

Monash University Link Assist Fund Guidelines

Development funds for ARC Linkage Projects commencing in 2010 (Rounds 1 & 2) and 2011 (Round 1)

The Monash Research Office is pleased to announce Round 2 of the Monash University Link Assist Fund. The Fund aims to assist researchers in the preparation of high quality Linkage Projects (LP) applications by supporting the development of strong collaborations with Partner Organisations. The current round will provide development funds for proposals to be submitted in Rounds 1 and 2 of 2009 (for projects commencing in 2010) and Round 1 of 2010 (for projects commencing in the first half of 2011).

Note: It is envisaged that there will be one round of Link Assist Fund applications per calendar year and that each round will cover 3 ARC LP rounds, allowing for overlap (ie. Round 3 will cover LP11 Rounds 1 and 2 and LP12 Round 1).

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Fund is to provide funding to support researchers with items such as: travel costs associated with the project, including fostering and strengthening collaborations, research assistance and external/internal readership or other. The applicant must be able to demonstrate how the funding will make their ARC Linkage Projects application more competitive.

HOW TO APPLY?

A completed and signed *Application Form for Monash University Link Assist Fund* for funding commencing in 2010 must be submitted by **Friday, 14 November 2008** to:

**Attention: Link Assist Coordinator
Monash Research Office
Building 3D, Level 1
Clayton Campus**

The Monash University Link Assist Fund Application form is available via a 'Quick Link' on the Monash Research Office webpage at:

<http://www.monash.edu.au/research/contacts/research-office/>

ELIGIBILITY

Funding will only be provided for the development of ARC Linkage Projects proposals which will be seeking project costs. Link Assist funding will not be provided to support development of Australian Postgraduate Award Industry (APAI) - only proposals.

RESTRICTIONS

Please note the following restrictions:

1. Lead Chief Investigator (CI) can submit only one Link Assist proposal
2. A non-lead Chief Investigator can be associated with three Link Assist proposals
3. Preference may be given to applicants who have not previously been funded by this scheme.

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT

Applications will be considered by a selection committee comprising Associate and Deputy Deans Research and representatives from the Monash Research Office and Industry Engagement and Commercialisation Group. Assessment of the applications will be based on the ARC Linkage Projects selection criteria as specified in the ARC Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2009.

AMOUNT OF FUNDING

Funding of **up to \$1,200** per proposal may be provided.

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ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING

Updates on progress of the development of the proposal will be sought periodically.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a report to the Monash Research Office within 2 weeks of submission to the ARC of the Linkage Projects proposal.

In the event that successful recipients of the Monash University Link Assist Fund are unable to submit the ARC Linkage Projects proposal in accordance with the undertaking provided in the *Application Form for Monash University Link Assist Fund*, they will be required to demonstrate that appropriate effort was made to develop the proposal, otherwise funding may be repayable.

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