**BUSINESS CASE: STRATEGIC RESEARCH FUNDING REQUEST**

*This Business Case must be used to request Strategic Research Funding (SRF) funding support for Competitive Strategy Initiatives.*

*Email to the completed business case to Research Services at* [*research@ecu.edu.au*](mailto:research@ecu.edu.au) *a* ***minimum of 15 working days prior to the closing date*** *of the funding scheme for consideration by the DVCR.*

*For further detail please refer to the “Guidelines on Strategic Research Funding Support available for Category One Grants”.*

**PROJECT SUMMARY**

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| Project Title: |  |
| Grant Scheme: |  |
| Grant closing date: |  |
| Administering Organisation: |  |
| Lead CI: |  |
| ECU School/Institute/ Centre of the Lead CI: |  |
| Other ECU Researchers: |  |
| Participant/Collaborator Summary: | Copy and paste Investigator and Partner details from application or complete below table:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Name | Role | Organisation | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |  |  |  | |
| Summary of Proposal/Abstract: |  |
| Will the research involve Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities or participants? | YES  NO  *If YES, you must consult with the relevant researchers at Kurongkurl Katitjin prior to submission of Fellowship application.*  Have you consulted with relevant researchers at Kurongkurl Katitjin; or do you or one of your research team identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?  YES  NO  *Refer to ECU’s Research Integrity resources on* [*Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*](https://intranet.ecu.edu.au/research/for-research-staff/research-integrity/working-with-others) | |
| [Field of Research Codes](https://intranet.ecu.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/674402/Field-of-Research-Codes.pdf) (2020) *– list up to 3 at the 6 digit level* |  |
| Provide a statement as to how the planned research relates to the identified research strengths of ECU and School/ECUSRIC |  |
| Outline what the **exceptional** circumstances are surrounding the Category 1 Project Grant application which support this request for SRF co-funding |  |

**FUNDING REQUEST**

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| Total grant funding being requested: | $ over X years. |
| Amount of grant funding coming to ECU: | $ over X years. |
| Collaborators’ cash contribution and anticipated grant funding distribution per year of the grant: | *e.g. University of Babel Fish; will received $42,000 per year for Research Assistant and be contributing $10,000 cash towards the project per year* |
| Purpose of request for SRF support: | *e.g.: SRF funding will co-fund salary shortfall for a Postdoc, which will be co-funded from the NHMRC grant with PSP 4 salary.* |

In the table below indicate the funding being sought to be co-funded from grant funding, School and SRF, by year.

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| **Year** | **Item** | **Total Annual Cost of Item** | **Grant Funding Requested for Item** | **School contribution** | **SRF Co-funding request** |
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| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |  |  |

**Grant Budget**

**Either** copy and paste the budget from the application

**or** complete the below table:

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| **Total Grant Funding Requested = $ over years** | | | | |
| **Item** | **Cost** | **Funding Requested** | **Cash contribution\*** | **In-Kind Contribution Value\*** |
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*\* If cash or in-kind contribution is being contributed by a collaborator indicate the organisation name in parenthesis ().*

**HDR COMPLETIONS**What plans, if any, are there for HDR completions at ECU linked to this grant funding?

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**HDR SUPERVISION DETAILS *-*** *if HDR Scholarship is to be SRF co-funded.*

***NOTE****: Confirmation of the supervisory teams’ eligibility (at the time of award of the Fellowship) will be required prior to SRF support being provided for HDR Scholarships.*

**Supervisor 1**

Title: Name:

[ORCID ID](https://intranet.ecu.edu.au/research/for-research-staff/research-journey/orcid-at-ecu) (must be linked to ECU if an ECU staff member):

School/Research Institute or Centre:

Email:

Phone Number:

Principal supervisor  Co-supervisor

PhD completions to date:

**Supervisor 2**

Title: Name:

[ORCID ID](https://intranet.ecu.edu.au/research/for-research-staff/research-journey/orcid-at-ecu) (must be linked to ECU if an ECU staff member):

School/Research Institute or Centre/Industry Partner:

Email:

Phone Number:

Principal supervisor  Co-supervisor

PhD completions to date:

**RETURN ON INVESTMENT**

***NOTE****: minimum ROI of 3:1 for Category 1 funding and 4:1 for all other funding sources. i.e. for each ECU $ co-funding contributed (SRF + School) $4 in research income is to be received by ECU.*

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| **Total Grant Funding to be received by ECU (A)** | **Total ECU Cash Contribution (B)** | **Return on Investment**  **(A:B)** |
| **$** | **$** |  |

**SIGNATURES**

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| ECU Researcher: ………………………………………………………………………………  Name:  Date: |
| Associate Dean Research: …………………………………………………………………  Name:  Date: |
| *Complete if Fellow applicant is in an ECUSRIC.*  Name of ECUSRIC:  Director: ………………………………………………………………………………  Name:  Date: |
| Executive Dean: ………………………………………………………………………………  Name:  Date: |
| Director, Research Services, or nominee, **endorses / does not endorse** this request for SRF Co-funding for the following reasons:  **…………………………………………………………………………………………………**  Name: Prof Margaret Jones  Director, Research Services  Date: |
| DVCR **approves / does not approve** this request for SRF Co-funding for the following reasons:  **…………………………………………………………………………………………………**  Name: Prof Caroline Finch  Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research  Date: |