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**RESEARCH THEME GRANT ASSISTANCE SCHEME 2024**

**Expression of Interest**

Expressions of Interest are now open for the Research Theme Program’s grant assistance scheme. This scheme supports researchers within Schools and Institutes to build capacity for pursuing future funding applications in either Category 1 (e.g., ARC Linkage Grants, NHMRC Partnership Grants, NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence Grants); Category 2 (public sector, incl. research contracts); or Category 3 (private sector, philanthropy, international sources) are now open. EOI close 27 November 2023.

The research must align with the Research Themes of **Education & Work; Health & Wellbeing, Environment & Sustainability and/or Urban Living Futures & Society**. More than one cluster must be represented to clearly indicate inter- or trans-disciplinarity research.

Please carefully read the guidelines for this scheme before completing this application.

**CLOSING DATE FOR EOI: 27 NOVEMBER 2023**

**1. Project Summary**

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| **Project Title** |  |

Please select the theme that your project relates to (you may pick more than one if your project is cross disciplinary and this is reflected in the team expertise detailed below in Section 3):

**Education & Work**

**Environment & Sustainability**

**Health & Wellbeing**

**Urban Living Futures & Society**

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| **Amount requested (as detailed in the budget below in Section 5)** |  |

**2. Project Lead Details**

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| **Project Lead Name** |  |
| **School/Institute** |  |
| **Mobile** |  |
| **Email** |  |

**3. Team Member Details**

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| **Name** | **School/Institute Affiliation & Cluster; researchers from other institutions and/or industry partners and their role in the project (add more lines if required)** |
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To be eligible for this funding, every application must include at least one external partner from an industry or government organisation. Please identify that organisation below, and provide a very brief explanation of the nature of the partnership with this collaborator.

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| **Name of partner organisation** |  |
| **Nature of the partnership (no more than a few lines is needed).** |  |

**4. Project Details**

**a.** **Project description**: Please provide a concise description of the planned research (scientific rationale for the need for the project, research questions, method, outcomes to be achieved because of conducting the project – no more than 1 page)

**b. Proposed funding body**: Please name specifically, the funding source, due date and weblink to the guidelines for the proposed funding scheme you are intending to apply for before 31 March 2025. Please detail each if more than one. Please provide a timeline for submission to this scheme.

**c. Rationale**: Please provide a concise explanation of why the funding application would not be possible without funding from this scheme (i.e., of what benefit will this funding be to you).

**d. Impact:**  Briefly describe the real-world impact, or potential real-world impact, this project will achieve if funded (no more than a few lines)

**e. Sustainable Development Goals:**  Please list in the space provided below all of the SDGs to which your research project aligns:

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| [**UN Sustainable Development Goal**](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/sustainable-development.html) **(SDG)** |  |

**Which SDG indicator(s) does your project address and how?** <https://www.sdgdata.gov.au/about/indicators>

In addition to listing the relevant SDG indicators, it is necessary to explain how your research project proposes to address them.

**5. Budget & Timeline**

**a In summary, what would this grant be used for?**

* Project costs
* Research Assistance
* Pilot studies
* Participant costs
* Other (please provide details below)

**b Please provide a timeline of how you will ensure that funds are expended by 30 November 2024, and what type of expenditure you are anticipating. Please add lines as required.** *(Top line is example only)*

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| ***Project Activity*** | ***Expenditure type*** | ***Timeframe*** | ***Amount*** |
| *Data analysis* | *Research Assistance* | *Level 5.1 for 10 hours for 4 weeks* | *$3000* |
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| **Total Expenditure:** | | | **$** |

**c Project Milestones and affiliated dates:** Please provide a minimum of four project milestones and the dates on which these will be achieved. If your project requires ethics approval, please include your project’s ethics submission date and expected approval date as milestones.

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| ***Milestone*** | ***Milestone description*** | ***Date*** |
| *1.* | *Ethics submission* | *1 February 2024* |
| 2. | *Expected ethics approval* | 15 March 2024 |
| 3. |  |  |
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Add rows as needed.

**d In no more than half a page, fully justify in terms of need and cost, your proposed budget.**

*In particular, if you are proposing the employment of an RA, please provide details of tasks/duties/role the RA will have*

*(e.g. data analysis, interviewing, literature review, field work, ethics applications etc).*

**5. Other**

Can you briefly tell us where you heard about this funding scheme?

**6. School/Institute Support**

**Comment by the Research Director /Dean/Director**

*Please provide a paragraph stating your support of this application, and if RA employment is included, that the School/Institute can accommodate spacing and resourcing.*

**Dean/Institute Director’s Signature (or email is attached) Date**

Please refer to the Guidelines for instructions on submission.

If you need further information about the scheme or assistance with your application, please contact the relevant Research Theme Champions (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/dvcresearch/dvc_research/research_theme_champions>).

Submit your completed application to:

[**researchthemeprogram@westernsydney.edu.au**](mailto:researchthemeprogram@westernsydney.edu.au)