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Changes to the Funding Rules for *Discovery Projects* for funding commencing in 2017 (DP17)

Note: this list contains the major changes to rules and is not to be taken as exhaustive. Please consult *Funding Rules for schemes under the Discovery Programme (2015 edition)* or contact your research office for further clarification.

- Addition of definitions for 'Bench fees,' 'Emeritus Appointment,' 'Science and Research Priorities,' 'Research Impact' and 'ORCID identifier' (A3).
- The term 'Research Environment' has been replaced with 'Project Research Environment' (A3 and throughout document).
- 'Strategic Research Priorities' references have been replaced with 'Science and Research Priorities' (A3 and throughout document).
- HDR stipends may not be requested, in whole or in part, for CIs and PIs (A5.3.1(e)).
- On-costs amounts to be requested in respect of salaries have been raised from 28% to 30% (throughout document). This change was proposed in the Funding Rules consultation process and was supported by the feedback.
- Clarification of scheme rounds to which cross-scheme limits apply (A6.2.2).
- Clarification of sections regarding Requests Not to Assess (A8.3), Appeals (A9.2), Intellectual Property (A11.4.2) and ARC Project IDs (A11.5.1).
- Addition of section regarding ORCID identifiers (A11.5.3).
- Updates to the wording of scheme objectives (all schemes).
- Requirement for all Proposals to comply with the *Australia Council for the Arts Indigenous Cultural Protocols for Producing Indigenous Music; Writing; Visual Arts; Media Arts; and Performing Arts (2007)* (A11.1.1).
- Addition of references to the new ARC Research Integrity and Research Misconduct Policy (A11.3.1 and A11.6).
- Addition of Torrens University Australia as an Eligible Organisation (A12).
- Teaching relief for CIs raised to a maximum value for the Project of \$50,000 per year (C5.1).
- Restriction on travel costs being permitted only 'for CIs, PIs and research support personnel' removed. All requests must still be directly related to the research project and justified in the proposal (C5.1).
- Partner Investigator eligibility requirements no longer require Partner Investigators to secure cash or in-kind contribution or other resources from their own organisation (C6.3)