

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 - b. Ongoing tuition fee support will be subject to bi-annual review of candidature and progress, and may be withdrawn where the candidate is not making satisfactory progress.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), 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.