2020 ARC Discovery Indigenous Information Sheet

Overview

The *Discovery Indigenous* scheme supports research programs led by Indigenous Australian researchers in order to build the capacity of higher degree research and early career researchers.

The objectives of the *Discovery Indigenous* scheme are to:

1. support excellent basic and applied research training by Indigenous Australian researchers as individuals and as teams;
2. develop the research expertise of Indigenous Australian researchers;
3. support and retain established Indigenous Australian researchers in Australian higher education institutions; and
4. expand Australia's knowledge base and research capability.

ARC Funding

- A *Discovery Indigenous* may request funding for up to five consecutive years.
- Funding for projects ranges from min. $30,000 to max. $500,000 pa.
- A project may include a Discovery Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award (DAATSIA), which provides salary support at *one of five salary levels* between $100,858 and $213,584 (including 30% on-costs) for an eligible Indigenous Australian researcher. The $500,000 max. level of funding pa includes the DAATSIA.
- There are no limits set on the number of DAATSIA that can be held over an academic's career; only limit to requesting DAATSIA in a scheme round and holding one at a time.
- HDR stipends may be supported at a rate of $27,094 pa (up to two per proposal) for Indigenous Australian students enrolled at UON.
- The National Interest Test will be applicable to this scheme.

Important dates

	Date
ARC proposals open in RMS	10 December 2018
UON Eligibility and Compliance check period	7- 13 March 2019
UON deadline for final application	5pm 20 March 2019
ARC submission	5pm 27 March 2019

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Examples of successful 2017 proposals

Preserving Aboriginal language through song archives. (USyd)

This project aims to explore how song can preserve vanishing Indigenous languages. Song and language are integral to the wellbeing and knowledge of Indigenous peoples, and the loss of Indigenous languages is a national and global crisis. Focusing on the endangered Nyungar language of the south-west of Western Australia, this project will develop a model to recirculate and perform archival songs in online and physical spaces, engaging the community while developing resources for future use. The outcomes of this project are expected to inform global efforts to sustain intangible cultural heritage and contribute to the Australian reconciliation agenda.

Funding: $525,000

#thismymob: Digital land rights and reconnecting Indigenous communities. (UMelb)

This project aims to investigate how social technology can connect Indigenous communities and enhance wellbeing; design culturally appropriate and sensitive technologies that afford a safe refuge for Indigenous peoples and their communities. This project will design and evaluate a mobile app to implement a national-scale, Indigenous-led technology development project and develop a national technology research and development framework and post-secondary Indigenous software engineering curricula. The project expects to benefit Indigenous developers, entrepreneurs and start-ups to develop, operate and own technology.

Funding: $473,000

Indigenous young people's resilience and wellbeing. (Murdoch)

This project aims to identify factors related to, and those which predict, the development of resilience and wellbeing in Indigenous youth. Resilience protects the social and emotional wellbeing of youth exposed to high levels of adversity, and reduces the likelihood of substance misuse, violence, and risky behaviour. This project will examine the development of resilience and wellbeing in Indigenous youth; compare Indigenous youth's self-assessment of their resilience and wellbeing between low and high risk cohorts; and study how community services develop youth wellbeing and resilience. The expected benefit of this research is a better understanding of connections among age, cultural identity, resilience, wellbeing and risky behaviours in Indigenous youth.

Funding: $371,000

Statistics on successful ARC Discovery Indigenous applications:

Round	Proposals considered	Proposals approved	Success rate	Allocated funding	ARC awarded funds as a % of requested
2013	32	10	31.3%	$4,320,000	68.4%
2014	26	10	38.5%	$4,886,142	77.3%
2015	32	10	31.3%	$4,392,609	66.8%
2016	31	10	32.3%	$4,059,356	74.6%
2017	31	11	35.5%	$4,634,891	64.8%

| 2018 | 38 | 13 | 34.2% | $7,210,045 | 70.7% |