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Study Melbourne Research Partnerships

Funding Guidelines

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Research, for the purposes of these funding guidelines, is the creation of new knowledge and/or the use of existing knowledge in a new and creative way so as to generate new concepts, methodologies, inventions and understandings. This could include synthesis and analysis of previous research to the extent that it is new and creative.

Use of the Funding

Funding provided for the Study Melbourne Research Partnerships Project may be spent on a cost incurred for a Research Project that satisfies all of the following requirements:

- The cost must be integral to achieving the objectives and outcomes of the Research Project as set out in the Application for that Research Project, for approval by **veski**.
- The cost must not be for facility, administrative or other indirect costs that would be provided by an institution in the normal course of undertaking the research (e.g. those costs often incurred for common or joint objectives, utilities and services, regulatory and research compliance and administration of research services).

The following items are not considered to be direct research costs and as such you cannot request or use funding for the following activities:

- Land, Buildings and Fixtures;
- Fringe Benefits Tax;
- construction and refurbishment of general purpose buildings;
- special studies (study leave) programs;
- overseas travel costs;
- bench fees or similar laboratory access fees;
- costs not directly related to the project, including but not limited to professional membership fees, professional development courses, equipment for live music or drama performances, equipment for gallery/museum exhibits, visas, relocation costs, entertainment costs, insurance, mobile phones (purchase or call charges) and other indirect costs;
- access to a basic library collection;
- access to film or music editing facilities;
- work accommodation (for example, laboratory and office space, suitably equipped and furnished);
- basic computer facilities and standard software;
- standard reference materials or funds for abstracting services;
- fees for international students or the Higher Education Contribution Scheme (HECS) and Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) liabilities for students, and
- salary subsidies, except where a salary subsidy provides project management or additional research support specifically for the funded project.

Anything not covered within this funding guidelines document can be discussed directly with **veski**.

Any additional funding requests will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and accepted at the discretion of **veski**.