



## **SOCIAL SCIENCES COLLABORATION – INTERNATIONALLY COORDINATED INITIATIVE: COMMON ELIGIBILITY ISSUES**

The ARC conducts a range of eligibility checks based on requirements described in the Linkage International (LX) Funding Rules. These eligibility checks may occur at any time during the assessment process. Most ARC schemes have formal processes for requesting an eligibility advising, and where there is any doubt we encourage applicants to:

- Contact their relevant Research Office for clarification and if necessary submit an Eligibility Exemption/Advising Request Form to the ARC. The ARC will provide a response as soon as practicable. Please see the LX Funding Rules for the deadline for submission of Eligibility Exemption/Advising Requests.

The following list is provided as a guide and is not an exhaustive list of potential eligibility issues:

### **1. The Proposal contained information that was incomplete, inaccurate, false or misleading.**

This includes, but is not restricted to, missing reports in Part D2 and failure to complete all mandatory sections of the Application Form. The *Linkage International Instructions to Applicants for funding commencing in 2009 – Social Sciences Collaboration (SSC)* document provides a Proposal Checklist which outlines the essential components to each Proposal. Details of submission requirements are also provided in Section 10.4 of the LX Funding Rules.

### **2. The Proposal failed to meet one or more format or other submission requirements.**

This includes, but is not restricted to, use of incorrect font size and exceeding the page limit. Section 10.4.3 of the LX Funding Rules outlines the formatting requirements for submission of Proposals.

### **3. The maximum number of Proposals and projects permitted (in 2009) was exceeded by a nominated researcher on the Proposal.**

Limits apply to all participating researchers on a Proposal. The specific limits on the number of Proposals and funded projects allowed are provided in Sections 6.6 and 16.9 of the LX Funding Rules. You should ensure that all CI's from other Administering Organisations who are nominated in the Proposal, provide details of all projects that they are currently involved in, or for which they will be submitting a Proposal and that they are aware of their Proposal limits.

### **4. The Proposal has a Chief Investigator/Overseas Investigator/Partner Investigator who does not meet the eligibility criteria specified for that role in Section 8 of the LX Funding Rules**

Eligibility criteria for all investigators are outlined in Section 8 of the LX Funding Rules. Investigators should ensure that the organisation which they list in Part B8.2 is appropriate for the role for which they have been nominated.

### **5. The Proposal sought funding for an area of investigation which is not permitted under Sections 6.4 – 6.5 and Section 9.3 of the LX Funding Rules. Section 9.3 refers to the 'Funding of Medical and Dental Research'.**

Investigators should ensure that their Proposal complies with types of research supported, restrictions on budget items and areas of investigation/work not supported.

The definition of Medical and Dental Research is provided in 'Interpretation' of the LX Funding Rules. In cases where it may not be clear whether a Proposal would fall into the area of Medical and Dental Research an Eligibility Exemption/Advising Request may be submitted to the ARC in accordance with the requirements of Sections 9.3.2 and 10.1 of the LX Funding Rules.