ARC Discovery Projects 2025 General Information

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Acknowledgment of Country

Deakin University acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of all the unceded lands, skies and waterways on which Deakin students, staff and communities come together.

We pay our deep respect to the Ancestors and Elders of Wathawurrung Country, where we (the Deakin grants team) are located today

Overview ARC Schemes: National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) – where does the DP25 fit?

Area of box represents ARC funding by scheme (with approximation for new Industry Fellowships)

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Discovery Projects DP25 - Key changes 1

Now a 2 stage process:

Stage 1: Expression of Interest:

    - Simplified application, to include Project team, participating organisations and basic design of proposed research program.

    - EoI Assessment criteria: Investigators/Capability   30%

                                     Project Quality and Innovation   70%

    - no NIT, no budget, no medical statement at this stage- all at Full Application stage

    - EoIs assessed by Assessors from ARC College of Experts (each CoE member assigned 50-60 EoIs)

        - can submit a Request not to Assess

    - EoIs scored by CoE and ranked, expected top **20%** will be shortlisted and invited to submit a full application (expected success rate approx. 50%)

Discovery Projects DP25 - Key changes 2

Stage 2: Invited to proceed to full application

- Cannot change project team from those CIs/PIs listed at EoI stage

- Full Assessment criteria:

Investigators/Capability	30%
Project Quality and Innovation	45%
Benefit	15%
Feasibility	10%

- Full Assessment assessed by Detailed Assessors

- there will be an opportunity to address assessor comments through rejoinder process

- Assessments completed as per traditional process of Detailed Assessors, General assessors and SAC panels. No reference to EoI assessment

Discovery Projects DP25 - ARC timelines

Stage	Date
EoIs open in RMS	**22 January 2024**
RNTA	13 February 2024
EoI close in RMS	**27 February 2024**
EoI outcomes	8-10 April 2024
Full applications open in RMS	**11 April 2024**
Full applications close in RMS	**4 June 2024**
Rejoinders	7- 20 August
Outcomes	20-29 November 2024

Critical points: EoI only has 5 week window for submissions
Full applications approx. 8 week window for submissions

Discovery Projects DP25 - Deakin timelines

Stage	Date
EoIs open in RMS	**22 January 2024**
DRG Compliance checking commences*	**6 February 2024**
RNTA submitted via RMS to grants office	6 February 2024
EoI close in RMS	**27 February 2024**
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*one compliance check only/EoI, managed via Eventbrite booking system- to open 22 January 2024

Discovery Projects DP25 Part A Administrative Summary

- **Title**- will auto-populate from the EoI into the full application and be locked from further editing

- List all **named participants** (CIs/PIs)- will auto-populate from the EoI into the full application and be locked from further editing

- List all **name participating orgs** - will auto-populate from the EoI into the full application and be locked from further editing

- **Summary** - will auto-populate from the EoI into the full application and be locked from further editing

- **FOR codes** - will auto-populate from the EoI into the full application and be locked from further editing

  – No SEO codes

Discovery Projects DP25 – Part B
Participant Details incl ROPE (30%)

Part B will auto-populate from the EoI into the full application and **be locked from further editing**

- Personal Details and Qualifications -copied from personal RMS account

- Research Load (non ARC, 2024-2030)

- FTE on project

- Employment details at commencement date 1 January 2025 / Relevant org

- Career interruptions

- Employment history - copied from personal RMS account

- Career highlights / Career contributions

- Context research outputs and 10 best Research Outputs

- PIs to upload a CV

- CI/PI eligibility criteria remain unchanged

Discovery Projects DP25 – Part C
Project Description

- **2** A4 pages

  - ➢ Project Title

  - ➢ Project Quality and Innovation (70%)

  - ➢ References

  - ➢ Acknowledgements (if required) -

    For tips on how to effectively pitch the project in two pages refer to ARC webinar recording – all Deakin CIs who have been identified as intending to submit an EoI were emailed the webinar recording last week.

Medical Research Policy

The ARC **does not** fund research with direct medical and or human health aims.

Disease - *Any deviation or interruption of the normal structure or function of any part, organ or system (or combination thereof) of the body that is manifested by a characteristic set of symptoms and signs and whose aetiology, pathology and prognosis may be known or unknown.*

Human Health Conditions - *Pertaining to diseases (as defined above), syndromes, pathological conditions, injuries, signs, symptoms, problems and/or conditions that generally lead to contact with, or utilisation of, health services*.

Please consider the ARC Medical Research Policy when considering a potential application

https://www.arc.gov.au/policies-strategies/policy/arc-medical-research-policy

General considerations

- EoIs are working to <u>extremely</u> tight timelines

    - Strongly suggest you make EARLY contact with your CIs and PIs and have any who do not have existing ARC RMS accounts to request their RMS accounts before EoIs open in RMS (go to <u>ARC RMS login in page</u> and select 'Request New Account'

    - Critical to have the right team in place at EoI as **NO** opportunity to change team makeup at full application

- Project limits for CIs **do** apply at EoI stage

    - CIs can be named on no more than 2 EoIs, active projects held assessed as at 1 July 2025. CIs can only be on **2** concurrently funded projects under Discovery Program. Each EoI submission take up one of these slots. If concerned regarding your limits please contact DRG

- ARC Certification forms required at full application stage

- Deakin Research is **not** providing external review of EoIs

- Plan ahead and block out time now in your calendars in preparation of being shortlisted

Questions?

- Please visit the <u>Deakin DP25 webpage</u> for templates, links to ARC docs, timelines etc

- Questions for Tracey, Janelle and Phuong ???