



GRANT APPLICATIONS & CAPITAL SOURCING

Australian Research Council Funding Applications

“Outcomes of ARC-funded research deliver cultural, economic, social and environmental benefits to all Australians” Australian Research Council

Introduction

The ARC funds research and researchers under the National Competitive Grants Program. As part of its commitment to nurturing the creative abilities and skills of Australia’s most promising researchers it provides funding under the following programs:

- ♦ **ARC Discovery Grants** including Australian Laureate Fellowships, Discovery Early Career Researcher Award, Discovery Indigenous, Discovery Projects, Future Fellowships and Super Science Fellowships
- ♦ **ARC Linkage Grants** including Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities, Linkage Learned Academies Special Projects, Linkage Projects
- ♦ **Industrial Transformation Research Program Applications** including Industrial Transformation Research Hubs, Industrial Transformation Training Centres
- ♦ **ARC Centres of Excellence**

CIS has assisted with ARC funding applications including Linkage, Discovery, Laureate, Early Career Researcher, Centres of Excellence, and Industrial Transformation Research Programs. We provide a range of services including advice on how to address selection criteria and align the application to the selection criteria, partner engagement support such as collecting partner information and documentation, identifying and engaging potential partners, and developing business cases for potential partners; and development of the budget and contribution schedules.

We have developed proprietary software tools and templates to provide fast and efficient grant application development.

Our Projects

Our most current projects include:

- ♦ **Queensland University of Technology - Centre of Excellence for Digital Transformations**
We developed a detailed financial model for the Centre of Excellence with budgets for the ARC funding request, the administering organisation, the collaborating organisations, the partner organisations, the centre head office and also five individual research areas. These budgets were also provided in a form that completely aligned with the input required on the ARC’s RMS system.
- ♦ **Curtin University - Industrial Transformation Research Program Training Centre for Food Supply Chain**
We met with lead researchers to develop the strategy; and liaised with industry and researchers to develop and obtain letters of support, CV (ROPE sections), statements of collaboration and contributions. We drafted sections of the application relating to partner engagement and contributions and reviewed and provided feedback on the final application.



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Our Services

We have experience and expertise in all aspects of ARC grant applications and are able to customise arrangements to best meet your needs.



APPLICATION REVIEWS

- ◆ Review application against criteria
- ◆ Review application competitiveness
- ◆ One on one feedback sessions
- ◆ Interpret application guidelines
- ◆ Identify application strengths/weaknesses
- ◆ Edit and update application



APPLICATION MANAGEMENT

- ◆ Develop project plan
- ◆ Guidance on time frames
- ◆ Identify key activities
- ◆ Oversee participant activities
- ◆ Provide customised participant templates
- ◆ Facilitate decision making



PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

- ◆ Liaise with partners
- ◆ Guide expectations
- ◆ Negotiate contributions and returns
- ◆ Develop business case
- ◆ Collection of partner information
- ◆ Identify and engage with potential partners



BUDGETS AND FINANCIAL MODEL

- ◆ Collect partner contributions
- ◆ Develop research budgets
- ◆ Develop financial summaries
- ◆ Model different assumptions
- ◆ Complete RMS budgets
- ◆ Develop allocation summaries



APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Assist with the strategic development of the application
- ◆ Draft sections of the grant application
- ◆ Liaise with researchers and partners to develop CVs and ROPE sections
- ◆ Mentor researchers during application process



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