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Discovery Projects

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**Critical dates**

**December 2015**

**Proposals open in RMS**

**1-3 February 2016**

**Submit review ready application to RIC**

Wednesday **17 February 2016**

**Request not to assess**

Wednesday **24 February 2016**

**Final Application Submission due to RIC**

Wednesday **2 March 2016**

**Final Applications due to ARC**

**Overview**

The ARC Discovery Projects support fundamental research conducted by both individuals and teams.

The Discovery Project aims to:

* Support excellent basic and applied research by individuals and teams
* Enhance the scale and focus of research in the Strategic Research Priorities
* Expand Australia’s knowledge base and research capability
* Encourage research and research training in high-quality research environments
* Enhance international collaboration in research
* Foster the international competitiveness of Australian research.

**Funding**

The scheme provides $30,000-$500,000 funding per annum for projects of two to five years duration. Project costs can be used to hire research personnel, support HDR students, or fund teaching relief, equipment, consumables, Field Research, Travel, and dissemination costs. Discovery International Awards (DIAs) may be funded as a Special Condition to fund travel for a CI to work with an overseas-based PI and/or for an overseas-based PI to work in Australia on the project. See section C of the [Funding Rules](http://www.arc.gov.au/sites/default/files/filedepot/Public/NCGP/DP17/Discovery_Programme_Funding_Rules_2015.pdf) for more information.

1. Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI)

The [NOI](http://noi.mro.unimelb.edu.au/) should be completed early to provide RIC with the CI's contact details.

1. Updates RMS 2.0 profile

All CIs and PIs must obtain access to [RMS 2.0](https://rms.arc.gov.au) and update profile information (see [RMS information](http://www.arc.gov.au/rms-information))

1. Review documentation

Review the Discovery Project 2016 Funding Rules and the Instructions to Applicants and the FAQs. These documents can be found under the Support documents tab.

1. Complete the draft application in RMS 2.0

Log in to [RMS 2.0](https://rms.arc.gov.au) and complete the draft application.

1. Submit 'Review ready' application to RIC

Submit application to RIC within the RIC internal submission period. Include the following:

* + A hard copy of the complete review ready draft application
  + RIC review coversheet
  + If applicable, the applicant should include an electronic copy of the Request Not to Assess form if they would like to request the exclusion of a potential assessor. Email this to [ric-arcdiscovery@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:ric-arcdiscovery@unimelb.edu.au)

1. Application review

Two RIC staff members will review the application and provide the applicant with feedback via email.

1. Complete the application

After taking feedback from the RIC team into consideration, complete the application in [RMS 2.0](https://rms.arc.gov.au/). It is suggested advice is sought from colleagues, Faculty Mentors, etc. before finalising the application.

1. Submit the *UOM Authority to Submit* form

The form must be submitted to RIC in hardcopy before 5:00pm on the final internal closing date. This form should include:

* + Complete the compliance and eligibility section
  + Signature of all CIs and PIs
  + Signature of the Head of Department for each CI
  + Signature of the CEO (or delegate) for all Australian-based PIs

Electronic signatures are permitted.

This is an ARC requirement and the application cannot be submitted to ARC until received.

1. Final submission

Before 5:00pm on the final internal Closing date, the applicant must:

* + Submit final application by clicking ‘Submit to Research Office’ in [RMS 2.0](https://rms.arc.gov.au)
  + Email RIC ([ric-arcdiscovery@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:ric-arcdiscovery@unimelb.edu.au@unimelb.edu.au)) a pdf copy of the final application and a scanned, signed Authority to Submit form

**Note:** Applications without a completed Authority to Submit form cannot be submitted to the ARC

1. RIC will submit the application

Once the application has been submitted to ARC, you will receive an email from RIC confirming submission.

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A 'review ready' draft application

* RMS 2.0 Profile for all personnel
* Section A - Admin Summary
* Section B - Classifications/Statistical Info
* Section C - Include Role of Personnel, Research Environment, Communication of Results, Management of Data. The completed draft may exclude the Aims/Background/Research Project.
* C2 and C3 - Medical and Dental Statement
* Section D - Budget
* Section E - Budget Justification
* Section F - Personnel and ROPE
* Section G - Research Support

**Supporting documents**

**ARC**

* The [ARC Discovery Projects](http://www.arc.gov.au/discovery-projects) website
* [Funding Rules](http://www.arc.gov.au/sites/default/files/filedepot/Public/NCGP/DP17/Discovery_Programme_Funding_Rules_2015.pdf)
* Instructions to Applicants (Coming soon)
* [Changes to Funding Rules 2017](http://www.arc.gov.au/sites/default/files/filedepot/Public/NCGP/DP17/DP16_to_DP17_Funding_Rules_changes.pdf)
* [Cross-Scheme Eligibility FAQs](http://www.arc.gov.au/sites/default/files/filedepot/Public/NCGP/DP17/Discovery_Programme_FAQs_2015.pdf)
* FAQs (Coming soon)
* [ARC Medical/Dental Definition](http://www.arc.gov.au/arc-medical-research-policy)
* [ARC Request Not to Assess form](http://www.arc.gov.au/request-not-assess)
* Funding Agreement (Coming soon)
* [ARC College of Experts](http://www.arc.gov.au/arc-college-experts)
* [Australian Government Strategic Research Priorities](http://innovation.gov.au/research/Pages/StrategicResearchPriorities.aspx)

**RIC**

* [Register a NOI](http://noi.mro.unimelb.edu.au/)
* RIC Review Coversheet (Coming soon)
* RIC Authority to Submit form (Coming soon)
* RIC Discovery Projects 2016 Applicant Guide (Coming soon)
* Discovery Projects 2016 Research Environment Guide (Coming soon)
* [Grants Library of Successful Applications](http://grantslibrary.mro.unimelb.edu.au/)[[AJC1]](" \l "_msocom_1)
* Questions F12 Template (Coming soon)
* Part G Research Support Template (Coming soon)
* RIC Discovery Projects seminar presentation slides

(Coming soon)

* [List of Faculty Grant Coordinators/Mentors](http://www.research.unimelb.edu.au/funding/faculty-grant-coordinators.html)
* [How to complete Management of Data](http://researchdata.unimelb.edu.au/arc) in section C1
* Discovery Projects 2016 Salary Scales and Budget Preparation (Coming soon)
* [Research Impact Measurement](http://library.unimelb.edu.au/rilas) (this can assist CIs with metrics for sections F13 and F14).

**How to write a rejoinder**

* [Rejoinder fact sheet](http://mro.unimelb.edu.au/system/files/ric_rejoinder_fact-sheet_-_june_2015.pdf)
* [Rejoinder information session slides](http://mro.unimelb.edu.au/system/files/arc_rejoinders_2016_1.pdf)
* [Rejoinder information session recording](http://www.dropbox.com/s/c4aoov8scc7vi7g/Rejoinder%20seminar.mp3?oref=e&n=433325674)
* [Rejoinder information session slide video with recording](http://www.dropbox.com/s/1qarx636l5cibih/Rejonder%20seminar%20video.mov?oref=e&n=433325674)

Questions and primary [ric-arcdiscovery@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:ric-arcdiscovery@unimelb.edu.au).

**Key contacts**

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