

**FACULTY OF EDUCATION****Pilot Linkage/Discovery/Commercial Research Award  
Guidelines****AIM**

ARC Linkage/Discovery/Commercial projects support high quality research which has the potential for social benefit to Australia and which will encourage research collaboration between higher education institutions and industry. Linkage and commercial proposals must contain an industry contribution, in cash or in kind. The maximum level of funding provided for a project is \$5,000 per year. Applicants can seek funding for personnel, equipment, maintenance and travel.

**ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible, an applicant must be an academic staff member of the Faculty of Education. Where there are "team" applicants, the first-named Principal Investigator must be an academic staff member of the Faculty of Education. Preferences will be given to recipients working in close collaboration with another academic staff member in the Faculty of Education or with another academic staff from another Faculty within the University. This reflects the increased emphasis on Collaborative Interdisciplinary National Research projects, especially by ARC and DEST. It is recommended that at least one member of the team has a strong record in publications and grants.

There may be only one application from each Principal Investigator per round.

Preference will be given to applicants who have not previously applied for an ARC Linkage-Project, Discovery Grant or SPIRT Grant.

**GUIDELINES**

The application for the Faculty Pilot Research Award (PRA) is intended to reflect the application process required for ARC Grants. For further assistance go to: <http://www.arc.gov.au/default.htm>

The application must be limited to six (6) A4 pages of typescript in 11 font and a signed statement of support by the Head of School for each named applicant must be attached. The following must be addressed briefly in the application:

1. Aims and significance of the project
2. Research plan and methodology
3. Nature of the industry partner contribution
4. Quality of the research team
5. Economic and/or social benefits of the project and expected impact resulting from the output of this research
6. Justification of Budget
7. Brief statement of the capacity and commitment of the industry partners \*\*
8. Letter of support from the industry partner \*\*
9. Brief statement listing sources and amounts of other funding for current projects

\*\* For Linkage and Commercial projects.

The application must be limited to six (6) A4 pages of typescript in 11 font, in easily readable typescript. A signed statement of support by the Head of School for each named applicant must be attached.

**APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applications close in the Associate Dean's Office and will be considered by the Faculty Research Standing Committee. Applicants will be notified of the result of the application within four weeks of the closing date.

For further queries regarding this funding please contact Professor Elizabeth Warren (Chair) FRSC, Email: [rtp.assocdeaned@acu.edu.au](mailto:rtp.assocdeaned@acu.edu.au)

Applications should be forwarded to the Executive Officer, Office of the Associate Dean, Research, Research Training and Partnerships, Faculty of Education (PO Box 456, Virginia, QLD, 4014) or emailed to: [rtp.assocdeaned@acu.edu.au](mailto:rtp.assocdeaned@acu.edu.au)

**REPORTING**

Interim reports: submitted according to the time-line given in the application OR  
At the end of semester, if the grant is for a longer period than one semester.

Final report: To be submitted within one month of completion according to the timeline agreed to on application. The final report should also include evidence of output, e.g. drafting of DEST recognised publications, grant applications etc.

**CONSTRAINTS**

Variations from the approved budget must be passed by the Faculty Research Standing Committee (FRSC). The PRA cannot be used in conjunction with nor as a substitute for other schemes available within ACU National. Please note, the Faculty has a policy of not supplying funding for Teacher release.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE**

**July and December** (see [Faculty Research Support website](#) for full dates)