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ARC Discovery Projects Budgets

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DURATION AND LEVEL OF FUNDING

- 1 – 5 years project duration
- Min. \$20,000 per annum
- Max. \$500,000 per annum
- Few \$500,000 p.a projects funded
- Av. Funding for 2008 = \$106,469

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LEVEL OF FUNDING

| Average requested funding 2008 (\$) | Average approved funding 2008 (\$) | Average approved funding as % | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 162,861 | 106,469 | 65.4 | |
| | 2006 (\$) | 2007 (\$) | 2008 (\$) |
| Average funding over project life | 298,350 | 334,267 | 342,593 |

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BUDGET ITEMS

You can request funding for **DIRECT COSTS**

- **SALARIES + 28% on-costs**
 - ARC Fellows – APD/ARF/QEII/APF
 - Research Assistant / Research Associate
 - Technicians
 - Postgraduate stipend (\$26,140 p.a)

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BUDGET ITEMS (cont'd)

- **Teaching Relief for CIs (must be justified)**
- **Equipment (items >\$1,000)**
- **Maintenance (incl. equip. <\$1,000)**
- **Travel**
 - For CIs, Fellows and research support personnel (excl. PIs)
 - Domestic travel for PIs visiting from overseas

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RESTRICTIONS ON BUDGET ITEMS

The ARC will not fund (Funding Rules pp 16-19):

- Capital works & general infrastructure
- Salaries for CIs and PIs
- Teaching Relief for CIs unless specifically approved
- Research Support for PIs
- Student fees e.g. HECs, HELP
- Computer Facilities for molecular analysis
- Basic facilities (e.g. laptops)
- Publication costs
- Costs not directly related to project

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NON-ARC BUDGET ITEMS

- All named investigators must be included in the budget under 'Personnel'
- Enter salaries for CIs and PIs only for the proportion of the time you expect to spend on the project

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NON-ARC BUDGET ITEMS (cont'd)

- Enter any co-contributions (e.g. travel, equipment items) being provided by the University or PI Organisation
- Enter University salary contribution for co-funded Fellowships

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ON-COSTS

- All salaries included in the budget must include an on-cost component
- On-costs are salary related costs including superannuation, payroll tax, Workcover, long service leave provision etc.

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ON-COSTS

- Monash on-cost rate is 35.14%
- ARC will fund 28% on-costs.
- The difference (7.14%) becomes a University contribution to the project and must be entered in column 3 of the budget.
- Salary Scales spreadsheet available on the Research Office website.

FELLOWSHIPS AND BUDGETS

- ARC Fellowship rates (notional) are available at Appendix 3 of the Funding Rules
- If there is a difference between the ARC Fellowship rate and the intended salary rate at Monash, the difference needs to be entered in column 3
- Discuss any salary supplementation with relevant Head of School/Department

FELLOWSHIPS AND BUDGETS (cont'd)

- If applying for a co-funded Fellowship:
 - APD – 75% funded by ARC
 - ARF/QEII – 50% funded by ARC
 - APF – 50% funded by ARC

You must obtain approval for Monash co-funding from the relevant Head of School/Dept

FELLOWSHIPS AND BUDGETS (cont'd)

- **The ARC may fund the Project, but not the Fellowship**

FELLOWSHIPS AND BUDGETS (cont'd)

B9.8 – Fellowship candidates only

Option (a) – to remain as a CI

- **May request Teaching Relief**
- **Make request in C2 ONLY. Do not include in C1 (budget)**

FELLOWSHIPS AND BUDGETS (cont'd)

B9.8 – Fellowship candidates only

Option (b) – removed from grant and salary funded

- **May indicate salary level you wish to receive**
- **Make request in C2 ONLY. Do not include in C1.**
- **Provide justification for salary choice.**
- **Refer to Monash salary scales for rates.**

INDIRECT COSTS

- The ARC seeks full costing information for Proposals (direct + indirect costs)
- Indirect costs are an indicator of the infrastructure costs including provision of office, access to phone, computer, library etc.
- Indirect costs are borne by the university or organisation

INDIRECT COSTS (cont'd)

- Indirect costs = combined salary contribution for each professional staff x multiplier
- 'Professional staff' = CIs, PIs and any researcher who is, or equivalent to, Level A or above
- AVCC multipliers = 1.25 lab-based or 0.92 non-lab

EXAMPLE BUDGET

| Column 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Source of Funds | ARC | Uni | Other | Total |
| DIRECT COSTS | | | | |
| Personnel | | | | |
| CI X @ 0.2 Inc 35.14% | | \$24,076 | | \$24,076 |
| PI Y @ 0.2 | | | \$35,400 | \$35,400 |
| Res Fellow Level A Step 3 @ 1.0 + 28% | \$82,374 | \$4,595 | | \$86,969 |
| Teaching Relief | | | | |
| CI X - 6 months | \$32,972 | | | \$32,972 |
| Equipment | | | | |
| Machine Goes Bing | \$5,000 | \$2,000 | | \$7,000 |
| INDIRECT COSTS (0.92 for non-lab and 1.25 for lab-based) | | | | |
| CIs, PIs Level A above @ 1.25 | | \$138,808 | \$44,250 | \$183,058 |

STATISTICS – APPROVED FUNDING

| | Av. \$ approved for funding as % of requested | No. of proposals funded | No. of requests |
|------|---|-------------------------|-----------------|
| DP08 | 65.4 | 878 | 4,112 |
| DP07 | 64.3 | 822 | 4,033 |
| DP06 | 69.4 | 917 | 3,742 |

STATISTICS - MONASH DP08 FUNDING

| | No. funded | Average \$ awarded as % of \$ requested | No. funded at 100% | No. funded <50% |
|-------|------------|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| A+ | 27 | 64% | 0 | 5 |
| A | 24 | 60% | 4 | 5 |
| A- | 24 | 45% | 1 | 7 |
| Total | 75 | 58% | 5 | 17 |

TIPS

- Try not to inflate your budget as it will be scrutinised by experienced researchers
- Ask for the amount of cash which is viable to do the project, no more & no less
- Try to show value for money – University and PI Organisation contributions

TIPS

- If you include requests for Fellowships or Teaching Relief, ensure per annum funding will still exceed \$20K in the event these items are not approved, otherwise proposal may be deemed ineligible.

RESEARCH OFFICE MAILING LIST

- Primary method of communicating with ARC applicants
- All notices, updates and clarifications will be circulated through this email network
- To subscribe: email arc@adm.monash.edu.au with 'Subscribe DP09' in subject line

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

- Research Office – step-by-step submission instructions:
<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/academics/funding/information/arc/arc-discovery-projects-2009.html>
- ARC: <http://www.arc.gov.au/>

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