

ARC Linkage Projects

Partner Organisation Contribution Requirements: PO receives government funding for research

UOW collaborates with **CSIRO** and **AgriSeedage Pty Ltd** on a project investigating drought-resistant barley crops. \$400,000 is requested from ARC.

Total minimum combined cash and in-kind contributions from both Partner Organisations: \$400,000

Minimum cash contribution required from the partners: \$100,000 (i.e. 25% of the total amount requested from the ARC).

Minimum in-kind contribution required from the partners: \$400,000 less committed eligible cash contributions.

Distribution of contributions between the partners:

CSIRO. CSIRO funded predominantly from Commonwealth for purposes of research, so its maximum "eligible" cash + in-kind contribution is capped at 25% of matching ARC funds i.e. \$100,000. CSIRO can provide more than \$100,000 in contributions but this won't be counted as an "eligible contribution" in regards to matching ARC funding.

AgriSeedage . The minimum this PO will need to contribute will be \$400,000 less the "eligible contribution" provided by CSIRO. Unlike CSIRO the AgriSeedage contributions are not capped, i.e. contributions over and above the minimum would be counted as "eligible contributions".

Possible contribution breakdowns - examples

CSIRO: \$100,000 cash; \$50,000 in-kind made up of Partner Investigator time contribution.

AgriSeedage : nil cash; \$300,000 in-kind made up of Partner Investigator time contribution, laboratory and fieldwork support and maintenance.

Here, CSIRO's \$50,000 in-kind contribution is not included as an "eligible contribution" (recall 25% cap for Cth-funded research organisations). Also, the cash contribution must not be sourced from funds previously appropriated or awarded from Commonwealth or Australian State or Territory sources for purposes of research. Also, whilst AgriSeedage is not a "cash exempt" Partner Organisation, where a proposal includes more than one Partner Organisation the ARC only require that the combined Partner Organisation eligible cash contributions

meet the 25% minimum. However, lack of a cash contribution from a Partner Organisation who is not "cash exempt" would damage a proposals assessment against the criterion of "Partner Organisation Commitment and Collaboration".

CSIRO: \$100,000 cash; \$50,000 in-kind made up of Partner Investigator time contribution

AgriSeedage : \$50,000 cash; \$250,000 in-kind made up of Partner Investigator time contribution, laboratory and fieldwork support and maintenance.

Note: in this case \$50,000 of CSIRO's cash contribution is not included as an "eligible contribution"

CSIRO: \$0 cash; \$100,000 in-kind made up of time contribution of two Partner Investigators

AgriSeedage : \$100,000 cash; \$200,000 in-kind made up of Partner Investigator time contribution, laboratory and fieldwork support and maintenance.

Note: whilst CSIRO is not a "cash exempt" Partner Organisation, where a proposal includes more than one Partner Organisation the ARC only require that the combined Partner Organisation eligible cash contributions meet the 25% minimum. Perhaps in this case CSIRO was not able to provide any cash not appropriated from the Commonwealth for research purposes.

In the above cases, Agriseeds makes up the difference between eligible contributions from CSIRO and the minimum required contributions from the ARC (i.e. matching to \$400,000). If it wished, Agriseeds could provide significantly more cash and in-kind contribution to the project than the minimum required.