

Support with ARC Discovery and Linkage Applications Faculty Strategic Mentoring Scheme

The Faculty is promoting its Strategic Mentoring Scheme again this year to assist applicants who wish to submit a 2009 ARC Discovery or Linkage application (for funding commencing in 2010). The scheme this year is based on the ARC Working group proposal endorsed by Research Committee (RC34/09).

Note – this scheme is intended only for those ARC applicants who would like a mentor to assist with the preparation of their application. You can submit an ARC application without going through this process. Those people who do not have a quality application prepared by the 12th December will not be eligible for any monetary incentive (\$500) – but will still be able to access readers in the Faculty. The intention of this scheme is to provide intensive support and individualised feedback on ARC application (Linkage and Discovery) developed by potential applicants. Mentoring guidelines and mentee expectations would need to be further thought through. Funding to support the mentor and mentee will be available through Research Committee funding (NCG applications except Linkage) and the University's Link Assist scheme (for Linkage applications) <http://www.monash.edu.au/researchoffice/mu/enabling-grants.html>

There is a timeline and process for new applications and a different timeline for applications which were submitted previously, but were unsuccessful – both will be eligible for the Strategic Mentoring Scheme. The Faculty Research Committee strongly encourages all unsuccessful applications to be resubmitted in 2010.

We will be holding generic research support seminars on **Wednesday September 23** from 1.00 – 2.00pm, **Wednesday October 21** from 1.00-2.00pm and **Monday November 16** from 10.30am-3pm (see attached flyer). The seminars will be held in room G23 (Clayton), A.3.48 (Peninsula) and 2S120 (Gippsland) concurrently. Please put these dates in your diaries and RSVP to Rondinne.Hills@Education.monash.edu.au at least one week before the seminar. If you plan on applying in the next round of Discovery or Linkage applications you are strongly encouraged to attend.

You can also listen to and access documents from past Professional Development Sessions on applying for ARC Discovery and Linkage Applications at: <http://insite.education.monash.edu.au/research/rqf/prof-dev-sessions.html#arcworkshop>

Please note:

Staff in the Faculty Research Office will assist researchers with their application by

- preparing your budget
- loading the budget and other required sections onto GAMS
- formatting and advice on specific parts of your applications (Part B; Parts C1,C2,C3; and Part E)
- arranging readers from within and outside the faculty to provide feedback on the proposal
- printing your application and submitting on GAMS
- liaising with the University Research Office staff with any queries which require their attention

See below:

Strategic Mentoring Scheme for New Applications:

The timeline for those applicants submitting new projects will be as follows:

September	October	November	December
Applicants prepare expressions of interest using Strategic Mentoring Scheme application form	Expressions of Interest to be submitted by 9 th October to the Strategic Mentoring Scheme Working Party through the Faculty Research Office (Chris Siva) Pairing of applicants and mentors – early October Information sessions in October/November Applicants to work with mentors on research design.	Good first draft to be finalised with mentors by 20 st November.	Finishing of quality draft by 11 th December. Monetary incentive for applicants finishing a quality application by 11 th December.

- Applicants will be allocated a mentor (someone, at A/Prof or Prof level who has had one or more successful applications with ARC Discovery or Linkage applications in the past or someone at senior lecturer level who has had more than one success in the past). The mentor will work with them from project bid conception and development to completion (a maximum of three meetings). At their first meeting of applicants with mentors in October, applicants are asked to bring a project summary (A5.1) and a summary of how they might respond to the 'significance and innovation' (E3), approach and methodology' (E4) and 'national benefit' (E5) sections of the application (see sample attached application).
At the second meeting in October, it is suggested that Section B would be discussed; GAMS ID numbers arranged and RFCD codes and keywords decided.
The third applicant/mentor meeting would be held sometime before 20th November.
- The mentor will also work with the applicant to use the project as a basis for other Category 1 or 2 applications.
- The mentor will receive a monetary value of \$1,000 (per application mentored) to buy them out of other commitments and the applicant will receive a monetary value (per application) as an incentive if a quality application is completed by 11th December. (Note the monetary value will be decided by the Research Resourcing Subcommittee in November).
- The mentor will be in a cognate area to the applicant.
- The current reader scheme will continue to operate, whereby final draft applications are sent to two more general readers (also previously successful applicants) for comment.

Mentoring Scheme for Unsuccessful ARC Applications (after ARC 2009 for 2010):

The timeline for those applications being resubmitted will be as follows:

October	November	December
<p>One week after the 2009-10 funding results are announced (second half of October), those persons who were unsuccessful (<i>but in the top 50%</i>), and wish to resubmit their application in 2010 should submit a copy of their application, assessments, rejoinders and final results letter to the Research Office.</p> <p>The Strategic Mentoring Scheme Working Party will make a determination on the type of support most needed to enable the application to have its best chance of success - this may be allocating a mentor, assigning readers, asking several senior members of staff to provide comments on the application</p> <p>Attend ARC information session in October/November</p> <p>Applicants to work with mentors / assigned readers or follow on from the advice of the ARC Strategic Mentoring Working Party on research design.</p>	<p>Good first draft to be finalised with mentors or assigned readers by 20st November.</p>	<p>Finishing of quality draft by 11th December.</p> <p>Monetary incentive for applicants finishing a quality application by 11th December.</p>

1. The ARC Strategic Mentoring Working Party will make a determination on the type of support most needed to enable the application its best chance at success – this may be allocating a mentor, assigning readers, asking several senior members of staff to provide comments on the application (possibly as a round table discussion). Any persons involved with mentoring, reading or providing feedback on the application will be someone, at A/Prof or Prof level who has had one or more successful applications with ARC Discovery or Linkage applications in the past or someone at senior lecturer level who has had more than one success in the past.

The mentor will receive a monetary value (per application mentored) to buy them out of other commitments and the applicant will receive a monetary value (per application) as an incentive if a quality application is completed by 11th December. (Note the monetary value will be decided by the Research Resourcing Subcommittee in November).

2. The mentor will be in a cognate area to the applicant.
3. The current reader scheme will continue to operate, whereby final draft applications are sent to two more general readers (also previously successful applicants) for comment.

Membership of the ARC Strategic Mentoring Working Party:

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