ARC Linkage Infrastructure Equipment and Facilities 2020

Information Session for Potential Applicants
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LIEF Scheme

Funds cooperative initiatives so that expensive infrastructure, equipment and facilities can be shared between higher education organisations and also industry

Provides funding for:

- Infrastructure, equipment and facility purchases, construction and installation
- Major computing/data facilities, animal houses, herbaria and experimental farms
- Salaries directly associated with creating and installing infrastructure, equipment or facilities
- Consortium membership costs, in the case of Australia's participation in the use of significant international-scale or national research facilities
- Library and research information infrastructure.

Note: as all ARC schemes, the LIEF scheme does not support medical and dental research

More information on ARC website:
**LIEF Objectives**

Encourage **collaborative arrangements amongst institutions** to develop and support research infrastructure.

Support large-scale **national and international cooperative initiatives** to allow for expensive research infrastructure to be shared.

Support areas of **existing and/or emerging research strength**.

Support and develop research infrastructure for the broader research community.

**Collaboration is a key objective - a successful bid typically involves the shared use of facilities on different projects and/or collaborative project.**

**Consult the ARC LIEF register – you have to justify applying for something already on this register.**

More information on ARC website:  
ARC Key Dates for LIEF 2020

Release of Funding Rules: TBA (usually earlier!)

Proposals Open: TBA (usually late January)

UNSW NOI deadline: February 2019* **

Internal deadline for Strategic Review: TBA

Request Not to Assess Close: TBA

Internal Deadline for GMO Compliance Review: TBA

ARC External Close: TBA (usually late March/early April)

Rejoinders: TBA

Anticipated announcement: TBA

*But we welcome basic information such as title, Lead CI and potential partners as early as possible (email w.lao@unsw.edu.au).

**Some partner university internal deadlines are significantly earlier – next slide

Updates will be available on GMO website:
https://research.unsw.edu.au/grants-management-office
University Key Dates for LIEF 2020 – Notification of Intention to Apply (NOI)

**UNSW NOI deadline:** February 2019, exact date TB

Be aware that other institutions may have much earlier deadlines. Examples from last year are Adelaide’s and UTAS deadlines which were in December.

For all VIC universities, EOIs are lodged via the VIC LIEF portal, with a common deadline (usually early February but some uni’s have earlier internal deadlines)

Start conversations with potential partners EARLY!
Working out the $$ and cash contributions

Partner commitment is measured in $$ (all Australian universities need to put in cash)

So you must be prepared to ask for cash when approaching potential partners

Work out the potential scale of your LIEF budget early – matching funding strategy may be different for very large LIEFs compared to moderately sized proposals

The EOI/NOI process is essentially an internal request for funds – if your budget changes after the EOI stage, it’s not automatic that UNSW or the partners will change their contributions to match

CIs and how to select them

This is totally strategic – need CIs who will be the major users and whose research track record will justify the funding

You do not need to ‘fill all available slots’ unless this is really the best strategy

For LIEF: one CI/PI from each organisation is named a manager CI (track record in facility/infrastructure management)
Are you resubmitting a previous application?

Please take the changes to the funding rules into account

Incorporate any comments from your reviewers into the updated proposal

Consider focus, scale and CIs – should any of these change?
Are you submitting a new application?

LIEF is different from other ARC schemes

Start talking to potential partners early!
Resources

Funding rules, instructions to applications, etc. are available from the ARC website:


Supporting information and updates are available from the GMO website:

https://research.unsw.edu.au/australian-research-council-arc

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We will also hold a more detailed strategic workshop on how to apply early next year.
Questions?