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# *Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities*

**(Proposals for funding commencing in 2011)**

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# Objectives

- encourage institutions to develop collaborative arrangements among themselves, across the higher education sector and with organisations outside the sector, in order to develop research infrastructure;
- support large-scale cooperative initiatives involving two or more institutions, thereby allowing expensive facilities to be shared; (single institution applications possible)
- enhance support for areas of research strength; and
- ensure that researchers in fields of recognised research potential have access to the support necessary for development.

# Selection criteria

- a. Significance of research to be supported with the proposed infrastructure, equipment and facilities. (20%)
- b. Need for excellent Australian researchers to access the proposed infrastructure, equipment and facilities. (30%)
- c. Strength and benefits of collaboration between Eligible Organisations and/or other organisations. (30%)
- d. Investigator(s). (20%)
  - i. Users, and
  - ii. User - Managers

# Duration

- Infrastructure, equipment and facilities  
- most common Proposal type (one year)
- International facility or consortium membership costs (up to five years)
- Integrated facility (one year)

# LIEF Funding 2004-2010

1st yr funding	Applications	Funded	Success rate	Allocation (\$m)
2004	146	75	51.4%	28.2
2005	159	78	49.1%	30.4
2006	168	83	49.4%	37.3
2007	166	73	44.2%	27.6
2008	155	74	47.7%	34.9
2009	169	73	43.2%	31.7
2010	170	71	41.8%	30.4

# LIEF Grants 2008, 9 and 10

Year	Proposals approved	Total amount requested	Total amount of funding approved	Average funding per approved proposal	Percentage of requested funds
LE10	71	\$42.3 m	\$30.4 m	\$427,000	72%
LE09	73	\$44.5 m	\$31.7 m	\$434,000	71%
LE08	74	\$50.8 m	\$34.9 m	\$472,000	69%

# LIEF Reserves?

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Reserves Funded	0	0	7	0	(2)

<b>FoR category 2010 Grants</b>	<b>Number of 2010 Grants (Total Funding (\$M))</b>
Agricultural and veterinary sciences	1 (1.3)
Biological Sciences	10 (11.4)
Chemical Sciences	16 (15.2)
Earth Sciences	7 (5.4)
Engineering	12 (13.7)
Environmental Sciences	3 (5.5)
History and Archaeology	2 (1.1)
Information and Computing Sciences	2 (5.0)
Language, Communication and Culture	1 (0.5)
Medical and Health Sciences	2 (2.4)
Physical Sciences	7 (6.6)
Psychology and Cognitive Sciences	1 (1.1)
Studies in Creative Arts and Writing	2 (2.3)
Technology	5 (7.4)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>71 (79.0)</b>

**Table 9: Number of considered and approved LIEF proposals for funding commencing in 2010 by number of contributing organisations**

Number of contributing organisations involved	Number of proposals considered	Number of proposals approved	Success rate
1	17	4	23.5%
2	31	12	38.7%
3	39	14	35.9%
4	24	10	41.7%
5	25	12	48.0%
6	14	8	57.0%
7	6	3	50.0%
8	4	1	25.0%
9	3	2	66.7%
10	2	1	50.0%
12	1	0	0%
13	2	2	100%
18	1	1	100%
23	1	1	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>41.8%</b>

# LE11 Timetable

Proposals Open	16 March
Proposals Close	26 May
Selection Meeting	September
Announcement	November
Appeals close	December
Single Payment	January 2011

Changes for 2011(1#)

Minimum ARC funding  
now  
\$150,000

## Changes for 2011(2#)

**No more than 30 CIs  
and PIs in total**

## Changes for 2011(3#)

- Each Eligible Organisation - maximum 5 CIs
- Each Eligible Organisation - only 1 CI as Manager

## Changes for 2011(4#)

# CI and PI on Proposals

- Application Form Part A4 – place CIs/PIs in descending order of use of IEF
- Application Form Part A5 – place CI - Managers in descending order of importance in managing the IEF (Project Leader first)

Changes for 2011 (5#)

# Medical and Dental Research

## now defined

(see ARC web site -

[http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/md\\_research.htm](http://www.arc.gov.au/applicants/md_research.htm))

## Changes for 2011 (6#)

# Certifications

1. Administering Organisations (AO) – with RMS mouse click
2. Other Collaborating Organisations Certification Form – download from ARC and sign (originals, fax or PDF OK), held by AO
3. Investigators Certification Form – download and sign (originals, fax or PDF OK), held by AO  
(exceptions – for overseas investigators )



## Common mistakes (1#)

\$150,000 minimum for all items  
summed,

Not \$150,000 minimum per item



## Common mistakes (2#)

Chief Investigator > two Proposals

(complex to keep track of across multi-institution proposals )

Result – all Proposals ineligible



## Common mistakes (3#)

### Budget Table

Entering dollar amounts for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or later years  
and the Proposal is not for an international facility

Result – ineligibility

## Common mistakes (4#)

CI or PI does not meet the  
eligibility criteria

Result - ineligible

## Common mistakes (5#)

Infrastructure, equipment and facilities used predominantly for Medical or Dental research

Result - ineligible

## Common mistakes (6#)

Inaccurate, false, or misleading  
material in the Proposal

Result - ineligible

## Common mistakes (7#)

Partner Organisation is supplier  
and justification is insufficient

Result – ineligible, or PO  
contribution deemed to be a  
discount

## Common mistakes (8#)

### Summary of Quotes (Part E4)

not completed in correct format

Result – ineligible

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# Questions