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* PROJECT TITLE
* PROJECT AIMS AND BACKGROUND
* INVESTIGATOR(S)/CAPABILITY
* PROJECT QUALITY AND INNOVATION
* BENEFIT
* FEASIBILITY
* COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS
* REFERENCES
* ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (IF REQUIRED)
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**PROJECT TITLE**

* This title may differ from that shown in Part A1 of the Proposal form, and may exceed ten words.

**PROJECT AIMS AND BACKGROUND**

* Briefly outline the aims and provide the background of this application.
* Include information about national and international progress in this field of research and its relationship to this application.
* Refer only to research outputs that are accessible to the national and international research communities.

**INVESTIGATOR(S)/CAPABILITY (35% of assessment together with ROPE sections)**

Describe:

* Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE);
* time and capacity to undertake the research;
* evidence of experience in research training, mentoring and supervision (where appropriate); and
* the capability of the investigator or team to build collaborations both within Australia and internationally.

**PROJECT QUALITY AND INNOVATION (40% of the assessment)**

Describe the:

* contribution to an important gap in knowledge or significant problem;
* novelty/originality and innovation of the proposed research (including any new methods, technologies, theories or ideas that will be developed);
* clarity of the hypothesis, theories and research questions;
* cohesiveness of the project design and implementation plan (including the appropriateness of the aim, conceptual framework, method, data and/or analyses); and
* extent to which the research has the potential to enhance international collaboration.

**BENEFIT (15% of assessment)**

Describe the potential benefits including the:

* new or advanced knowledge resulting from outcomes of the research;
* economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia and international communities; and
* potential contribution to capacity in the Australian Government’s priority areas.

**FEASIBILITY (10% of assessment.)**

Describe the:

* cost-effectiveness of the research and its value for money;
* suitability of the environment for the research team and their project, and for HDR students where appropriate;
* availability of the necessary facilities to complete the project; and
* extent to which the project’s design, participants and requested budget create confidence in the timely and successful completion of the project.

If the project involves Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research describe:

* the strategies for enabling collaboration with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities where appropriate (for example, dialogue/collaboration with an Indigenous cultural mentor); and
* any existing or developing, supportive and high quality relationships with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander research communities; and
* any personal affiliations with local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities that facilitate the proposed research.

**COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS (recommend 0.5 MAX.)**

* Outline plans for communicating the research results to other researchers and the broader community, including but not limited to scholarly and public communication and dissemination.

**REFERENCES**

* Include a list of all references, including relevant references to the participants’ previous work.
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* References may be in 10-point font

1. Reference 1
2. Reference 2
3. Reference 3 ….

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (if required)**

• Acknowledge any significant contributions to this application in terms of ideas and authorship, by persons not already named in this application.

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