RSHA Interdisciplinary/Cross-College Collaborative Research Scheme 2019

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Closing date 3 May 2019 for activities 1 June-6 December 2019.

Purpose

The purpose of the RSHA Interdisciplinary/Cross-College Collaborative Research Scheme is to award funding (up to 2 grants, $15,000 each) for researchers to develop and create viable research networks with ANU colleagues working in other academic areas, with a view to development of future funding applications, in particular applications for external funding.

Objectives

The main objectives of this Scheme are:

- To build interdisciplinary capacity between Humanities and the Arts, on the one hand, and colleagues from STEM and other ANU centres and colleges;
- To improve RSHA capacity to address the ANU’s Global Research Challenges and build interdisciplinary research teams;
- To demonstrate the importance of humanities and the arts to guiding scientific, economic, technical, and medical innovation;
- To build RSHA research and grant capacity in line with the ARC’s Engagement and Impact Assessment (EI) designed to encourage greater collaboration between universities, industries, and other end-users of research; and
- To contribute to the interdisciplinary community of national and international scholars in the Research School.

Application

Applicants will be academic staff who are employed by the ANU on a continuing (or continuing contingent-funded) basis, or on a fixed-term basis (provided their current contract does not expire within the next 18 months).

Applications must include:

- A project proposal (750-1000 words) demonstrating the ways in which the project meets the objectives of the grant;
- A list of the investigators (at least two of whom must be from outside the College of Arts and Social Sciences);
• A one-paragraph statement of each investigator’s academic achievements relative to opportunity (c. 250 words);
• Endorsement from the applicant’s Head of School; and
• A budget for the proposed project and quotes where relevant.

Preference will be given to projects which have obtained additional or matching funding from collaborating areas. Collaborations should strive to be gender-balanced and to include a mix of both senior and early career academics.

Criteria

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

• The quality and feasibility of the proposed research project;
• The interdisciplinary and collaborative merit of the project;
• The quality of the investigators’ academic track records, relative to opportunity;
• The securing of any additional or matching funding from the collaboration area; and
• The predicted impact of the project’s outcomes.

The investigators will be expected to provide a brief report (one page) at the end of the year, covering their work on the project, its outcomes and evidence of engagement and impact.

Funding

Funding may be spent on the following:

• seed funding for grant applications;
• workshops;
• seminar series;
• pilot research studies;
• equipment and/or software;
• website creation;
• travel and accommodation; or
• research assistance.

Funding may not be spent on teaching relief or academic staff salaries.

Applications will be assessed by members of the RSHA Executive.

The closing date for applications is COB 3 May 2019. Applicants will be advised of the outcome in writing by Friday 24 May 2019.

Funding must be acquitted/spent by early December 2019 and no funds will be carried forward into 2020.