

**AUSTRALIAN RESEARCH COUNCIL
Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities
Application for Funding Commencing in 2026**

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Part A - Administrative Summary (LE260100000)

A1. Application Title

(Provide a short title (up to 75 characters, approximately 10 words).)

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A2. Person Participant Summary

(Add all named participants who will be participating in this application as a Chief Investigator or Partner Investigator. Refer to the Grant Guidelines and Instructions to Applicants for personnel eligibility requirements.)

Number	Name	Participant Type	Current Organisation(s)	Relevant Organisation

A3. Organisation Participant Summary

(Add all organisations participating in this application. Refer to the Instructions to Applicants for further information.)

Number	Name	Participant Type

A4. Application Summary

(Provide an Application Summary, focusing on the aims, significance, expected outcomes and benefits of this project. Specifically state the name of the facility in the summary (e.g. 'a mass cytometer'). Write the Application Summary simply, clearly and in plain English. If the application is successful, the Application Summary, along with the National Interest Test, will be used to give the general community an understanding of the research. Avoid the use of acronyms, quotation marks and upper-case characters. Refer to the Instructions to Applicants for further information (up to 750 characters, approximately 100 words).)

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A5. National Interest Test Statement

(See the Instructions to Applicants for addressing the National Interest Test and 'Articulating National Interest in Grant Applications' available on the ARC website (up to 1500 characters, approximately 200 words).)

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Part B - Project Description (LE260100000)

B1. Project Description

(Upload a Project Description as detailed in the Instructions to Applicants and in the required format (up to 7 A4 pages including references).)

B2. Is this application for costs associated with multi-year construction of research infrastructure, multi-year subscription or coordinated access to international facilities and major national facilities, or multi-year leasing of infrastructure or equipment?

B3. National Facility

Is this application for a subscription or coordinated access to a major national facility?

Upload a one-page PDF detailing the following: (i) Does the major national facility currently exist? (ii) In what year did the major national facility commence operations? (iii) What is the name of the major national facility? (iv) What is the name of the organisation which owns/coordinates the major national facility? (v) What is the name and address of the organisation at which the major national facility is located? (vi) Financial support for the major national facility: Using the template in the Instructions to Applicants, provide a table showing the sources and amounts of major funding support for the facility.

B4. International Facility

Is this application for a subscription or coordinated access to a major international facility?

Upload a one-page PDF detailing the following: (i) Does the international facility currently exist? (ii) In what year did the international facility commence operations? (iii) What is the name of the international facility? (iv) What is the name of the organisation which owns/coordinates the international facility? (v) What is the name and address of the organisation at which the international facility is located? (vi) Financial support for the international facility: Following the directions in the Instructions to Applicants, provide a table showing the sources and amounts of major funding support for the facility.

If there is an agreement with the international facility in place or under negotiation, in up to 2 A4 pages describe the nature of the agreement and/or provide details regarding the status of the negotiations.

B5. Research Infrastructure located outside of the Administering Organisation

Is any or all of the research infrastructure, equipment or facility to be located outside the Administering Organisation's premises?

If Yes, provide the proposed physical location of the research infrastructure, equipment or facility.

Provide a statement providing justification for the location of the research infrastructure, equipment or facility (up to 750 characters, approximately 100 words).

B6. LIEF Register

(Provide a high-level description of the infrastructure, equipment and/or facility that will be recorded in the ARC LIEF Register located on the ARC website if the application is successful (no more than 150 characters, approximately 20 words).

The description of the infrastructure, equipment and/or facility should be listed separately by item, by clicking 'Add answer'. To add the description of additional items, select 'Add answer'. Items should be listed separately where they represent a high-level discrete element of the infrastructure which may be used independently.)

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Part C - Participant Details

C1. Personal Details

(To update any Personal Details, click the 'Manage Personal Details' link below. Note this will open a new browser tab. When returning to the form ensure to 'Refresh' the page to capture the changes made to the participant's profile.

Note: country of birth, material personal interests and Indigenous status sections will not appear in the PDF version of the form and will not be visible to assessors.

Data may be shared with other Commonwealth Entities.

All information contained in Part C is visible to the Administering Organisation on this application.

This data is automatically populated from the participant's RMS profile.)

Participation Type

Title

First Name

Family Name

Country of Birth

This question and the corresponding answer will not appear in the PDF version of this form.

Indigenous Status

This question and the corresponding answer will not appear in the PDF version of this form.

Are you currently receiving any financial support (cash or in-kind) for research related activities from a country other than Australia?

(Note: This question and the corresponding answer will not appear in the PDF version of this form.

This data is automatically populated from the participant's RMS profile.)

Are you currently, or have you previously been, associated or affiliated with a talent recruitment program from a country other than Australia?

(Note: This question and the corresponding answer will not appear in the PDF version of this form.

This data is automatically populated from the participant's RMS profile.)

Are you currently associated or affiliated with a government, intelligence organisation, government owned enterprise, military or police organisation in a country other than Australia?

(Note: This question and the corresponding answer will not appear in the PDF version of this form.

This data is automatically populated from the participant's RMS profile.)

Have you identified and disclosed any conflicts of interests in accordance with your Institution's conflict of interest policies and procedures?

This question serves as a declaration that:

1. You have one or more Conflicts of Interest (COIs) and have disclosed them to your employing institution, and if relevant, Administering Organisation(s) of ARC grant applications as required by the institution(s)'s COI policies and procedures or

2. You do not have any COIs and have followed the relevant institution(s)'s COI policies and procedures (which may include reporting you have nil COIs).

In both cases you should answer 'Yes' to this question.

A 'No' answer to this question indicates that you have a COI that you have not disclosed to your employing institution or relevant Administering Organisation(s) of ARC grant applications. In this case you will be prevented from participating on an ARC grant application.

(Note: This question and the corresponding answer will not appear in the PDF version of this form. This data is automatically populated from the participant's RMS profile.)

Has the participant acknowledged the collection of personal information by the ARC?

Provide a response to the acknowledgement of data collection found within the Personal Profile of the participant.

(Note: This question and the corresponding answer will not appear in the PDF version of this form. This data is automatically populated from the participant's RMS profile.)

C2. Qualifications

(To update any qualifications, click on the 'Manage Qualifications' link below. Note this will open a new browser tab. When returning to the form ensure to 'Refresh' the page to capture the changes made to the participant's profile. This data is automatically populated from the participant's RMS profile.)

C3. Employment Details as at grant commencement date

(Confirm your employment status at all organisations that you will be associated with as at 1 January 2026. Enter the relevant appointment type and Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) for each organisation.)

Org name	Is this an Eligible Organisation?	Please choose your appointment type for this organisation.	Please enter your FTE for this Organisation
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C4. Relevant Organisation for this application as at grant commencement date for this project

(Enter the Organisation that is relevant to your participation on this application, and that you will be associated with as at 1 January 2026. The 'relevant organisation' is the primary organisation that will be supporting your involvement in this project if it is funded. Note that the Organisation must be listed in C3 for this question to validate.)

Relevant Organisation

C5. Research Load (non-ARC Grants and Research)

(Provide details of research funding from non-ARC sources (in Australia and overseas). For research funding from non-ARC sources, list all projects/applications/awards/fellowships awarded or requests submitted involving that participant for funding for the years 2025 to 2031 inclusive.)

C6. Currently held ARC Projects

(This information is auto-populated. If you have any concerns with the information recorded here, please contact

your Administering Organisation's Research Office.)

C7. Relevant Career Details

(Provide a 2-page CV to support the participant's involvement in the proposed project. The 2-page CV must be relevant to the application and can include significant career interruptions. It is up to the participant to determine the appropriate information to include in the CV. Please read the Instructions to Applicants for further detail.)

Provide a 2-page CV to support the participant's involvement in the proposed project (upload a PDF of up to 2 A4 pages).

C8. Current and previous appointment(s) / position(s) - during the past 10 years

(To update any details in this table, click on the 'Manage Employment Details' link in this question. Note this will open in a new browser tab. 'Refresh' the application page when returning to the form to capture changes made to the participant's profile. This data is automatically populated from the participant's RMS profile.)

Description	Department	Contract Type	Employment Type	Start Date	End Date	Organisation

C9. Certification by Participants

(I certify that:

- i) all the details in this application are accurate and complete, including information contained in my ARC Research Management System personal profile;*
- ii) proper enquiries have been made and I am satisfied that I meet the eligibility criteria as specified in the Grant Guidelines;*
- iii) as a participant listed on the application, I have responsibility for the authorship and intellectual content of this application, and have appropriately cited sources and acknowledged significant contributions, including third parties, where relevant;*
- iv) I have complied with the Grant Guidelines, and the scheme specific Instructions to Applicants and if the application is successful, I agree to abide by the relevant Commonwealth Grant Agreement;*
- v) I understand and agree that all statutory requirements must be met before the proposed research can commence;*
- vi) I have notified the Administering Organisation of all material personal and financial interests and actual or perceived Conflicts of Interest I may have in relation to the application. I will notify the Administering Organisation of any material personal and financial interests or Conflicts of Interest which arise after the submission of the application. I will update my personal details in my ARC Research Management System profile ensuring that all conflicts of interests and/or foreign funding, talent programs, affiliations/associations reported to the ARC are current;*
- vii) I will notify the Administering Organisation if there are any changes in my circumstances which may impact on my eligibility to participate in, or ability to perform, the project after the submission of this application;*
- viii) To the best of my knowledge, any Partner Organisation(s) involved in this application are solvent at the time of submission of this application; and*
- ix) I understand that information on this form and its attachments is collected in order to make recommendations to the ARC Accountable Authority on the allocation of financial assistance under the Australian Research Council Act 2001 (Cth) and for post award reporting. The information collected may be passed to third parties, including being sent to overseas parties for assessment purposes. It may also be passed to any other Australian Government Department or Agency, and noting information contained in this application can be disclosed without my consent where authorised or required by law and for post award reporting.*

Part D – Project Cost (LE260100000)

D1. What is the proposed budget for the project?

(There are rules around what funds can be requested from the ARC. You must adhere to the scheme specific requirements listed in the Grant Guidelines. Refer to the Instructions to Applicants for detailed instructions on how to fill out the budget section.)

Total requested budget: \$0

D2. Percentage request from ARC

(This information will automatically populate from the budget table.)

D3. Justification of funding requested from the ARC

(Fully justify, in terms of need and cost, each budget item requested from the ARC. Use the same headings as in the Description column in the Budget Table of this application (upload a PDF of up to 3 A4 pages and within the required format).)

Budget Justification

D4. Details of non-ARC contributions

(Provide an explanation of how non-ARC contributions will support the proposed project. Use the same headings as in the Description column in the Budget Table of this application (upload a PDF of up to 2 A4 pages and within the required format).)

Details of Non-ARC Contributions

D5. Summary of Project Direct Cost

(Provide a Summary of Project Direct Cost using the table template as detailed in the Instructions to Applicants (up to one A4 page).)

D6. Summary of Quotes

(Provide a summary of quotes for all items to be purchased. If there are any instances where only one quote was provided for an item, please provide an explanation. Please use the required format as detailed in the Instructions to Applicants (upload a PDF of up to 3 A4 pages).)

Part E - Classifications and Other Statistical Information (LE260100000)

E1. Does this Application align with any of the National Science and Research Priorities?

(For reporting purposes, select which of the National Science and Research Priorities the application aligns with. For more information about this question, please see the Instructions to Applicants. You may select more than one priority.)

E2. Does this Application align with any of the National Reconstruction Fund priority areas?

(For reporting purposes, select which of the priority areas for the National Reconstruction Fund the application aligns with. For more information about this question, please see the Instructions to Applicants. You may select more than one priority area.)

E3. Does this Application align with any other Australian Government priority areas?

(For reporting purposes, select which announced Australian Government policy other than the above this application aligns with. For more information about this question, please see the Instructions to Applicants. You may select one or more of the options below, considering that ARC funded research can align with a range of Australian Government economic, social, environmental and cultural policies.)

E4. To what extent does your application align with each of the following types of research activity?

(Indicate which type(s) of research activity the project best aligns with by selecting a percentage weighting for each research type. You may proportion the research across one or more categories, but the percentages must total 100.)

Pure basic research	%
Strategic basic research	%
Applied research	%

E5. Field of Research (FOR-2020)

(Select up to 3 classification codes that relate to the application. Note that the percentages must total 100.)

E6. Socio-Economic Objective (SEO-2020)

(Select up to 3 classification codes that relate to the application. Note that the percentages must total 100.)

E7. Interdisciplinary Research

(This is a 'Yes' or 'No' question. If you select 'Yes' 2 additional questions will be enabled:

1. Specify the ways in which the research is interdisciplinary by selecting one or more of the options below and click 'Add'.
2. Indicate the nature of the interdisciplinary research involved (up to 375 characters, approximately 50 words.)

Does this application involve interdisciplinary research?

Specify the ways in which the research is interdisciplinary by selecting one or more of the options below.

Indicate the nature of the interdisciplinary research involved (up to 375 characters, approximately 50 words).

E8. Does the proposed research infrastructure, equipment or facility involve international collaboration?

(This is a 'Yes' or 'No' question. If you select 'Yes' you will need to answer: If the proposed research involves international collaboration, specify the country/ies involved.)

E9. If the proposed research infrastructure, equipment or facility involves international collaboration, please specify the country/ies involved.

(Commence typing in the search box and select from the drop-down list the name of the country/ies of collaborators who will be involved in the proposed project. Note that Australia is not to be listed and is not available to be selected from the drop-down list.)

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Part F - Project Eligibility (LE260100000)

F1. Medical Research

(This is a 'Yes' or 'No' question. Does this application contain content which requires a statement to demonstrate that it complies with the eligible research requirements set out in the ARC Medical Research Policy located on the ARC website?)

F2. Medical Research Statement

(Justify why this application complies with the eligible research requirements set out in the ARC Medical Research Policy located on the ARC website. Eligibility will be based solely on the information contained in this application. This is the only chance to provide justification, the ARC will not seek further clarification (up to 750 characters, approximately 100 words).)

F3. Integrated research facilities

(In special circumstances a LIEF application may be submitted for an integrated facility consisting of a number of small items (refer to the current Instructions to Applicants and Grant Guidelines). Such applications will be considered only where justification to the satisfaction of the ARC has been provided that an integrated facility is necessary to support research activities.)

Is this application a request for an integrated facility?

If this application is for an integrated facility, provide a statement, justifying why an integrated facility is necessary to support the research activities outlined in this application and how the overall research outcomes will be enhanced by this arrangement (up to 750 characters, approximately 100 words).

F4. Experimental Development

(This is a 'Yes' or 'No' question. Will ARC funds awarded under this Scheme be used for activities classified as 'experimental development' according to the definition in the Grant Guidelines?)

Certification

Certification by the Deputy/Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research) or their delegate or equivalent in the Administering Organisation

I certify that—

- I have read, understood and complied with the *Linkage Program Grant Guidelines (2024, second edition): Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities* (Grant Guidelines) and, to the best of my knowledge all details provided in this application form and in any supporting documentation are true and complete in accordance with the Grant Guidelines.
- Proper enquiries have been made and I am satisfied that the participants and the organisations listed in this application meet the requirements specified in the Grant Guidelines.
- In certifying the National Interest Test statement, I have considered the requirements detailed in the Instructions to Applicants, including whether the National Interest Test statement is written in plain English and for the audience – the general public.
- The ARC reserves the right to audit any evidence on which an application is based.
- I have received confirmation that all participating organisations agree to the project, are solvent at the time of application and have the necessary resources and approvals to fulfil the commitments, including contributions, that are described in this application.
- I will notify the ARC if there are changes to any named participant or organisation after the submission of this application.
- The participants are responsible for the authorship and intellectual content of this application, and have appropriately cited sources and acknowledged significant contributions to this application.
- To the best of my knowledge, all material personal and financial interests and Conflicts of Interest relating to parties involved in or associated with this application are disclosed to the Administering Organisation, and, if the application is successful, I agree to manage all Conflicts of Interest relating to this application in accordance with the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research \(2018\)](#) and the [ARC Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy](#) located on the ARC website and any relevant successor documents.
- I have ensured that any additional certification requirements, applied by the ARC as a result of findings of breaches of the [Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research \(2018\)](#), are provided at the grant opportunity closing date for any named participant on an application.
- I have obtained the agreement, attested to by written evidence, of all the relevant persons and organisations necessary to allow the project to proceed. This written evidence has been retained and will be provided to the ARC if requested.
- I have obtained the certification of all organisations contributing to the project (CEO or their delegate) that they support the project, will contribute to the resources outlined in the application, have complied with the Grant Guidelines and will abide by the relevant Commonwealth Grant Agreement, including the requirement to enter arrangements for intellectual property.
- The application, including all parties involved in or associated with this application, has undergone due diligence to assess risks from foreign interference in line with the [Guidelines to Counter Foreign Interference in the Australian University Sector \(2019\)](#) developed by the University Foreign Interference Taskforce.
- This application complies with the eligible research requirements set out in the [ARC Medical Research Policy](#), located on the ARC website.
- This application complies with the eligible research requirements set out in the [ARC Experimental Development Policy](#), located on the ARC website.
- This application does not request funding for the same research activities, infrastructure or project previously funded or currently being funded through any other Commonwealth funding.
- This application complies with the requirements to manage other similar or linked research applications by the participant and management is in place to avoid duplication of Australian Government funding if all applications are funded.

- If this application is successful, I am prepared to have the project carried out as set out in this application and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Grant Guidelines and the relevant Grant Agreement.
- The project can be accommodated within the general facilities of this organisation and if applicable, within the facilities of other relevant organisations specified in this application and sufficient working and office space is available for any proposed additional staff.
- All funds for this project will only be spent for the purpose for which they are provided.
- The project cannot commence until there is an ethics plan in place. The ARC reserves the right to audit any evidence on which an application is based.
- I consent, or where necessary, I have obtained the necessary consent(s) concerning all the parties, to this application being referred to third parties, including to overseas parties, who will remain anonymous, for assessment purposes.
- I consent, or where necessary, I have obtained the necessary consent(s) concerning all the parties, to the ARC copying, modifying and otherwise dealing with information contained in this application.
- I acknowledge, or where necessary have informed all the parties, that information from this application may be provided to other Commonwealth agencies to seek advice on national security or other matters.
- I confirm that potential risks are factored into the proposed project, and if awarded a risk management plan will be in place before the project can commence.
- To the best of my knowledge, the Privacy Notice appearing at the top of this form was drawn to the attention of all the participants whose personal details are provided in the Participant section of the application.