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Please note that this document is a general indicator of the non-allowable items known across all schemes and some items below will not be relevant for some select schemes/rounds

Please always refer to the specific ARC Funding Rules/Guidelines and/or Agreements, for confirmation on the full range of items allowed/not allowed

GENERAL NON-ALLOWABLE ITEMS to be purchased with ARC funds

ITEM	Excluded Schemes
Basic facilities	
Access to workshop services	All schemes from 2016 onwards
Access to a basic library collection	
Access to film or music editing facilities	
Accommodation (laboratory and office space)	
Provision of basic computer facilities and standard software	
Standard reference materials or funds for abstracting services	
Web hosting	All schemes from 2016 onwards
Web development	All schemes from 2016 onwards
Use of photocopiers, telephones, mobile phones (purchase and call charges), mail, fax, email and internet services	
Costs not directly related to research or the Project	
Professional membership fees	
Professional development courses	
Fees for patent application and maintenance	
Equipment for live music or drama performances	
Visas	
Relocation costs	
Costs of dependants	All schemes under the 2019 Discovery Program
Entertainment costs	
Hospitality costs	
Insurance	
Other indirect costs	
Hosting of workshops, seminars, conferences and other similar activities	All schemes from 2016 onwards
Capital works and general infrastructure costs	
Bench fees or similar laboratory access fees	
Descriptive data compilations, catalogues or bibliographies	
Compilation of data, computer programs, research tools and aids	
Materials for outreach programs and teaching materials	

ITEM	Excluded Schemes
Salaries and/or on costs, in whole or in part for CIs, PIs, Hub/Centre Directors, support staff, and advisory committees	
Publication costs	All schemes from 2016 onwards
Special Studies Programs	
Research Support for Partner Investigators (apart from short-term project support for investigators visiting from overseas and domestic and international travel associated with a project)	
Fee for service costs (where the Project does not lead to capability building or development of the research infrastructure)	All schemes under the Discovery Program
Teaching and/or teaching relief	IH16, IH17, IH18, LP16, LP17, LP18
Activities leading solely to the creation or performance of a work of art (visual, musical, performance design, etc)	
Salary top ups for personnel above the salary level specified in the Funding Rules	
Fees for international students or the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) and Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) liabilities for students	

SCHEME SPECIFIC NON-ALLOWABLE ITEMS

LIEF SPECIFIC NON-ALLOWABLES
Standard refurbishment costs of a laboratory
Costs of accommodation associated with the proposed research infrastructure
Teaching and/or teaching relief (<i>LE16, LE17, LE18 & LE19 specific</i>)
Travel costs associated with use of the proposed research infrastructure
Salaries and/or on costs, in whole or in part, for research using the facility for example, for research support personnel (<i>LE17, LE18 & LE19 specific</i>)
Maintenance and/or operational costs of the proposed research infrastructure after the first year of the Project, including for multi-year Projects permitted (<i>LE17, LE18 & LE19 specific</i>)
Operational costs (<i>LE16, LE17, LE18 & LE19</i>)
FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS SPECIFIC NON-ALLOWABLES
Costs of accommodation associated with the proposed research infrastructure
Stipends for Postgraduate students (<i>does not occur in FT15</i>)
Research support for other investigators (FT) (<i>does not occur in , FT12 & FT15</i>)
Construction and refurbishment (<i>FT12 specific</i>)
LAUREATE FELLOWSHIPS 2010 to 2013 (FL11 – FL13) SEPCIFIC NON-ALLOWABLES
Advertising and appointment costs
SRI SPECIFIC NON-ALLOWABLES
Public relations and marketing initiatives
Direct development of the products and other commercialisation activities
CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE SPECIFIC NON-ALLOWABLES
Direct development of the products and other commercialisation activities
Investigations that are more appropriately undertaken by way of a consultancy
Teaching relief
ITTC 2013 (IC13) SPECIFIC NON-ALLOWABLES
Domestic or international travel costs for Training Centre Directors, CIs or PIs