



Disability Innovation Institute

RESEARCH SEED FUNDING 2020 – GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

1. PURPOSE

The Disability Innovation Institute (DIU) is providing Seed Funding for projects that strengthen inclusive and interdisciplinary research at UNSW and have significant potential to contribute to a better quality of life for people with disability. The purpose of the Seed Funding is to establish or advance inclusive and interdisciplinary research between UNSW academic researchers, people with disability, government, industry, and community. It is expected that the funded projects will result in an application for external funding, and at least one publication.

Applications are sought in alignment with the DIU's major thematic areas:

- a) Technology Innovation
- b) Policy and Regulatory Frameworks
- c) Environment and Infrastructure
- d) Health and Wellbeing
- e) Inclusive Tertiary Education.

For more information on these: <https://www.disabilityinnovation.unsw.edu.au/research/research>.

2. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- **ELIGIBLE:** Academic staff actively engaged in research or creative practice with a full-time or fractional appointment (no less than 0.4 FTE) are eligible to apply
- **NOT ELIGIBLE:** Staff in honorary roles, on casual or sessional appointments, or on fixed term contracts of one year or less are not eligible to apply under this scheme (though they can be members of the research team).

3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Development of an inclusive and interdisciplinary research collaboration that is sustainable beyond the duration and scope of the Seed Grant;
- Submission of at least one high-quality peer-reviewed publication related to the field of disability (e.g., high impact factor within the field, SJR Q1);
- Submission of an application for external research funding that builds on the inclusive and interdisciplinary research project;
- Involvement of an Early Career Researcher in the research team is highly encouraged.

4. FUNDING

Grants of up to \$30,000 AUD will be awarded with the funds to be spent by 30th November 2020.

5. BUDGET

Items eligible for funding:

- Transcription;
- Research Assistant salary;
- Payment for research participants, advisors, and/or co-researchers (people with disability engaged in the research as researcher) and their supports;
- Fieldwork-related costs (e.g., travel to collect data, venue hire, accessibility);
- Workshop or partner meeting costs (including venue hire, catering, accessibility);
- Knowledge exchange activities (e.g., plain English final report).

Items not eligible for funding:

- Salaries for investigators;
- Stipends for postgraduate scholarships;
- Teaching relief / buy out;
- Any expenses associated with academic attendance at conferences (including conference registration, conference travel, per diems).

It is expected that the funding provided is expended in line with the approved budget. If there is more than 10% variation, approval of the funder is required.

6. ASSESSMENT PROCESS AND CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed by the Disability Innovation Institute Selection Subcommittee, chaired by the DIIU Director, against the following criteria:

1. Quality of the project proposal (i.e., significance, benefit, innovation and impact of the study within the field; research design and methodological rigour; research team) (30%)
2. Inclusion of people with disabilities in the study beyond the role of participants (co-design and co-production) (30%)
3. Interdisciplinary (e.g., cross-faculty, cross-STEM/HASS), and collaboration building (e.g., engages with government, industry, community organisations) (30%)
4. Appropriateness of budget sought and its justification (10%).

7. KEY DATES

Applications Open: 5.00pm, 3rd September 2019

Applications Close: 5.00pm, 31st October 2019

Announcement: Successful applicants will be informed by 1st December 2019 for Seed Funding Grants to commence from January 2020.

8. SUBMISSION

- Applications should be submitted as a single PDF or word document. Please name your application as follows: [Lead Investigator Surname]_DIIU_SEED_[Date Submitted]
- Applications will only be accepted via email to the following email address: diiu@unsw.edu.au
- Applications submitted with incomplete and/or inaccurate documentation will not be considered
- Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

9. OBLIGATIONS OF THE LEAD INVESTIGATOR OF A SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION

The Lead Investigator of a successful application is required to report against progress as follows:

- Mid-year report – 31st July 2020
- Presentation at the DIIU SEED Funding Showcase – September 2020
- End-year report – 15th December 2020
- Final report – 30th June 2021.

For further information regarding the Research Seed Funding, please contact the Disability Innovation Institute via the following email address: diiu@unsw.edu.au

DISABILITY INNOVATION INSTITUTE RESEARCH SEED FUNDING 2020 APPLICATION FORM

Please note that either individual or team applications are welcomed.

1. Project Title

Project Title:

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2. Theme addressed (please tick one):

- Technology Innovation
- Policy and Regulatory Framework
- Environment and Infrastructure
- Health and Wellbeing
- Inclusive Tertiary Education

3. Project Team

Lead Academic Investigator

Title:

Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name:

Click or tap here to enter text.

First Name:

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School/Centre/Faculty:

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Phone:

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Email:

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**The Lead Investigator will be the primary contact of the application.*

Academic Investigators

Academic investigator 1.

Title:

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Last Name:

Click or tap here to enter text.

First Name:

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School/Centre/Faculty:

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Phone:

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Academic investigator 2.

Title:

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Last Name:

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First Name:

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School/Centre/Faculty:

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Academic investigator 3.

Title:

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Last Name:

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First Name:

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Academic investigator 4.

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School/Centre/Faculty:	Click or tap here to enter text.
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Non-academic Investigators

Non-academic Investigator 1.

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First Name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
Phone:	Click or tap here to enter text.

Last Name:	Click or tap here to enter text.
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Non-academic Investigator 2.

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Previous / existing / future collaboration or engagement between the team

<p>Please briefly outline any previous or ongoing collaboration between the team members. If there is no existing collaboration, please explain the benefits of establishing the new relationship.</p> <p>Click or tap here to enter text.</p>
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4. Field of Research Codes

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5. Project Proposal (up to 3 pages)

Include:

- Project aims and description
- Significance, benefit, innovation and impact of the research

- Research design and methods
- Proposed inclusive, interdisciplinary, and collaborative approaches
- Proposed outcomes and outputs.

6. Track Record of Personnel

Please provide the following information regarding each investigator (2 pages max for each – attach as a single document of all the investigators):

- Brief resume
- 10 most significant career publications
- Research funding for grants in the years 2017 – 2019 in the following format:

Grant Description (CIs, Title, Funding Body)	First Year	Duration (years)	Total Grant Awarded (AUD)

7. Budget Details

Please provide a breakdown of your project budget. Each budget item must be justified in terms of why it is required and how you came to the dollar value requested (1 page max).

Budget Item	Amount AUD	Justification
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8. Certifications

Certification by Applicants

The following certification must be signed by all applicants.

- I/we certify to the best of my knowledge that the details provided in this application form and any supporting documentation are true and complete
- I/we consent to application being sent out for review by a subcommittee of the Disability Innovation

Institute, consisting of academics and external disability partner organisations.

Signature of Lead Academic Investigator	Name (please print)	Date
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Certification by the Head of School/Centre Director (in which the Lead CI is based)

I certify that:

- To the best of my knowledge, all details on this application form are true and complete
- This School/Centre supports this application and if successful will provide basic infrastructure including appropriate working and office space.

Signature of Head of School / Director	Name (please print)	Date
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