Track records—have we lost track?

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What is the ARC doing?

- Published advice to peer reviewers includes instructions to take account of relative opportunity when considering track record.
- This is formalised through the ROPE arrangements which apply to all schemes.
Selection criteria

- most scheme selection criteria including investigator track record and proposed program of research
- assessors are advised that it is important to take into account the opportunities that the researchers have had to build their research profile
Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE)

- ROPE was first introduced in 2011 and replaced the selection criterion of ‘track record relative to opportunities’.
- ROPE was introduced to help provide a more realistic consideration of a researcher’s capabilities and assist those who have had career interruptions for family and other reasons.
Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE) Continued...

• The ARC considers that Research Opportunity comprises two separate elements:
  – Career experiences (relative to opportunity)
  – Career interruptions

• The new ROPE Statement (released Feb 2014) is on the ARC website.
‘First Time’ Researcher Data

- ARC data shows that about 80% of DECRAs awarded, and about 20% of DP grants, go to researchers who have not held any ARC grant before.
(ITRHub*) Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE)—Ten career-best publications

- Add a brief paragraph for each publication explaining and justifying the impact or significance of the publication
- Asterisk the publications relevant to this Proposal.

* From the IH14 Instructions to Applicants [www.arc.gov.au](http://www.arc.gov.au)
Further evidence in relation to research impact and contributions to the field over the last 10 years*

- Research outputs other than academic publications. Examples may include patents, IP licences, other research support income, relevant consultancies, policy advice, and other professional activities.

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- Include as appropriate, a wide range of research evaluations (e.g., citations, evaluation of the publication - the journal, the book publishing house, the conference etc, other measures of esteem; honours and awards/prizes).

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• Describe your Research Impact relative to opportunity and in the context of discipline/end user expectations. Outline significant achievements and outcomes that have contributed to a tangible impact for end users.

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