

2025 Research Partnership Fund Application Form

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Administrative Summary

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Before you begin

Please ensure that you have read and understood the Research Partnership Fund 2025 [Funding Rules](#).

Save as you go Manually save your work as you progress through the application.

How to Submit 1. Fill in this form in SmartyGrants, with the exception of the certification section.

2. Generate a copy of your application and submit to your Head of School/Department with the [certification page](#).

3. Upload the signed certification page into this application and submit.

4. Upon submission you will automatically be sent a copy of the final application. It cannot be changed once it is submitted.

Eligibility

The lead applicant must have Head of Department/Centre/Institute endorsement to apply in the round *

☐ Yes, the lead applicant has received/will receive endorsement

Have you discussed your application/partnership(s) with Dominique Goodwin, RIC FBE Business Development Manager: dominique.goodwin@unimelb.edu.au *

☐ Yes, the lead applicant had discussed their application with the FBE Business Development Manager

☐ No

Applicants must have discussed their applications with the FBE Business Development Manager before submitting

Evidence of matched cash funds from an industry partner is required for funding to be awarded and released *

☐ Yes, the applicant understands that evidence of matched cash funds from an industry partner is required for funding to be awarded and released.

Do any of the applicants currently hold outstanding grant acquittals for any internal or external research funding? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

All applicants must not at the time of application have outstanding grant acquittals for any internal or external research funding.

You are not eligible to apply for this grant

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Applicant/s Details

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Lead Applicant Details

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

IA Role *

IA refers to Internal Association

Department *

Other applicants

Are there any other applicants? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Additional applicant details

Please select 'Add More' for multiple additional applicants.

Title	Name	Name of Applicant's Department Organisation	
		Please specify, either The University of Melbourne or the name of the external organisation	Only relevant for applicants from The University of Melbourne. If applicant is from an external organisation, please select 'External Applicant'.

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Project Details

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Project Title *

Must be no more than 10 words.

Project Summary *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

It is important that the 100-word summary be written for an intelligent lay reader, as this is one of the first pieces of information used by committees to gauge the overall significance of the research project.

Research Quality and Expected Outcomes *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

This might include but is not restricted to: significance of the project, including consideration of the alignment with University and Faculty strategies, and the extent to which the project is soundly conceived and planned. This section should also include the likelihood that the research will lead to the production of high-quality, ongoing programs of research supported by external research funding, including follow on industry funding.

Research Plan, Methods, Techniques and Proposed Timing *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Items that might be included are a clear indication of the scope and limitations of the project, a timetable showing the achievement of key stages in the project and where appropriate, the experimental design.

Internal Capability *

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This section should include the extent to which the team capability is appropriate to the proposed research goals and outcomes. This includes mentorship of the researcher by Department and Faculty staff.

Which of the following ERS themes apply to the work? Please tick all that apply. *

- ☐ Ethics (e.g. values, trust, virtues, decision making)
- ☐ Governance (e.g. corporate governance, institutions, and markets)
- ☐ Leadership (e.g. responsible leadership, ethical leadership, stewardship, leadership development)
- ☐ Corporate Responsibility (e.g. accountability, CSR, integrity management, supply chain, procurement)
- ☐ Diversity and Inclusion (e.g. age, gender, mental health, race/ethnicity, sexuality)
- ☐ Indigeneity (e.g. engagement, reconciliation, well-being, leadership in business)
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability (e.g. climate change, climate futures, risk, fair trade)
- ☐ Sustainable Innovation and Entrepreneurship (e.g. responsible innovation, social innovation, social entrepreneurship)
- ☐ Digital (e.g. digital business ethics, privacy, algorithms, blockchain technology, tokenisation)
- ☐ Partnerships and Collaboration (e.g. stakeholder engagement, conflicts, activism, community)
- ☐ Ethical Finance and Investing (e.g. impact investment, ERS investment)
- ☐ Global responsibility (e.g. ethics of globalisation, development, and multinationals)
- ☐ International Principles and systems (e.g. integration of supra-national standards and principles e.g. PRME, SDGs, GRI)

Please describe the alignment to Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability principles *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

Investigator Details

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Please discuss how the project is appropriate to your current career context, and how it will progress your career. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Partnership Details

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Briefly describe your partner(s) and the nature of your partnership(s) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Specifically include details on the importance of the Partnership to the Department and the Faculty and the track record of the relationship with the partner.

Briefly describe how the partner/(s) are providing matching funding of the project/ program of research now and how this will extend into further funding. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Include details as such as: availability of matching funding for the project and for future funding of collaborative research programs; the likelihood of success for sustained, ongoing programs of research supported by external research funding.

Has the Industry Partner committed matched funding for this project? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Please confirm what type of support the Industry Partner has committed *

- ☐ Matched cash funding
- ☐ In-kind contribution (you must respond to the below question)
- ☐ Cash and in-kind contribution (you must respond to the below question)

Additional detail

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

If the support is in-kind, or cash and in-kind; please explain the value of the in-kind contribution, the importance of the in-kind contribution, and the strategic importance of the Partnership. In this instance, please refer to Funding Rule 3.5: In certain circumstances, in-kind contributions can be considered as matched funding from partner organisations. The decision is at the discretion of the ADR/ FRIC.

Budget

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The Research Partnership Fund offers to match funding for research costs to support research collaboration relevant industry, government, community, and international organisations. Awards can be made between \$5,000 and up to \$50,000 per project, for projects between 6 - 36 months duration.

Please provide a brief project budget. **Refer to Section 4 of the [Research Partnership Fund 2025 Funding Rules](#) to determine eligible expenditure.**

Instructions:

- Please add an additional row for each new budget category.
- List individual budget items for each category in the central column, with their individual costs.
- Enter the overall cost for that category in the third column.
- List items and their relevant details and costs.
- All costs should be listed excluding GST.
- When using the budget calculator to determine the cost of hiring RAs, **please note:** RA Grades 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3 have a Bachelor degree entry point. Research Assistants can also be employed at Academic Levels A1-A8. RAs with a PhD enter at A6.

Budget items not supported Funds will not be provided for the following;

- Funding will not be provided for standard items of office equipment (e.g. computers), editing or proof-reading costs, or operational costs for any team member or their organisation.
- Support for travel will not be given for attendances at conferences.
- Grants will be awarded for new research only and not for deficit financing of existing research.

Budget Category	Items requested (include individual costs)	Justification of the Budget	Amount Requested for Category	Year
		Explain why each item listed is essential for the project; do not simply restate information that is already provided in the budget. For example, it is not enough to say in the justification that a senior research assistant costs \$X per annum, as this should already be shown in the budget. Justification of the claim should state why an item is required. The same level of explanation is required for all items. For example,	Must be a dollar amount.	

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		if a full-time senior research assistant is requested: • Why can't this work be done without a research assistant? • Why are they needed full-time as opposed to part-time or casual appointments? • Why is the experience of a senior research assistant, rather than a more junior assistant required?	
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Budget Totals

Total Amount Requested *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Compliance and Regulatory Approvals

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New Section

Have you identified any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest in undertaking this project in accordance with Managing Conflicts of Interest Policy (MPF1366)?

- ☐ Yes, a management plan is in place
- ☐ Yes, a management plan is not in place
- ☐ No

Respond on behalf of all members of the research team.

Provide the reference number of the Conflict of interest management plan (if applicable)

Fields of Research Codes (FoR)

You may include up to five FoR codes that best describe your area(s) of research, as relevant to the nominated publication(s). Please include code, description, and percentage (totalling 100% for all codes), e.g.:

- 123456 - Atlantean Spearfishing (excl. mammals) - 51%;
- 654321 - Atlantean Poetry - 49%

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FoR Code

Select a Code *

FoR Code %

Percentage *

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

Total FoR Percentage

This number/amount is calculated.

Socio-Economic Objective Codes (SEO)

You may include up to five SEO codes that best describe your area(s) of research, as relevant to the proposed research project. Please include code, description, and percentage (totalling 100% for all codes).

SEO Code

Select a Code *

SEO Code %

Percentage *

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

Total SEO Percentage

This number/amount is calculated.

Declarations and Certification

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Head of School/Department Certification

Please provide your Head of School/Department with a PDF copy of your application and request that they authorise it via the following certification page ([available for download here](#))

Please upload the signed certification page *

Attach a file:

Head of School/Department Approved Budget

Each application must be submitted with an approved and signed research Budget Form. Please provide your Head of School/Department with a copy of your budget and request that they sign it ([available for download here](#)).

Please upload the signed budget *

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Attach a file:

Applicant Declaration

By submitting this application, I declare that the information I have given in this application is correct and true, and I hereby give my consent to the Faculty Research Committee to administrate and assess my application. *

☐ I agree