



1. Overview

The *HASS Partnership Funding Scheme* is designed to promote research collaboration between HASS researchers and industry partners to conduct preliminary work that will support highly competitive proposals for external industry-focussed funding opportunities.

The objective of this scheme is to fund research or research development activities to:

1. Improve the competitiveness of substantial research proposals to external funders.
2. Encourage the establishment or development of active research partnerships with industry partner(s) led by HASS researcher(s).

The *HASS Partnership Funding Scheme* will operate in three rounds from 2024-2026 (details in Timeline section below), with up to \$10,000 available per project. Expenditure of funds must be completed by the end of the year awarded. Funding may cover research assistance, infrastructure equipment, industry workshops/meetings, travel. Ineligible budget items include teaching relief, investigator salaries, academic publication and dissemination costs, abstracting services, projects which consist substantially of conference travel and student support (including stipends).

2. Application Process (details on specific dates for each round available in below Timeline section)

- The *HASS Partnership Funding Scheme* application form needs to be completed in consideration of the Guidelines and Conditions of Award (located on the [HASS Partnership Funding Scheme website](#)).
- Submit your completed and signed application form to the HASS office of the ADR via email to research@hass.uq.edu.au by the deadline.
- Recommendations will be provided by the *HASS Partnership Funding Scheme* Review Panel to the Executive Dean. The Executive Dean will make the final determination of the awards.
- Applicants (along with Heads of School and Director of Research) will receive notification on the outcome of their application.

3. Eligibility

- The lead applicant must be employed in a continuing or fixed-term role within the Faculty of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.
- The lead applicant must demonstrate (in the application) the capacity to undertake the project in their current role and the likelihood of being able to submit and undertake an externally funded Industry Project following the completion of the HASS Partnership Project.
- Industry Partner must be either a business, government, not-for-profit, or non-governmental organization. Universities and Institutions of Studies locally or abroad are not eligible.
- Unsuccessful applicants may re-apply in the following round (if applicable).

4. Selection Criteria (evenly weighted)

The selection criteria under which applications will be assessed are:

- **Quality of the project: Why this project?** What are you planning to do and how will it lead to meaningful research outcomes?
- **Quality of the applicant/team: Why you/this team?** How are you positioned to undertake the project and who (if there are other investigators involved) are you working with to make it happen?
- **Quality of the partner relationship: Why this partner?** How is this partner relevant to this project, what is your history with them, and how would they be relevant to a future external scheme application?
- **Competitiveness for future funding: Why this external scheme?** How will this project help you (and your partner) with a future application for the nominated (in the application form) external opportunity
- **Other Information to be considered?**



5. Timelines

Round 1- 2024 - Closed

Round 2- 2025

- Scheme opens: End of 2024
- Scheme closes: Monday 10 March 2025
- Outcome notification: Late March 2025
- Project Meeting- Progress Update 1* June 2025
- Project Meeting- Progress Update 2* September 2025
- Funds must be fully expended: 1 December 2025
- Reports* due: 16 February 2026

Round 3- 2026 (subject to change)

- Scheme opens: End of 2025
- Scheme closes: Monday 9 March 2026
- Outcome notification: Late March 2026
- Project Meeting- Progress Update 1* June 2026
- Project Meeting- Progress Update 2* September 2026
- Funds must be fully expended: 1 December 2026
- Reports* due: 15 February 2027

*more details available in '[Conditions of Award](#)' document.

6. Further Information and Contact

All information regarding the *HASS Partnership Funding Scheme* will be available on the [HASS Partnership Funding Scheme website](#). Please direct questions regarding the *HASS Partnership Funding Scheme* to the HASS Office of the ADR at research@hass.uq.edu.au.