



Australian Government

Australian Research Council

Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development

**Selection Report
for Funding Commencing in 2005**

Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development

Overview

Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development aims to:

- develop the research expertise of Indigenous Australian researchers to a level which is competitive with mainstream research funding;
- support excellent fundamental research by Indigenous Australian individuals and teams;
- provide Indigenous Australian researchers with experience in the preparation of research grant applications; and
- expand Australia's knowledge base and research capability.

Selection process

Each application was sent to two Australian-based readers for assessment and applicants were invited to submit rejoinders. A Selection Committee comprising members of the College of Expert Committees considered the assessments and rejoinders, ranked the applications, and prepared funding recommendations.

Selection criteria

Primary criteria were:

- the quality of the research project being proposed;
- the quality of the researcher(s) proposing the research project; and
- the quality of the research environment and/or mentor.

Other considerations were:

- the probable impact of a successful outcome for the research project; and
- the extent to which the successful completion of the research project would train and equip the researcher to compete for mainstream research funding.

Summary Outcomes

The total *Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development* budget available for funding commencing in 2005 is \$258,000.

Nine applications were received with five applications recommended for funding commencing in 2005, totalling \$247,932, with an average grant size of \$49,586. All five applications are recommended for funding for two years. Two applications requested

Research Cadetships-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (RC-ATSI), both of which were funded.

The overall success rate for Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development is 55.55%.

Table 1. Applications and recommended funding for Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development commencing in 2005

Discipline	Applications	Unsuccessful	Recommended	Success rate
BSB	1	0	1	100%
EE	0	0	0	N/A
HCA	2	1	1	50%
SBE	5	2	3	60%
MIC	1	1	0	0%
PCG	0	0	0	N/A
Total	9	4	5	55.55%

The average first-year funding per project for *Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development* is \$49,586.

Scheme Budget

The following allocations from the *Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development* budget have been recommended for new grants to commence in 2005.

Table 2. Recommended Funding for Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development grants commencing in 2005

2005	2006	Total
\$247,932	\$217,000	\$464,932

National Research Priorities

None of the applications fall directly in the areas designated as national research priorities for the 2005 funding round.

Gender of applicants

Of the nine applications, six Chief Investigators (CI) were female and three were male. Of the five applications recommended for funding, three are female Chief Investigators one of whom is recommended for funding as a Research Cadetship -Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (RC-ATSI), and two male Chief Investigators, one of whom is recommended as a Research Cadetship -Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (RC-ATSI).

Funding by Institution

The following table shows application numbers and total ARC funding by institution for the applications that were received from a total of six institutions. Three institutions will receive funding.

Table 3. ARC Indigenous Researchers Development: New Funding by Institution 2005

Administering Institution	Total Applications	Funded Applications	Success Rate	Total Allocation 2005
The Flinders University of South Australia	1	1	100%	\$30,360
University of Western Sydney	2	2	100%	\$46,988
The University of Melbourne	2	2	100%	\$170,584
Griffith University	1	0	0%	\$0
The Australian National University	1	0	0%	\$0
The University of Newcastle	2	0	0%	\$0
Total	9	5	55.55%	\$247,932