Aboriginal Research – (UniSA) Internal Seed Funding Scheme under the Aboriginal Research Strategy 2019-25

What will we consider supporting?

The Deputy Vice Chancellor: Research and Enterprise (DVCRE) and the Pro Vice Chancellor: Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy (PVC: ALS) will jointly consider applications received in furtherance of Aboriginal Research under the Aboriginal Research Strategy 2019-25; for seed funding of up to $25,000 per application.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- High-value, strategic and novel Aboriginal research that benefits First Nations Peoples.
- First Nations community engagement and evidence of Aboriginal leadership and community benefit that enables self-determination for First Nations Peoples.
- Alignment with Aboriginal Elders and Communities' research priorities (i.e., Wellbeing and Mental Health; Food Systems and Security; Ageing Housing and Education; and Preservation and Curation of Aboriginal Cultures, Languages and Knowledge).
- Alignment to the Aboriginal Research Strategy, including the guiding principles, and AIATSIS guidelines.
- Existence of direct links to Category 1 – 4 Grant Funds with specific interest in ARC, MRFF, CRC, CRCS, Defence Industry Partnership, Indigenous Discover, MRFF and CRCs.
- The extent to which the project provides a basis for building research activity and/or capacity at UniSA (e.g. future funding applications, career development of ECRs and MCRs).
- Innovation, strategic partnerships and potential translation and impact.

Funding Requirements?

- Requests can only be made by UniSA staff:
  - Who will be UniSA employees throughout the duration of the proposed grant, or have adjunct status and whose salary will be met by the grant, and who have a UniSA ORCID ID.
  - Who provide a full list of UniSA staff associated with the application—including adjunct and emeritus staff—and their ORCID IDs.
- Funds awarded in 2024 must be expended in 2024.
- That such funds **cannot** be used for research degree scholarships or stipends.
- Successful applicants(s) to present a final report by Friday 6 December 2023. The report must include a final acquittal that outlines how the funds were used (see Attachment 1).

Please note that grants will be administered on a rolling basis until the fund is exhausted. No more than two projects over five years per applicant may be awarded.

Who can approve my request?

- The application must be endorsed and supported by the relevant Dean of Research
- The DVCRE and the PVC: ALS or delegates will jointly assess the applications
- Any such decision made shall be final and not subject to any review and/or appeal.

How will I know the outcome of my application?

You will receive an email copied to the relevant Dean of Research from Research and Innovation Services (RIS) advising the outcome of your application. This notification will advise of any conditions attached to the award.

What happens if I am successful in the grant application?

- Funds will be transferred from the DVCRE to RIS to manage and report against on behalf of the researcher and their responsible Academic Unit.
- The researcher will be able to draw down on the funds awarded as agreed with RIS.

When and where should I lodge this form?

Unless an exception has been granted by the DVCRE and the PVC ALS, all applications must be received no later than Friday 30 August 2024 to ensure there is a minimum of 3 months research time before reaching the closing and reporting / acquittal date of Friday 6 December 2024.

Please note to avoid any misunderstanding or confusion, that any funds awarded under this scheme must be fully acquitted by Friday 6 December 2024.

Applications may be sent to Sophie Murray, Partner Engagement Manager: Aboriginal Research, at sophie.murray@unisa.edu.au, with the relevant Dean of Research copied in. Furthermore, general enquiries may also be directed to the Partner Engagement Manager: Aboriginal Research.

Please note that applications sent directly to the DVCRE or to the PVC: ALS will not be processed.

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ABORIGINAL RESEARCH – FUNDING REQUEST FOR STRATEGIC CO-INVESTMENT

SECTION 1: RESEARCHER DETAILS			
Lead UniSA Researcher		ORCID ID	
Academic Unit			
Researcher Name(s) *(add extra rows as necessary)*		ORCID ID	

SECTION 2: APPLICATION DETAILS	
Project Name	
Description of the research project *(up to 250 words)*	
Describe alignment to the Aboriginal Research Strategy and the Aboriginal Elders and Communities' priorities *(up to 250 words)*	
Describe Aboriginal engagement, leadership of the project and benefit which will enable self-determination of First Nations, including but not limited to co-authorship and intellectual property ownership) *(up to 250 words)*	

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Describe the potential translation and research impact *(up to 250 words)*

Outline what external funding the applicant is working towards *(up to 250 words)*   (e.g., ARC, MRFF, CRC, CRCS, Defence Industry Partnership, Indigenous Discover, MRFF, CRCs, ECRs and MCRs etc.)

SECTION 3: PROJECT BUDGET INFORMATION	
Proposed Project Start Date	
Proposed Project End Date	
How much cash is your Academic Unit able to co-invest? *(field must be completed, even if $0)*	*(please transfer this information into Year 1 table immediately below)*
What is the total in-kind you are asking UniSA to co-invest?	*(please transfer this information into Year 1 table immediately below)*
What is the total amount of cash you are asking UniSA to co-invest?	*(please transfer this information into Year 1 table immediately below)*

Provide a summary below of the project's budget, including all co-contributions mentioned immediately above
(round to whole dollars)

	Year 1	Year 2 (if applicable for leverage purposes, and if approved)	Year 3 (if applicable for leverage purposes, and if approved)
DVCRE Cash (seed funding)			
Academic Unit Cash			
UniSA in kind			
UniSA cash			
Other partners cash			
Total			

SECTION 4: APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
I confirm that details in this application are a true and accurate reflection of the proposal.		
Signature of Applicant	*Printed Name*	*Date*

SECTION 5: RESEARCH PROPOSAL

SECTION 6: ACADEMIC UNIT / INSTITUTE SUPPORT
Please attached email of confirmation from the relevant Dean Research which specifies the level of support to be granted, that the details in the form are correct, and that the applying team demonstrate the University's core staff attributes.

Have you attached a copy of the Dean's approval for project and AU contribution?	

SECTION 7: SUBMITTING THIS FORM

Please send this form and accompanying materials to Sophie Murray, Partner Engagement Manager: Aboriginal Research, at sophie.murray@unisa.edu.au, with the relevant Dean of Research copied in.

NOTE:

1.   Unless otherwise agreed, unspent DVCRE funds may be reclaimed by Research and Innovation Services from your cost centre.
2.   Finally, at the conclusion of your research project, please complete the final reporting and acquittal requirements outlined in Attachment 1; titled '*Aboriginal Research – (UniSA) Internal Seed Funding Scheme under the Aboriginal Research Strategy 2019-25 Final Report and Acquittal Form*' (see attached).

WEB LINKS

The following web links provide background information and training as it relates to Aboriginal Research, and applicants may find this information useful in support of your application:

➤   Development and Management of Research Projects - https://i.unisa.edu.au/staff/research/
➤   Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy – https://www.unisa.edu.au/about-unisa/Aboriginal-education/
➤   Ethics: Aboriginal Research – https://i.unisa.edu.au/staff/research/research-ethics/human-research-ethics/aboriginal-research/
➤   Ethical conduct in research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and communities – https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/ethics/ethical-guidelines-research-aboriginal-and-torres-strait-islander-peoples
➤   Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Awareness – https://i.unisa.edu.au/staff/ptc/performance-and-development/aboriginal-cultural-awareness/
➤   *Yara Nguturla Tampirrinthi* Cultural Competency Training https://lo.unisa.edu.au/course/view.php?id=22999.

The web links mentioned above are not intended to be exhaustive but rather for information purposes **only**.