**E2. Justification of funding requested through ONI**

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* **PAGE LIMIT = 4 A4 pages**
* **Use 12 point Times New Roman font, with at least 0.5 cm margin on each side and at top and bottom**
* **Do not change the headings or amend the formatting**

The ONI budget justification must not exceed **four** A4 pages. The uploaded PDF must:

* Use the same headings as in the Description column in the budget at question E1 of the application (headings not required can be deleted).
* Fully justify each budget item requested in terms of need and cost. In justifying the budget, it is not sufficient to claim certain equipment or personnel costs as $X. Rather, the budget justification should state, for example, that a full-time research assistant or technician with a specific level of expertise is required for ‘x’ months. The same level of explanation is required for all items being requested.
* Justify any funding being requested for Teaching Relief for any named CI on the research team
* Justify any funding being requested for major items of equipment. Requests for any major items of equipment are considered on merit. Participants should plan to use existing equipment wherever possible. If the participant is seeking funding for new equipment, describe how the equipment will be used and provide details of the manufacturer, supplier, cost and installation based on quotations obtained. Do not supply the quotations. For expensive pieces of equipment, participants must justify the importance of the equipment to the research proposed and demonstrate that access to such equipment housed elsewhere is not practical. The participating organisations would be expected to contribute part of the funding required for expensive items of equipment.
* Requests for funding to cover the costs of domestic and international travel, including for reasons of fostering and strengthening collaborations in Australia and overseas, must be justified in full.

**Personnel**

**Travel**

**Field Research**

**Equipment**

**Maintenance**

**Other**