

# Faculty of Science

## Leverage Funds to Support External Competitive Funding Applications

### Background

The Faculty of Science will consider requests to provide leverage funds to support high quality external funding applications, whereby a cash contribution is provided to for cash grant income to the Faculty.

### Conditions

All requests for leverage funding support for external applications will be assessed on a case by case basis, and will be subject to funds being available at the time of request. Specific conditions are outlined below.

1. The funding requested will normally be from a category 1 (Australian Competitive Grants Scheme, ACGS)\* source, but other categories may be considered where a strong case can be made for the source being the most appropriate for the proposed project;
2. A case is made outlining outcomes and return for investment to the Faculty and the University;
3. The grant is administered by CSU and the bulk of income is directly to CSU;
4. Retrospective funding will not be considered;
5. Any approved leverage funding will only be forthcoming if the cash component of the grant is funded in full to CSU. The Faculty reserves the right to determine on a case-by-case basis if a pro rata contribution to partly funded grants will be awarded;
6. "In kind" contributions from partners or other third parties will not be considered as relevant to a case made for Faculty leverage funds;
7. Where a request is made to cover allocation of funds to Higher Degree by Research (HDR) students (e.g. tuition fee support):
  - a. The funding period must cover maximum candidature time equivalent to a research training scholarship place (4 years full-time); and
  - b. Ongoing tuition fee support will be subject to bi-annual review of candidature and progress, and may be withdrawn where the candidate is not making satisfactory progress.

*\*Category 1 (ACGS); Category 2 (Other Public Sector Research Income); Category 3 (Industry and Other Research Income); Category 4 (Co-operative Research Centre Income). NOTE other Higher Education providers and research centres are not considered as funding bodies for the purpose of leverage funding access.*

### Application Procedure

Applications for leverage funding must be made in writing to the Executive Dean ([deanofscience@csu.edu.au](mailto:deanofscience@csu.edu.au)), a **minimum of 2 weeks prior to the internal closing date**. The written request should briefly outline the project, funding requested and funding body, and the expected return for investment to the Faculty should leverage funds be approved.