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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Industrial Transformation Research Program (ITRP)

Industrial Transformation Training Centres (ITTC) and Industrial Transformation Research Hubs (ITRH)
for funding commencing 2020

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- All participants should read the Grant Guidelines for the Linkage Program (2019) – Industrial Transformation Research Program (ITRP) available on [GrantConnect](#).
 - The Instructions to Applicants, which are available on the GrantConnect website, also contain important information for Research Office staff and individual participants preparing applications.
 - The Australian Research Council (ARC) does not respond to queries from individual participants. Individual participants should direct all queries regarding ARC funding schemes to their Administering Organisation's Research Office (or equivalent).
 - If further information regarding any of the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) schemes is required, the Research Office should contact the NCGP inbox at ARC-NCGP@arc.gov.au.
 - Information regarding the Research Management System (RMS) is available at the ARC website, or by contacting ARC-Systems@arc.gov.au for assistance.
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FAQs relevant to ITTC and ITRH

1. Medical Research Policy

1.1 Can ITRP applications that address the health priorities include activities which might be captured under Part 3 (Ineligible Research) of the ARC Medical Research Policy, so long as those activities will not be funded by the ARC?

Section 5.2 of the grant guidelines for ITRP for funding commencing in 2020 states: *The Linkage Program does not support applications that involve medical research as detailed in the ARC Medical Research Policy on the ARC website. Applications which address the 'Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals' industrial transformation priority, must take the ARC Medical Research Policy into consideration.*

ITRP applications selecting the 'Medical Technologies and Pharmaceuticals' industrial transformation priority need to address this priority, and the application must clearly address the objectives of the ITRP schemes. However, consistent with the ARC's Medical Research Policy, the main aim of the ITRP application must not be to understand the causes, treatment and/or prevention of human diseases and/or the maintenance of human health.

When structuring a proposed project for an ITRP grant, consider how the proposed research program addresses the medical technologies and pharmaceuticals priority (for example principles, concept and the development of a prototype of a medical device) and how the ARC funding will enable this.

Towards the end of ITRP project, the research outcomes may require some specific medical research activities (for example using animal models, or undertaking human testing), and the applicant must ensure that the application does not request ARC funding to fund such ineligible activities. The application must clearly identify funding drawn from other participating organisations to fully support these specific medical research activities. Consistent with the ARC Medical Research Policy, applicants must clearly justify the inclusion and critical nature of these activities to the success of the research program.

The applicant must use the Medical Research Statement to articulate which activity is potentially breaching the policy, why it is critical to the overall outcome, how it aligns to the scheme priorities, and how it is funded. This can be further elaborated in the project description and budget justification sections of the application, noting that the NCGP Eligibility Committee will consider applications with reference to the ARC Medical Research Policy and information contained in the Medical Research Statement question in the application form.

2. Investigators

2.1 Can Partner Investigators be key personnel?

Partner Investigators cannot be listed as key personnel.

2.2 Do Investigators who are not key personnel need to provide their ROPE details in Part F of the application form?

Investigators who are not key personnel do not need to provide additional information regarding their Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE) through the application form at Part F.

FAQs relevant to ITTC only

1. Budget

1.1 What is the difference between ICHDR Level 1 and ICHDR Level 2 in the IC20 Budget Table?

A two year plus six months HDR is **Level 1** in the drop down menu of the Budget Table in the IC20 form (\$33,413 each year for two years followed by \$16,706 for six months).

A three year plus six months HDR is **Level 2** in the drop down menu of the Budget Table in the IC20 form (\$33,413 each year for three years followed by \$16,706 for six months).

Refer to the table on page 24 of the Instructions to Applicants where budget profiles and years have been outlined according to the Level and start year.