept novel and innovative?
- Will new methods or technologies be developed?

2. Approach and Methods (50%)

- Are the conceptual framework, design, methods, and analyses adequately developed, well integrated and appropriate to the aims of the project?
- How appropriate is the proposed budget?

3. Investigator(s) Track Record (25%)

- What is the track record of the investigator (or team) relative to opportunities?
- Does the researcher (or team) have the capacity to undertake the proposed research within the specified timeframe?

Application Process

Applications are to be via application form, which can be obtained from the School's website at <http://www.biz.uwa.edu.au/home/staff/forms> or from any support area's Administrative Officer.

Applications will be assessed by a subcommittee of the School's Research Committee.

An original single sided copy plus 6 (double-sided) copies (7 copies in total) of the Application Form and attachments must be submitted to John Cordery, Associate Dean (Research & Research Training) (M261).

Closing Date: 5.00 p.m. Friday 27th July 2007

Applications received after this date will not be accepted