

# **UWA Research Impact Grants 2019**

## ***Guidelines and Conditions***

### **Key Dates:**

<b>Call for Applications:</b>	Wednesday, 4 September 2019
<b>Applications Close:</b>	Wednesday, 16 October 2019, 5pm AWST
<b>Awards Announced:</b>	December 2019
<b>Funds Distributed:</b>	January 2020

***Late applications will not be accepted.***

### **Submission process**

Please collate your application form with supporting documentation into one Adobe (.pdf) document named RIG[SurnameGivenName] e.g. RIGJonesDavid and submit to:

[submissions-research@uwa.edu.au](mailto:submissions-research@uwa.edu.au) by: Wednesday, 16 October 2019, 5pm AWST

## 1. Objectives

Measurement of impact and engagement of university research is high on the Australian Government's National Innovation and Science Agenda (NISA) with new industry engagement and research impact evaluation measures being determined through extensive consultation with universities, industry and community stakeholders.

The Australian Research Council's definition of Research Impact is:

“the demonstrable contribution that research makes to the economy, society, culture, national security, public policy or services, health, the environment, or quality of life, beyond contributions to academia”

Knowledge transfer and research impact are priorities for The University of Western Australia as our goal is to serve our stakeholders and communities.

The UWA Research Impact Grants scheme will provide funds to promote either

- Academic impact on a discipline through high quality publications and presentations at international conferences.
- Impact beyond academia through supporting interactions with non-academic users and beneficiaries of research through events such as industry showcases, public awareness campaigns, and stakeholder and community engagement activities.

UWA Research Impact Grants will not be used to identify and develop early stage commercial opportunities. The University already has a 'Path Finder' fund for this purpose (see <http://www.rdi.uwa.edu.au/pathfinder-fund>).

## 2. Funding

There will be two application rounds per annum (May and September) and a maximum of 10 projects will be funded in each round. Applicants may apply for up to \$20k.

The funding may be used to support activities which include presenting at a conference, socialising research via various networks, publication costs, teaching relief to write a research journal article or other research publication with likely high impact, workshop and event costs, and media and public awareness activities.

The funds cannot be used:

- for direct costs of research including to fund the collection, survey or analysis of data
- to leverage other internal or external funding (e.g. used as matching funds)
- as salary supplementation
- for scholarships
- to supplement funding provided by another source
- to write a research grant

### 3. Eligibility

- Researchers must hold a full-time or fractional UWA appointment at the time of award and must not be employed by another university. This must be maintained throughout the award period.
- Adjunct, clinical and honorary appointees are eligible to apply providing they hold their UWA affiliation for the entire award period and are not employed by another University.
- Undergraduate and postgraduate students are not eligible to apply unless they are employed by UWA.
- Researchers cannot hold two concurrent or consecutive grants.
- A researcher may not be named on more than one application in any round.
- A researcher must not have an overdue final report from a previously awarded UWA Research Impact Grant

### 4. Application Process and Assessment

The Application Form must be completed and signed by the lead Chief Investigator and Head of School (or equivalent). Please note that a fully-signed Application Form replaces the usual need for an Application Cover Sheet. The Application Form and any relevant attachments must be submitted to: [submissions-research@uwa.edu.au](mailto:submissions-research@uwa.edu.au) as one PDF document using the following naming convention by the internal deadline:

RIG[SurnameGivenName] e.g. RIGJonesDavid

The Research Executive will assess applications against the likely measurable outputs and impact which will include the following:

- The potential to address an important problem or to advance knowledge in the field;
- How the proposed project will be managed to engage with beneficiaries and increase the likelihood of impact; and
- Quality of the research which has been undertaken.

### 5. Conditions of Award

Funds must be spent within a period of 12 months after allocation and unspent funds will be recouped. Grant recipients will be required to submit a two page report describing the activities undertaken and demonstrable impact. The report will be required no later than 18 months after allocation of the grant.

Useful Links:

<http://www.innovation.gov.au/page/measuring-impact-and-engagement-university-research>

<http://www.arc.gov.au/research-impact-principles-and-framework#table>

<http://guides.is.uwa.edu.au/rim>