

Looking for external research funds...

So... where do I look?

The first step in finding external funding is to log into [Research Professional](#). As a Charles Sturt University researcher or HDR candidate, you can access [Research Professional](#) using your Charles Sturt University login and password.



The [Research Professional](#) funding database covers all disciplines: from medicine to the humanities; from the large research councils to small charities. You can search for upcoming grants at any time or you can have funding alerts tailored to your research interests which will be emailed directly to you.

HDR candidates seeking external funding also have access to Research Professional and are encouraged to use this. There are specific funding categories that are relevant to HDR candidates and you are encouraged to seek advice and support from your supervisors.

If you need assistance in setting up or searching RP, please contact the [Faculty of Science Library Team](#) or the Faculty of Science Research Liaison Officer.



GrantConnect is the Australian Government's grants information system. GrantConnect provides centralised publication of forecast and current Australian Government grant opportunities and grants awarded. Register for alerts to be sent directly to you.

Other useful sources of grant information include [Academy of Science](#), [Business Grant Guru](#), [Australian Philanthropy Awards](#), the [Ian Potter Foundation](#), [Equity Trustees](#), [AgriFutures Australia](#), the [Australian Research Council](#) and [National Health and Medical Research Council](#). It is also worthwhile keeping an idea on state government departments and entities.

Professional bodies or associations often have annual awards and funding for their members. Check the website of your professional association for opportunities.

In addition, a good old Google search can often bring up some helpful sources of funding.

Can't find the funding you're looking for?

Don't underestimate your current network of collaborators, partners or contacts in industry. If you clearly understand the problems they face and are able to identify a solution, pitching it correctly could open up new opportunities for funding. Get in contact with your A/Dean or Faculty Research Liaison Officer for tips on approaching industry partners.

It can also pay to consider where peers in your discipline at CSU and other universities have received funding from. This may give you some ideas about where to look.

Get the jump on the funding

Most funding bodies only publicise their grant programs 4 to 6 weeks ahead of their closing date. This does not give you much time to prepare your application. However, most grants are scheduled for release at the same time each year. Information on opening dates are often published ahead of time on the funding organisation's website. You can use this information to plan ahead. Planning which grants you will target will allow you to collect the background information and give you more time for writing and proofreading.

You've found your funding source, so what's next?

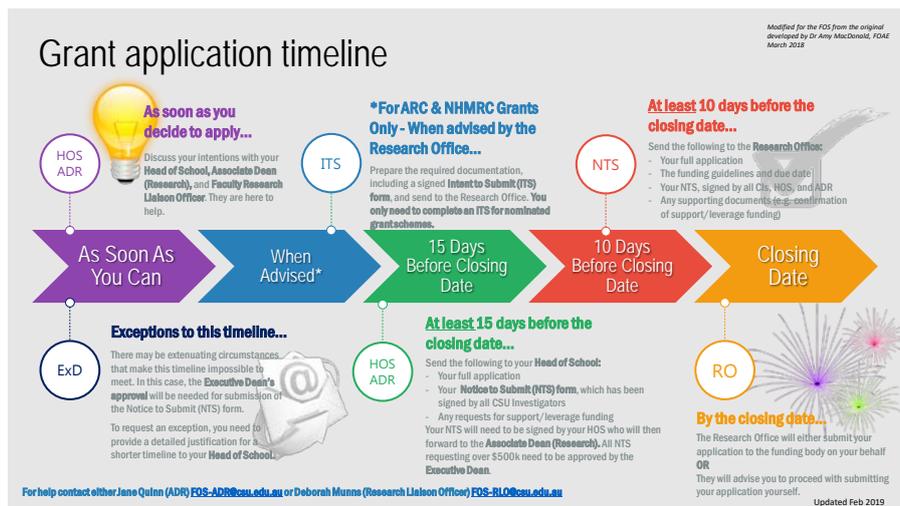
Allocation of resources, time commitments from CSU researchers should in the first instance be discussed with your Head of School/Research Centre Director. Check the funding guidelines and make sure you are eligible to submit an application for this funding.

The next thing to do is to email the Research Office research@csu.edu.au, with a copy to your A/Dean (R) or Research Centre Director, and Head of School, Faculty Research Liaison Officer, providing them with the funding guidelines and due date to let them know you are developing an application for external funding. This will ensure that they are aware of your application in advance and can work with you to support you through the process. Some grant schemes (such a Perpetual) only allow limited applications per organisation – so it is important to let the RO know that you intend to apply for this scheme.

Developing your application

It is important to write your application as a package that as a whole sells your project. We have compiled some writing tips in **Fact Sheet 3 - Grant writing tips**.

Please remember that completed final applications (along with the Notice to Submit form, budget and any supporting letters/documents) must be submitted to the Research Office, via research@csu.edu.au ten (10) working days prior to the funding body deadline to allow for a review by the DVC-RDI. The RO will let you know if/when you should submit the application to the funding body, as they may submit the application on your behalf.



The above grant application timeline is available for download as **Fact Sheet 2**.

Information on applying for leverage contributions is available for download as **Fact Sheet 4**.

More information

Further important information is available on the [Funding and grants](#) page of the Research Office website.

The Research Office also offers a range of on-line workshops throughout the year. Many of the sessions focus on finding funding and writing grant applications. Research [Professional Development calendar](#).

For help please contact:

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