



ARC LINKAGE INTERNATIONAL

SOCIAL SCIENCES COLLABORATION (SSC) – INTERNATIONALLY COORDINATED INITIATIVE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GAMS

1. My GAMS User ID and password appear to be incorrect. What do I do?

User IDs and passwords are case sensitive, so check that your capitalisation is correct. If you continue to experience problems, contact the ARC and they will reissue a password for you. For password and logon difficulties, please email gamsids@arc.gov.au for assistance.

2. My User ID and password are both correct, but I am having trouble getting into GAMS. Why is this?

During times of heavy usage (for example, in the period leading up to the deadline for Proposals) it can be difficult to log into GAMS. We ask that you exercise patience and try to log in again at a time when there are likely to be fewer users. You should also check for information on GAMS compatibility with various combinations of hardware and browser software. For example, GAMS is not always compatible with MAC computers/software. For details on minimum system requirements, and other information about using GAMS, go to: http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/gams/gams_default.htm.

3. I need to change my Organisation in My Personal Details, but the system won't allow me to do so. How can I change this?

Either ask your Research Office or equivalent to send a request to the ARC for this to be changed or email the ARC at gamsids@arc.gov.au.

Investigator Roles, Eligibility and Organisations

4. I am employed at an organisation that is classified as a Museum or Herbaria are they considered an organisation eligible to submit an SSC Proposal?

Yes, Proposals for LX SSC may be submitted by those organisations specified in Appendix 2, Items 1 and 2 of the LX Funding Rules.

5. I hold an emeritus position at a university. Am I eligible to apply as a CI?

An emeritus position counts as an Adjunct Appointment (see Section 3 (Interpretation) of the Funding Rules for a definition of Adjunct Appointment). You are, therefore, eligible to apply as a CI, provided that you do not contravene subsection 8.2.2.b of the Funding Rules.

6. How do I complete the Application Form if, apart from my current place of employment, I hold an Adjunct Appointment and am eligible to apply as a CI?

In Part A3.1 insert the name of your Current Organisation (i.e. current place of employment) and select your role as CI. This role will auto-populate Part B8.2. In Part B8.2, list the organisation where you hold or will hold an Adjunct Appointment and select your affiliation in the drop-down box. Once you have completed Part B8.2, Part A3.2 will auto-populate. The 'Relevant Organisation for this Proposal Organisation' in Part A3.2 will be the same as the 'Organisation' in Part B8.2.

7. What is the difference between 'Current Organisation' (Parts A3.1 and A3.2) and 'Relevant Organisation for this Proposal' (Part A3.2)?

'Current Organisation' is the place where you are currently employed. If you choose OI or PI as your role in the LX proposal, 'Current Organisation' will be the same as 'Relevant Organisation for this Proposal'. This will also be the case if you are an employee at an Eligible

Organisation (e.g. an Australian university) and choose CI as your role. If, however, you are not employed by an Eligible Organisation, but hold an Adjunct Appointment at an Eligible Organisation and are therefore eligible to be a CI (as is the case in Question 5 above), the name of your 'Current Organisation' will be different to the 'Relevant Organisation for this Proposal'.

Project Costs

8. Where should I include the funds requested by the counterpart proposal in its application to the ESRC in Part C1?

If you have not been awarded the funding by the ESRC you should list the funds requested for the counterpart application in Part C2.3 and not in Part C1. If however, funds have already been awarded to the counterpart proposal you should enter these amounts in Column 4 of Part C1 and provide details in Parts C2.2 and C2.3.

Submission Requirements

9. I am worried that the graphs and diagrams will not be clear after my proposal has been scanned.

Due to low resolution scanning of PDFs, the reproduction of fine graphics may not be optimal. In addition, all colour diagrams and graphs are reproduced in black and white. It is, therefore, highly recommended that caution be exercised in the decision to include figures, illustrations or finely detailed graphics.

10. I am having trouble sticking to the page limit stipulated in Parts C, D and E. Is it okay to use 10 point font size?

No. The LX Funding Rules clearly state that, with the exception of Part E8 References, an appropriate 12 point font should be used. Subsection 10.4.3 of the LX Funding Rules outlines font types that may be used. Failure to comply with the required format may result in the Proposal not being recommended for approval.

11. I hold a number of ARC grants, but am unsure for which ones I need to provide a statement in Part D2.

You must provide statements for all ARC funded projects which received funding in 2007.

12. I have a current project that was approved for funding, but commencement was delayed. As a result, there has been little progress to report. Do I still need to provide a Progress Report as per D2 of the Application Form?

If there has been progress of any sort, then you must provide a report at D2. Progress and Final Reports for ARC-funded projects and fellowships are important elements in ensuring accountability and good management of public funding for research. Reports also assist in drawing our attention, and the attention of the Research Office (or equivalent) staff, to concerns and problems that researchers face.

13. Can I make changes/alterations to my Proposal once it has been submitted?

No. Proposals may be withdrawn but additions, deletions and modifications will not be accepted after submission, unless invited by the ARC.

14. My project is in the area of medical and dental research. Can I apply for funding to the ARC?

The ARC does not support Medical and Dental Research. However, in some instances, it may not be clear to the Administering Organisation whether or not a Proposal would fall within this area of research. In these cases an Eligibility Exemption/Advising Request may be submitted to the ARC (LX Funding Rules for 2009 Sections 6.5 and 9.3).