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Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences

ARC Stage 1 Readership – 9 December 2019

AGENDA

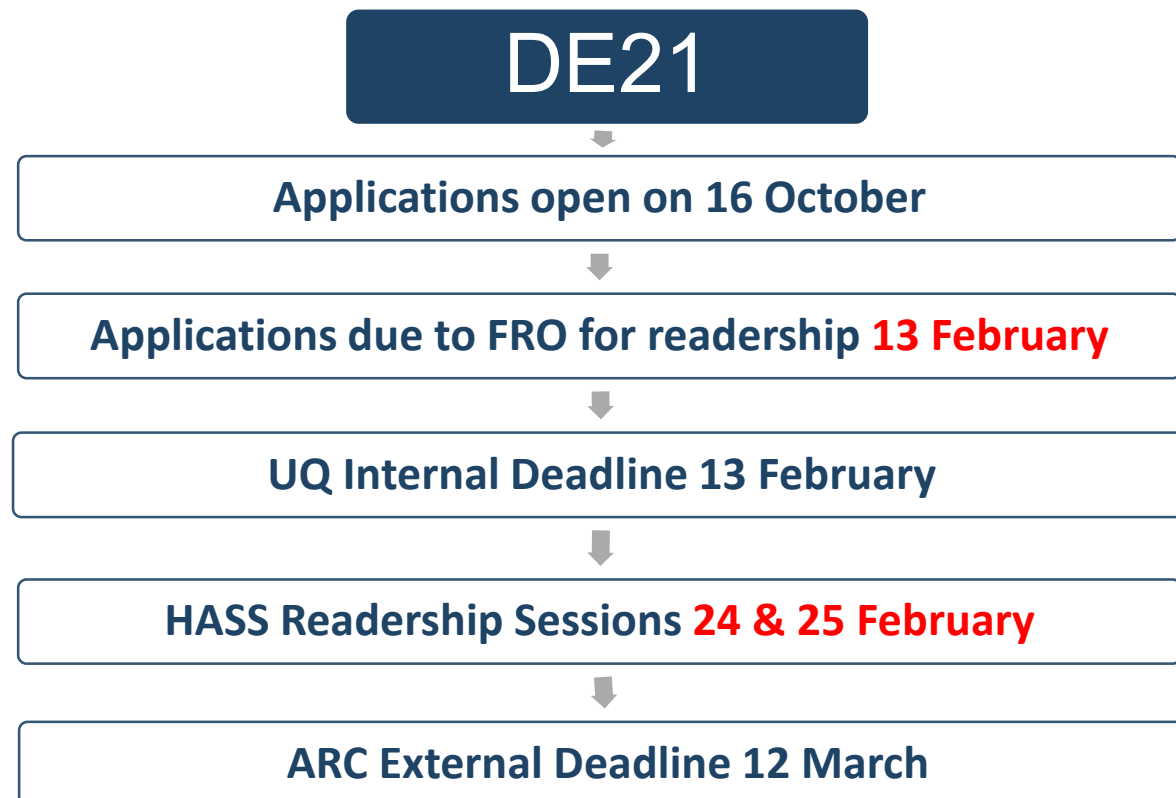
10:00 – 10:05pm	Morning Tea on arrival
10:05 – 10:15pm	ARC Overview
10:15 – 10:20pm	Questions & breakout into groups
10:20 – 12:00pm	Group work

Refreshments will be available throughout the morning – help yourself!

KEY DATES

****FRO TOP TIP**** Everything you need as an applicant is on the UQR&I website – Bookmark it!

<https://research.uq.edu.au/research-support/research-management/funding-schemes/australian-research-council-arc/discovery-early-career-researcher-awards>



SELECTION CRITERIA

ARC DECRA Projects 2021- Selection Criteria

- Investigator/Capability 50%
- Project Quality and Innovation 25%
- Benefit 15%
- Feasibility 10%

Assessment Criteria Weighting

Scheme	Previous		Revised	
DECRA				
	Project quality and innovation	35%	Project quality and innovation	25%
	DECRA candidate	40%	Investigator/Capability	50%
	Feasibility	10%	Feasibility	10%
	Benefit and collaboration	15%	Benefit	15%

The **DECRA Scheme Objectives** are to:

- support excellent basic and applied research by early career researchers;
- support national and international research collaboration;
- enhance the scale and focus of research in Australian Government priority areas;
- advance promising early career researchers and promote enhanced opportunities for diverse career pathways; and
- enable research and research training in high quality and supportive environments.

See Pages 47 to 49 of the *ARC Discovery Program Grant Guidelines (2019 Edition)*

****FRO TOP TIP**** Sign up for **Grant Connect** to access the Grant Guidelines, Instructions to Applicants. You will be notified then of scheme changes.

DECRA – Scheme changes for 2021

1. Multi-Year Guidelines – 2 rounds of DE will run in 2020. DE22 round will open 16 Sep 2020 and close 11 Nov 2020
2. Dates – the ARC sets out their “Important Dates” on their website <https://www.arc.gov.au/grants/grant-calendar/important-dates-arc-grant-application-process> - PhD eligibility date and for grant commencement
3. Streamline and updated scheme objectives and assessment criteria
4. Selection Criteria – this means the application structure has changed to align to the criteria
5. Career Interruption – broader definition to be ‘medical condition’ (rather than ‘illness’)
6. DECRA Project Budget now up to \$50,000/year (UQ Capacity Package yet to be confirmed)

See *ARC Discovery Program Grant Guidelines & Agreement Changes – 2019* document for full list of changes

DECRA – Scheme changes for 2021

The D1 – Project Description – the 1st page strategy has changed.....

D1 Headings

- o PROJECT TITLE
- o INVESTIGATOR/CAPABILITY
- o PROJECT QUALITY AND INNOVATION
- o BENEFIT
- o FEASIBILITY
- o COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS
- o REFERENCES
- o ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (IF REQUIRED)

ARC FAQ: The subheading for ‘AIMS and BACKGROUND’ is no longer required under question D1 Project Description.

Can I still include this information as a preamble or under the ‘INVESTIGATOR/CAPABILITY’ subheading?

You must not include a preamble in Part D or include project aims/figures as part of the ‘PROJECT TITLE’ subheading. Project aims/figures can be outlined under the ‘PROJECT QUALITY AND INNOVATION’ subheading, as that assessment criterion requires to address the aims, concepts/conceptual framework, methods, etc. of your proposed research. Brief mention of the project aims and objectives can be made under the ‘INVESTIGATORS/CAPABILITY’ subheading only if they relate to the roles and **responsibilities of the candidates.**

DECRA – Scheme changes for 2021

Advice given to FL20 applicants and example provided...but remember you are DECRA applicants so your response needs to be contextualised for this scheme and your ROPE.

PROJECT TITLE

The Golden Egg: grantsmanship in an age of overregulation

INVESTIGATOR/CAPABILITY

Investigator Vision: Understanding what sets apart excellence in ultra-competitive Flagship schemes is an enduring mystery. Chutzpah and bravado abound but are insufficient, and overregulation homogenises applications. How do we capture the authentic academic voice so that it can be funded? This Program aims to demystify the last of the academic Dark Arts through the application of Artificial Intelligence to longitudinal cohort studies. The outcome of this Fellowship will build a novel machine-learning model, and train the next generation of researchers to achieve the grand challenge of grantsmanship – nurturing the elusive Goose and its Golden Egg.

CHECKLIST & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

HASS FRO Checklist

- Grant Connect login – download Guidelines & ITA
- Get an RMS login via ARC website
- Sign up for UQ&RI research mailing list
<http://www.uq.edu.au/research/ mailing-lists/>
- Bookmark UQR&I Scheme site
- Go to UQR&I workshops/Info Sessions
- Go to UQ Library metric Sessions
- Use the Faculty Readership Scheme
- Find other readers in and beyond your specific field
- Email, phone or drop in to the HASS FRO
research@hass.uq.edu.au

HASS Additional Resource Suggestions

- Writing clearly suggestion
<https://withoutbullshit.com/book>
- Writing Successful Grant Proposals
<https://www.insidehighered.com/advice/2017/08/07/advice-how-write-grant-proposals-essay>
- The Research Whisperer posts
<https://theresearchwhisperer.wordpress.com/category/funding/>



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DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS...

