



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Cross-Scheme Eligibility

### for schemes under the Discovery Programme (2015 edition)

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- All Participants should read the *Funding Rules for schemes under the Discovery Programme (2015 edition)*—*Australian Laureate Fellowships commencing in 2016, Discovery Projects commencing in 2017, Discovery Early Career Researcher Award commencing in 2017 and Discovery Indigenous commencing in 2017* and the *Funding Rules for schemes under the Discovery Programme 2016—Future Fellowships* (the Funding Rules). The scheme specific 'Instructions to Applicants' documents also contain important information for Research Office staff and individual Participants preparing Proposals.
- The Australian Research Council (ARC) does not respond to queries from individual Participants. Individual Participants should direct all queries regarding ARC funding schemes to their Administering Organisation's Research Office (or equivalent). If further information regarding the scheme is required, the Research Office should contact the relevant scheme:  
Australian Laureate Fellowships: [ARC-AustralianLaureateFellowships@arc.gov.au](mailto:ARC-AustralianLaureateFellowships@arc.gov.au)  
Discovery Projects: [ARC-DiscoveryProjects@arc.gov.au](mailto:ARC-DiscoveryProjects@arc.gov.au)  
Discovery Early Career Researcher Award: [ARC-DECRA@arc.gov.au](mailto:ARC-DECRA@arc.gov.au)  
Discovery Indigenous: [ARC-DiscoveryIndigenous@arc.gov.au](mailto:ARC-DiscoveryIndigenous@arc.gov.au)  
Future Fellowship: [ARC-FutureFellowships@arc.gov.au](mailto:ARC-FutureFellowships@arc.gov.au)
- Information regarding the Research Management System (RMS) is available at the [ARC website](#), or by contacting [rms@arc.gov.au](mailto:rms@arc.gov.au) for assistance.
- As soon as information regarding important scheme dates becomes available, the [ARC website](#) will be updated. The ARC will also notify the Research Administrators' Network of any updates via an email message.
- **Please note** that this FAQ document addresses the eligibility of proposals submitted under the *Funding Rules for schemes under the Discovery Programme (2015 edition)* (Australian Laureate Fellowships commencing in 2016, Discovery Projects commencing in 2017, Discovery Early Career Researcher Award commencing in 2017 and Discovery Indigenous commencing in 2017) and the *Funding Rules for schemes under the Discovery Programme 2016—Future Fellowships*. **Rules regarding project limits for funding held under earlier funding rules may differ. Questions regarding limits for currently-held funding should be directed to [ARC-Postaward@arc.gov.au](mailto:ARC-Postaward@arc.gov.au).**

This Frequently Asked Questions document will be updated as required. Details of any amendments will be appended to this document.

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## Frequently Asked Questions regarding Cross-Scheme Eligibility under the Discovery Programme

### 1.1 Subsection A6.2.6 of the Funding Rules states that ‘a Proposal may only be submitted for funding that the researcher would be eligible to hold under these rules as at the Commencement Date of the Project/Fellowship/Award being applied for.’ What is the ‘Commencement Date’?

The ‘Commencement Date’ in this section refers to the date on which the funding of the scheme you are applying for will commence, as defined under ‘Interpretation’ in the relevant scheme-specific section of the Funding Rules.

Please refer to **Table 1** in this document for the Commencement Date of schemes within the Discovery Programme.

### 1.2 How do I calculate the duration of my existing Project to determine if I can apply for a scheme? Are variations and carryovers taken into consideration?

For the purpose of determining a researcher’s **eligibility to apply** for new funding, a currently funded Project/Fellowship/Award is considered to be funded for the years set out in Schedule A of the original Funding Agreement. The date on which funding ends per the original Funding Agreement is considered to be the formal date of completion of the Project/Fellowship/Award.

Refer to **Table 1** for a reference guide.

Any subsequent changes (including variations and carry overs) to the Project/Fellowship/Award end date approved by the ARC will not be taken into consideration when evaluating Project/Proposal limits for determining **eligibility to apply** under one of the current Discovery Programme schemes.

However please note that if a new proposal is successful, the researcher must still meet the funding conditions for ARC funding already held. Variations and carry overs are taken into account when determining **eligibility to hold** grants concurrently. You should therefore also consult the relevant Funding Agreements and Funding Rules for currently held grants before deciding whether to apply in the current round. If you have further questions about eligibility to hold please contact [ARC-Postaward@arc.gov.au](mailto:ARC-Postaward@arc.gov.au).

### 1.3 For the purposes of determining eligibility to apply in a current grant round for the Discovery Programme, how many Projects, Fellowships or Awards can a researcher hold or apply for concurrently?

For the purposes of determining **eligibility to apply** for funding, under the Discovery Programme, a researcher can be funded concurrently for a maximum of:

- two Projects as a CI (including both as sole CI); or
- one Project as a CI and one ARC Fellowship; or
- one Project as a CI and one ARC Award.

A researcher may only be funded for one ARC Award or ARC Fellowship at any given time.

CIs on **funded ARC Centres of Excellence** commencing in 2017 or later, *Industrial Transformation Research Hubs* commencing in 2015 or later, *Industrial Transformation Training Centres* commencing in 2016 or later, or *Special Research Initiatives* commencing in 2015 or later may only hold or apply for **one** Project/Award/Fellowship under the Discovery Programme.

Scheme round eligibility is calculated by totalling the number of Proposals and funded Projects/Awards/Fellowships as shown in the table below. Calculations to determine **eligibility to apply for funding** will be performed at the closing time of submission of Proposals for a given scheme round and after outcome announcements for other schemes (see FAQ 1.4).

Relinquishments of funded Projects/Fellowships/Awards that occur after the closing date for submission of Proposals are not taken into account when calculating cross-scheme eligibility for the scheme round.

A researcher may not submit a Proposal for funding that they would not be eligible to hold under the Funding Rules as described in subsection A6.2.6. If you have further questions about eligibility to hold please contact [ARC-Postaward@arc.gov.au](mailto:ARC-Postaward@arc.gov.au).

<b>Funding Scheme</b>	<b>Funded Project</b> counts towards Discovery Programme cross-scheme eligibility limits?	<b>Proposal</b> counts towards Discovery Programme cross-scheme eligibility limits?
<i>Discovery Projects</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Discovery Indigenous</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Discovery Early Career Researcher Award</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Future Fellowships</i>	Yes	Yes
<i>Australian Laureate Fellowships</i>	Yes	No*
ARC Centres of Excellence commencing in 2017 or later, <i>Industrial Transformation Research Hubs</i> commencing in 2015 or later, <i>Industrial Transformation Training Centres</i> commencing in 2016 or later, or <i>Special Research Initiatives</i> commencing in 2015 or later	Yes	No*
Linkage Programme schemes not named above, including <i>Linkage Projects</i>	No	No

\* Proposals **submitted** under the *Australian Laureate Fellowships (FL)*, *ARC Centres of Excellence (CE)*, *Industrial Transformation Research Hubs (IH)*, *Industrial Transformation Training Centres(IC)*, *Special Research Initiatives (SR)* will not be counted towards the limits set in A6.2 **until awarded**. Consequently, Proposals submitted/Projects held under other ARC funding schemes may be retained until the outcome of the FL16/CE17/IH15/IC16/SR round is announced (see table below). Once funding under these schemes is awarded a researcher must ensure they meet the project limits set out under A6.2.1 and A6.2.2 by withdrawing/relinquishing existing Proposal/Projects as described in FAQ 1.4.

<b>Scheme round/s</b>	<b>Funding Outcomes Announcement Date</b>
IH15 and IC16	TBA 2016
FL16	June 2016
CE17	July 2016
SR*	TBA*
DE17 and DP17 and IN17 and FT16	October/November 2016

\*The SR scheme rounds are launched sporadically/irregularly

**Table 2** on pages 8-12 provides examples to illustrate the cross-scheme eligibility rules.

#### 1.4 I have just been awarded funding under the FL16/CE17/IH15/IC16/SR round, how do I check my eligibility to hold my other ARC grants and proposals?

After the outcome announcement for a scheme round, the successful Administering Organisations (AOs) must **review cross-scheme limits** for:

- **researchers on FL16, FT16, DE17, DP17 or IN17 Proposals** against limits set out under A6.2.1 and A6.2.2 the Funding Rules. If the limits are exceeded due to a Proposal in one of

these rounds, for which outcomes are yet to be announced, the AO must request **withdrawal** of submitted Proposal; and

- **holders of currently funded ARC Projects/Fellowships/Awards** against the Funding Rules under which each grant was funded. If the cross-scheme limits are exceeded the AO must request **relinquishment of either funded Project/Fellowship/Award, or a CI role** on a funded Project, via submission of a Post-award Variation to Funding Agreement.

**NOTE: If a researcher exceeds cross-scheme limits and has a submitted Proposal in a FL16, FT16, DE17, DP17 or IN17 round, the withdrawal of the Proposal takes precedence over relinquishment of any currently funded ARC Project/Fellowship/Award or a CI role. An individual researcher cannot withdraw from a Proposal currently under assessment. The entire Proposal must be withdrawn.** For example, if a researcher holds a DE15 and submits an IC16 Proposal and a DP17 Proposal then both Proposals would be considered eligible under A6.2 at the submission date. If the IC16 Proposal is successful then the cross-scheme limits would be exceeded and the researcher must withdraw the DP17 Proposal as soon as possible or the DP17 will be deemed ineligible.

### 1.5 Do Projects or Proposals on which I am a Partner Investigator count toward cross-scheme eligibility limits?

Projects or proposals on which a researcher is a Partner Investigator or other participant (such as a Postdoctoral Research Associate, higher degree research student or a research assistant) do not count toward cross-scheme eligibility limits (see subsection A6.2.3 of the Funding Rules).

### 1.6 If I am a CI on a Centre of Excellence, Industrial Transformation Research Hub, Industrial Transformation Training Centre, or Special Research Initiative, how many Discovery Programme Proposals can I hold or apply for?

Limits for Discovery Programme schemes covered under the Funding Rules now include **funded projects** for *ARC Centres of Excellence (CE)* commencing in 2017 or later, *Industrial Transformation Research Hubs (IH)* commencing in 2015 or later, *Industrial Transformation Training Centres (IC)* commencing in 2016 or later, or *Special Research Initiatives (SR)* commencing in 2015 or later.

For eligibility purposes, Proposals submitted under these scheme rounds do not count towards Discovery Programme limits until awarded. Only funded grants under these scheme rounds will impact on the eligibility of a Proposal submitted under the Discovery Programme.

Funding held under earlier rounds of these schemes (e.g. CE14, SR14, IH14, and IC15), or under other Linkage Programme schemes, such as *Linkage Projects*, will not be counted towards the limits described in subsection A6.2.2 of the Funding Rules. However, assessors will consider the capacity of researchers when reviewing Proposals. As described in subsection A6.2.2 of the Funding Rules, CIs **funded** in CE17, IH15, IC16 or SR15 (or in later rounds of these schemes) may hold or apply for a Discovery Programme maximum of:

- one Project as a CI; or
- one ARC Award/Fellowship.

See Table 2 for further clarification. Please also refer to FAQ 1.3 and 1.4.

Note that in all cases the restrictions on duplication of Commonwealth funding still apply.

### 1.7 I am currently a CI on a NHMRC Project Grant, how many Discovery Programme Proposals can I apply for?

The Discovery Programme does not limit researchers who are receiving or applying for NHMRC project funding, as long as other ARC eligibility criteria are satisfied. Please refer to subsection A6.2 of the Funding Rules for Project/Proposal limits. Please note, however, that restrictions on duplication of Commonwealth funding still apply, and researchers should consider their time and capacity to undertake additional Projects. In addition, as specified in A4.2.4 of the Funding Rules, please note that the Discovery Programme does not support Medical Research.

**1.8 Can a researcher who holds another Commonwealth-funded fellowship apply for an ARC Fellowship/Award?**

A researcher may not hold an ARC Fellowship/Award at the same time as they hold a fellowship from another Commonwealth funding agency (see subsection A6.2.4 of the Funding Rules) nor can they concurrently hold more than one ARC Fellowship or Award. While there are no restrictions on applying for an ARC Fellowship/Award while holding or applying for a fellowship from another Commonwealth agency, successful ARC Fellows or Awardees will be required to relinquish other Commonwealth fellowships, including NHMRC fellowships, prior to the commencement of the ARC Fellowship or Award.

**1.9 Can the same research Proposal be submitted for different schemes under the Discovery Programme?**

Yes. However, please note in accordance with subsection A5.1.4 of the Funding Rules, the ARC will not duplicate funding for research, including infrastructure, funded by the Commonwealth. Assessors also take into account criteria such as value for money and originality.

A Proposal for the same research project can be submitted to more than one scheme (keeping in mind the limits outlined above). If a Proposal is submitted to more than one ARC funding scheme, the relevant part of the Proposal form should be completed accordingly. If both Proposals are successful you will be required to manage any potential financial duplication through an ARC-approved variation to the relevant Funding Agreement or by relinquishing one of the successful Projects.

**Table 1 - Scheme Date Reference Table**

Discovery Programme Scheme round	Commencement Date	Formal Date of Completion per original Funding Agreement
<b>Discovery Projects</b>		
<b>IMPORTANT: These examples assume Discovery Projects funding has been granted for three years.</b>		
DP17	1 Jan 2017	31 Dec 2019
DP16	1 Jan 2016	31 Dec 2018
DP15	1 Jan 2015	31 Dec 2017
DP14	1 Jan 2014	31 Dec 2016
<b>Future Fellowships</b>		
FT16	1 July 2016	30 June 2020
FT15	1 July 2015	30 June 2019
FT14	1 July 2014	30 June 2018
FT13	1 July 2013	30 June 2017
FT12	1 July 2012	30 June 2016
<b>Discovery Early Career Researcher Award</b>		
DE17	1 Jan 2017	31 Dec 2019
DE16	1 Jan 2016	31 Dec 2018
DE15	1 Jan 2015	31 Dec 2017
DE14	1 Jan 2014	31 Dec 2016
<b>Australian Laureate Fellowships</b>		
FL16	1 July 2016	30 June 2021
FL15	1 July 2015	30 June 2020
FL14	1 July 2014	30 June 2019
FL13	1 July 2013	30 June 2018
FL12	1 July 2012	30 June 2017
FL11	1 July 2011	30 June 2016
<b>Discovery Indigenous</b>		
<b>IMPORTANT: These examples assume Discovery Indigenous funding has been granted for three years.</b>		
IN17	1 Jan 2017	31 Dec 2019
IN16	1 Jan 2016	31 Dec 2018
IN15	1 Jan 2015	31 Dec 2017
IN14	1 Jan 2014	31 Dec 2016

## Table 2 - Example scenarios to assist in understanding the cross-scheme eligibility rules

These examples refer to the dates in **Table 1**. While other scenarios are possible, the below may assist in applying the rules.

Please note that while funding variations and carryovers do not count towards cross-scheme limits for determining **eligibility to apply**, they do count towards **eligibility to hold** funding concurrently. Please consult the Funding Agreement and Funding Rules for your currently funded Projects/Fellowships Awards to determine whether funding may need to be relinquished if your Proposal is successful (see FAQ 1.4).

ARC Funding currently held/ submitted	Proposal/s to be submitted	Is Proposal eligible to submit under A6.2 of the Funding Rules?	Reason
<b>IMPORTANT: These examples assume <i>Discovery Projects</i> or <i>Discovery Indigenous</i> funding has been provided for three years.</b>			
DP14	DP17 x 2	Yes	DP14 formal date of completion is before the DP17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if both DP17 Proposals are successful.
DP14, DP16	DP17	Yes	DP14 formal date of completion is before the DP17 Commencement Date. DP16 formal date of completion is after the DP17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if the DP17 Proposal is successful.
DP15x 2	DP17	No	DP15 formal date of completion is after the DP17 Commencement Date. Three Projects/Proposals as a CI exceeds the limits set in A6.2. The DP17 Proposal would be considered ineligible.
LP16 x 2 (submitted), DP16	DP17	Yes	Linkage Projects (LP) proposals do not count toward the total number of Projects funded under the Discovery Programme. DP16 formal date of completion is after the DP17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI under the Discovery Programme will be funded concurrently if the DP17 Proposal is successful.
DE14	DP17 x 2	Yes	DE14 formal date of completion is before the DP17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if both DP17 Proposals are successful.
DE14, DP16	DP17	Yes	DE14 formal date of completion is before the DP17 Commencement Date. DP16 formal date of completion is after the DP17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if the DP17 Proposal is successful.
DE15, DP15	DP17	No	DE15 and DP15 formal dates of completion are after the DP17 Commencement Date. Two Projects as a CI and an Award exceeds the limits set in A6.2. The DP17 Proposal would be considered ineligible.
DE16	DP17 x 2	No	DE16 formal date of completion is after the DP17 Commencement Date. Two Projects as a CI and an Award exceeds the limits set in A6.2 and one of the DP17 Proposal must be withdrawn or will be deemed ineligible.

ARC Funding currently held/ submitted	Proposal/s to be submitted	Is Proposal eligible to submit under A6.2 of the Funding Rules?	Reason
<b>IMPORTANT: These examples assume <i>Discovery Projects</i> or <i>Discovery Indigenous</i> funding has been provided for three years.</b>			
DP17 (submitted), DP15	DE17	No	DP15 formal date of completion is after the DE17 Commencement Date. Two Projects as a CI and an Award exceeds the limits set in A6.2. The DE17 Proposal would be considered ineligible.
FT12	DP17 x 2	Yes	FT12 formal date of completion is before the DP17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if both DP17 Proposals are successful.
FT12, DP15	IN17*	Yes	FT12 formal date of completion is before the IN17 Commencement Date. DP15 formal date of completion is after the IN17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if the IN17 Proposal is successful.
FT13, DP15	DP17	No	FT13 and DP15 formal dates of completion are after the DP17 Commencement Date. Two Projects as a CI and a Fellowship exceeds the limits set in A6.2. The DP17 Proposal would be considered ineligible.
DP17 (submitted), DP14	DE17	Yes	DP14 formal date of completion is before the DE17 Commencement Date. If both the DP17 and DE17 proposals were successful, only one Project as a CI and one Award will be funded concurrently.
DP17 (submitted), DP16	IN17*	No	DP16 and DP17 formal dates of completion are after the IN17 Commencement Date. Three Projects as a CI would exceed the limits set out in A6.2. The IN17 Proposal would be considered ineligible.
FL11, DP15	DP17	Yes	FL11 formal date of completion is before the DP17 Commencement Date. DP15 formal date of completion is after the DP17 Commencement Date, but only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if the DP17 Proposal is successful.
FL12, DP15	DP17	No	FL12 and DP15 formal dates of completion are after the DP17 Commencement Date. Two Projects as a CI and a Fellowship exceeds the limits set in A6.2. The DP17 Proposal would be considered ineligible.
FL16 (submitted)	DP17 x 2	Yes	Due to A6.2.6, the FL16 Proposal does not count towards the limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The two DP17 proposals will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process and will not be considered ineligible due to Project/Proposal limits. However, if the FL16 is successful, the limits set in A6.2 must be met and one of the DP17 Proposals must be withdrawn.

ARC Funding currently held/ submitted	Proposal/s to be submitted	Is Proposal eligible to submit under A6.2 of the Funding Rules?	Reason
<b>IMPORTANT: These examples assume <i>Discovery Projects</i> or <i>Discovery Indigenous</i> funding has been provided for three years.</b>			
FL16 (submitted), DP15	DP17	Yes	DP15 formal date of completion is after the DP17 Commencement Date. Due to A6.2.6, the FL16 Proposal does not count towards the limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The DP17 proposal will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process. However, if the FL16 is successful, the limits set in A6.2 must be met and the DP17 Proposal must be withdrawn.
FL16 (submitted), DP13, FT12	DP17 x 2	Yes	FT12 and DP13 formal dates of completion are before the DP17 Commencement Date. Due to A6.2.6, the FL16 Proposal does not count towards the limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The two DP17 proposals will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process. If the FL16 is successful, the limits set in A6.2 must be met and one of the DP17 Proposals must be withdrawn.
FL16 (submitted), DP15, FT13	DP17	No	FT13 and DP15 formal dates of completion are after the DP17 Commencement Date. Two Projects as a CI and a Fellowship exceeds the limits set in A6.2. The DP17 Proposal would be considered ineligible. Note: Due to A6.2.6, the FL16 Proposal does not count towards the limits set in A6.2 until awarded. It will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process and will not be considered ineligible due to Project/Proposal limits. If the FL16 is successful the limits set in A6.2 must be met and the FT13 must be relinquished (under subsection A6.2.6) as only one ARC Fellowship may be held at a given time.
DP13, DP15	FL16	Yes	DP13 formal date of completion is before the FL16 Commencement Date. DP15 formal date of completion is after the FL16 Commencement Date. Only one Project as a CI and one Fellowship will be funded concurrently if the FL16 Proposal is successful.
DP15 x 2	FL16	Yes	DP15 formal date of completion is after the FL16 Commencement Date. Due to A6.2.6, the FL16 Proposal does not count towards the limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The FL16 proposal will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process and will not be considered ineligible due to Project/Proposal limits. If the FL16 proposal is successful the limits set in A6.2 must be met and one of the DP Projects must be relinquished (under subsection A6.2.6).

ARC Funding currently held/ submitted	Proposal/s to be submitted	Is Proposal eligible to submit under A6.2 of the Funding Rules?	Reason
<b>IMPORTANT: These examples assume <i>Discovery Projects</i> or <i>Discovery Indigenous</i> funding has been provided for three years.</b>			
FT13	FL16	Yes	FT13 formal date of completion is after the FL16 Commencement Date. Due to A6.2.6, the FL16 Proposal does not count towards the limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The FL16 proposal will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process and will not be considered ineligible due to Project/Proposal limits. If the FL16 proposal is successful, the limits set in A6.2 must be met and the FT13 must be relinquished (under subsection A6.2.6) as only one ARC Fellowship can be held at a given time.
CE14, DP15	DP17	Yes	CE14 does not count towards limits set in A6.2. DP15 formal date of completion is after the DP17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if the DP17 Proposal is successful.
DP15, CE17 (submitted),	DP17	Yes	CE17 proposal does not count towards limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The DP17 Proposal will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process. However, if the CE17 is successful the limits set in A6.2 will be exceeded and the DP17 Proposal must be withdrawn.
IC15, DP14	DP17 x 2	Yes	IC15 does not count towards limits set in A6.2. DP14 formal date of completion is before the DP17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if both DP17 Proposals are successful.
IC15, DP13, FL16 (submitted)	DP17 x 2	Yes	IC15 does not count towards limits set in A6.2. DP13 formal date of completion is before the DP17 Commencement Date. Due to A6.2.6, the FL16 Proposal does not count towards the limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The FL16 Proposal and the two DP17 Proposals will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process. If the FL16 is successful the limits set in A6.2 will be exceeded and one of the DP17 Proposals must be withdrawn.
IC16 (submitted), DP15	DP17	Yes	DP15 formal date of completion is after the DP17 Commencement Date. IC16 proposal does not count towards limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The DP17 Proposal will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process. However, if the IC16 is successful the limits set in A6.2 will be exceeded and the DP17 Proposal must be withdrawn.
IH14, DP14	DP17 x 2	Yes	IH14 does not count towards limits set in A6.2. DP14 formal date of completion is before the DP17 Commencement Date. Only two Projects as a CI will be funded concurrently if the DP17 Proposals are successful.
IH15 (submitted), DP16	DP17	Yes	IH15 proposal does not count towards limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The DP17 Proposal will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process. However, if the IH15 is successful the limits set in A6.2 will be exceeded and the DP17 Proposal must be withdrawn.

ARC Funding currently held/ submitted	Proposal/s to be submitted	Is Proposal eligible to submit under A6.2 of the Funding Rules?	Reason
<b>IMPORTANT: These examples assume <i>Discovery Projects</i> or <i>Discovery Indigenous</i> funding has been provided for three years.</b>			
DP17 (submitted), DP14	FT16	Yes	The candidate is eligible to submit a FT16. If a new proposal is successful the researcher must still meet the funding conditions for ARC funding already held. Variations and carryovers will be taken into account when determining the eligibility to hold grants concurrently.
DP17 (submitted), IN13 (with DAATSIA Award)**	FT16	Yes	IN13 formal date of completion is before the DP17 and the FT16 Commencement Dates. Only one Project and one Fellowship as a CI will be funded concurrently if the DP17 and FT16 Proposals are successful.
CE17 (submitted), DP15, DP13	FT16	Yes	DP13 formal date of completion is before the FT16 Commencement Date. DP15 formal date of completion is after the FT16 Commencement Date. CE17 Proposal does not count towards limits set in A6.2 until awarded. The FT16 Proposal will be allowed to proceed through the assessment process. However, if the CE17 is successful the limits set in A6.2 will be exceeded and the FT16 Proposal must be withdrawn.
DP17 (submitted), IN15*	FT16	No	IN15 formal date of completion is after the FT16 Commencement Date. Two Projects as a CI and a Fellowship exceeds the limits set in A6.2. The FT16 Proposal would be considered ineligible.
DE17 (submitted), DP15	IN17 (with DAATSIA Award)**	No	DP15 formal date of completion is after the DE17 and IN17 Commencement Dates. One Projects as a CI and two Awards exceeds the limits set in A6.2. Either IN17 or DE16 Proposal must be withdrawn as only one ARC Fellowship or Award can be held at a given time. Or, one of the two Awards will be considered ineligible.

\*IN – is reference to a Discovery Indigenous Project

\*\*IN (with DAATSIA Award) – is a reference to a Discovery Indigenous Award

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- FAQ 1.2 – added clarification regarding difference between eligibility to apply for funding and eligibility to hold funding under the Discovery Programme schemes.
- FAQs 1.3 and 1.4 – added further explanation that Proposals submitted under *ARC Centres of Excellence (CE)*, *Industrial Transformation Research Hubs (IH)*, *Industrial Transformation Training Centres(IC)*, *Special Research Initiatives (SR)* schemes will not be considered towards the project limits outlined in A6.2.2 until awarded. Added clarification regarding requirement to withdraw proposals/relinquish funded Projects if project limits are exceeded.
- Table 1 - updated
- Table 2 – updated
- Table 2 – update to eligibility status of example where candidate holds a DP14 project, and has a DP17 proposal. The Candidate is eligible to apply for an FT16 as they do not exceed the limits outlined in A6.2.1 of the *Funding Rules for schemes under the Discovery Programme 2016—Future Fellowships*.