

Aboriginal Research and Teaching & Learning– (UniSA) Internal Seed Funding Scheme

What will we consider supporting?

The Provost & Chief Academic Officer (PCAO), 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 and teaching & learning under the University's relevant guiding strategies for seed funding of up to \$25,000 per application. A total of \$150,000 has been made available in 2025.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- High-value, strategic and novel research or teaching and learning initiatives that benefit Aboriginal Peoples, knowledges and communities.
- Evidence of Aboriginal leadership, community engagement and governance that enables self-determination.
- Alignment with key strategic priorities including the [UniSA Aboriginal Research Strategy 2019-2025](#) and [Enterprise25 Strategic Action Plan](#).
- Ethical principles of engagement as outlined in UniSA's [Yurirka: Proppa Engagement with Aboriginal Peoples](#) document, as well as the [AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research](#), and the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#).
- The extent to which the project provides a basis for building research and teaching & learning activities and/or capacity at UniSA (e.g. future funding applications, career development of ECRs and MCRs, educational pathways and programs).
- Projects supporting innovation, the development of strategic partnerships, real-life translation, and impact both now and into the future of Adelaide University.

What are the 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 for relevant research-related proposals.
 - Who provide a full list of UniSA staff associated with the application—including adjunct and emeritus staff—and their ORCID IDs as applicable.
- Funds awarded in 2025 must be expended in 2025.
- That such funds **cannot** be used for research degree scholarships or stipends.
- Successful applicants(s) to present a final report by Friday 28 November 2025. 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 Executive Dean.
- The PCAO or 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.

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How will I be notified of the outcome of my application?

You will receive an email from the Partner Engagement Manager: Aboriginal Research 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 PCAO or DVCRE offices to URO to manage and report against on behalf of the successful applicant and their responsible Academic Unit.
- The successful applicant will be able to draw down on the funds awarded as agreed with URO.

When and where should I lodge this form?

Unless an exception has been granted by the PCAO or DVCRE and the PVC ALS, all applications must be received no later than Friday 27 June 2025 to ensure there is adequate research time before reaching the closing and reporting / acquittal date of Friday 28 November 2025.

Please note to avoid any misunderstanding or confusion, that any funds awarded under this scheme must be fully acquitted by Friday 28 November 2025.

General enquiries and applications may be sent to Sophie Murray, Partner Engagement Manager: Aboriginal Research, at sophie.murray@unisa.edu.au, with the relevant Executive Dean copied in.

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

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ABORIGINAL RESEARCH AND TEACHING & LEARNING – FUNDING REQUEST FOR STRATEGIC CO-INVESTMENT

SECTION 1: APPLICANT DETAILS			
Lead UniSA Applicant		ORCID ID <i>(applicable for research-focused applications)</i>	
Academic Unit			
Additional Applicant Name(s) <i>(add extra rows as necessary)</i>		ORCID ID <i>(applicable for research-focused applications)</i>	

SECTION 2: APPLICATION DETAILS	
Project Name	
Description of the research or teaching and learning project <i>(up to 250 words)</i>	
Describe alignment to the Aboriginal Research Strategy or Enterprise25 Strategic Plan <i>(up to 250 words)</i>	



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Describe Aboriginal engagement, leadership of the project and benefit which will enable self-determination of Aboriginal Peoples, including but not limited to co-authorship and intellectual property ownership) (up to 250 words)

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

Outline how this project builds capacity (up to 250 words)

Describe how this project supports innovation, future funding opportunities and/or contributes to building research and teaching & learning capacity at UniSA & Adelaide University.

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SECTION 3: PROJECT BUDGET INFORMATION			
Proposed Project Start Date			
Proposed Project End Date			
How much co-funding is your Academic Unit able to co-invest? <i>(field must be completed, even if \$0)</i>	<i>(please transfer this information into Year 1 table immediately below)</i>		
What is the total in-kind you are asking UniSA to co-invest?	<i>(please transfer this information into Year 1 table immediately below)</i>		
What is the total amount of co-funding you are seeking from the Seed Funding Scheme?	<i>(please transfer this information into Year 1 table immediately below)</i>		
Provide a summary below of the project's budget, including all co-contributions mentioned immediately above <i>(round to whole dollars)</i>			
	Year 1	Year 2 <small>(if applicable for leverage purposes, and if approved)</small>	Year 3 <small>(if applicable for leverage purposes, and if approved)</small>
PCAO/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.		
<i>Signature of Applicant</i>	<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Date</i>



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SECTION 5: RESEARCH PROPOSAL

SECTION 6: ACADEMIC UNIT / INSTITUTE SUPPORT

Please attached email of confirmation from the relevant Executive Dean 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 Executive 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 Executive Dean copied in.

NOTE:

1. Unless otherwise agreed, unspent PCAO/DVCRE funds may be reclaimed by the URO.
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**.