



Faculty Research Grouping Scheme

The aim of the Faculty's Research Grouping Scheme is to facilitate the formation and development of distinctive research groups across the Faculty that build on the Faculty's research strengths and provide platforms for larger scale, public-facing programs of research, as well as dedicated environments for the nurturing of new and early-career researchers in particular. Presently, the Faculty is not in receipt of any funds that can be used to support these groups, but funds may become available for this purpose in due course.

Procedure for establishing a Faculty Research Group

First stage

Proposals to establish a new Faculty Research Group are to be submitted to the Associate Dean Research (ADR) for the preapproval of the Faculty Leadership Team. At least two researchers should be named as proposed co-leaders of the group, with at least *one* being a senior academic holding a continuing position at Level C-E with a strong record of research (traditional or non-traditional).

The proposal should include:

- the proposed group's name;
- an overview of its aims and objectives;
- a description of the way in which its research would align with one or more of the Faculty's Fields of Research assessed in the last ERA exercise;
- a brief indication of the research record on which the group would likely be building; and,
- a brief indication of the way in which the group's aims and objectives would align with the University's Research Narrative and any other relevant narratives.

Second stage

Following preapproval by the Faculty Leadership Team, the ADR will arrange for a call of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to be promulgated across the University community, based on the overview of the group's aims and objectives as supplied. The proposed co-leaders will then consider the EOIs and collate the particulars of those accepted for membership, and pass these to the ADR. Upon meeting the following criteria, the ADR will confirm the group's establishment as a Faculty Research Group.

Criteria

- At least two co-leaders committed to leading the group and representing the group at Faculty level meetings.
- A majority of group members are affiliated with the Faculty of Arts and Education.
- The group includes at least **seven** members altogether, and at least **six** from FOAE.
- The group's members are all involved, potentially, in the group's research, but may be a combination of continuing and contracted staff, adjunct staff, sessional staff, research students, technical staff, collaborators from industry, and/or other applicable categories.
- The group commits to developing a three-year research program that will include at least three major projects and two external grant submissions.
- The group commits to submitting details of its three-year research program to the Faculty within three months of establishment, and to providing the Faculty with an annual progress report.
- The group commits to developing a group website within 6 months of its establishment.

Researchers may apply to join more than one Faculty Research Group (whether existing or new), but should give careful consideration to their overall commitments.

Reporting

Group plans and reports are to be submitted to the ADR directly, using any template specified.