



## eResearch Technology Funding Scheme (2018)



The eResearch Technology Funding Scheme (ETFS) provides financial assistance to ECU academic staff who would like to make use of eResearch technology. The scheme is also available to support data-related activities. Eligible eResearch technology and data activities are listed in the 2018 eResearch Technology Catalogue. The overall aim of this program is to stimulate and facilitate research involving eResearch technologies.

Applications can be made any time between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018 and the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Funds will be made available from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. It is a competitive scheme and applications will be assessed by the ETFS review panel. Applicants submitting after the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 will need to demonstrate their ability to use the funding before the end of the year.

### **Eligibility:**

- 1) The Chief Investigator (CI) must hold a full-time or fractional (at least 0.4 FTE) ECU appointment at the time of the award, and for the entire award period (12 months).
- 2) Undergraduate and postgraduate students are not eligible to be CIs.
- 3) The project must involve existing eResearch technology (i.e., technology belonging to the eResearch group), a request for new technology or a data-related activity.
- 4) Funding will only be released for projects which have ECU ethics clearance or have an ethics application/declaration in progress. Applicants who have existing projects may be able to add an eResearch procedure via an ethics amendment.
- 5) Specific project outputs must have been identified.
- 6) The CI must complete a Data Management Plan before awarded funding will be made available.

### **Funding criteria:**

Projects will be funded to a maximum of \$5000. The allocation may be less if meritorious requests exceed the total fund pool. All funding must be used for the express purpose of supporting the specified project.

#### *1) Allowed:*

- a. research assistance to provide support activity for the project, e.g., literature review, data collection
- b. to bring an external collaborator / technical expertise in the selected eResearch technology to ECU, e.g., methodology consultant, technology operator
- c. research componentry, e.g., hardware, software, consumables

#### *2) Disallowed:*

- a. conference registrations and attendance
- b. teaching, academic salaries, scholarships, and course fees
- c. participant incentives

***Application procedure:***

**Before** making an application please contact Heather Boyd to discuss your project and its eligibility for the scheme. To make an application you will need to complete the ETFS Application Template (2018) and send your completed form to Heather Boyd. Please include all information in the template and submit the template only.

***Selection criteria:***

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- *Relevance:* the proposal provides a clear indication of the aims, strategic importance and likelihood of tangible benefit to ECU;
- *Approach and Methodology:* the proposal provides a clear description of the technology, methodology and analysis adequate to achieved the aims of the project within the proposed time frame;
- *Outputs:* the proposal identifies likely measurable outputs.
- *Future plans:* the proposal identifies how this project could lead to a program of further work.

***Administration and reporting requirements:***

Award funding must be expended by the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018. The University will **recoup** any funds not spent by the end of the calendar year.

Award recipients will be required to submit a final report by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Reports will detail all activities undertaken with the ETFS award and should include information such as:

- Income and expenditure statement (in consultation with your School Finance team);
- research publications and grants (planned and submitted);
- research training and skills development; and
- future project development.

If the final report and Income and Expenditure Statement is not submitted to the eResearch team, then the eResearch team have the right to refuse any future ETFS submissions.

***Contact for queries:***

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