

2010-2011 Call for Applications

Background and Purpose

The AFAANZ Research Fund (ARF) Annual Grants Program is designed to encourage and support AFAANZ members by providing funding for research projects. The grants are competitive. At this stage, the grants are primarily intended to support small-scale projects of up to one year's duration or to assist in seed funding for larger scale projects. Applicants must demonstrate their ability to conduct the research proposed and show how the project will benefit the research profile of the individuals and the discipline. The pool of funds comes directly from fees paid by institutional members. As such, access to the ARF is limited to staff based at an Institutional Member.

Eligibility

All applicants must be full-time academic staff at one of the Institutional Members of AFAANZ. The first named applicant must be a current member of AFAANZ.

Successful applicants in 2009 are eligible to apply again in 2010, but priority will be given to applicants who did not receive funding in 2009.

Applications must indicate clearly if they have been submitted elsewhere for funding.

Research Priority for 2010

The 2010 round is open only to applications that focus on "mentoring of developing researchers". Applications will involve at least two applicants – one applicant will be the "developing researcher" while the second applicant will be an "established researcher", taking on the role of research mentor in the context of the grant proposal. A developing researcher is someone who does not have more than three publications in refereed journals.

All areas of accounting and finance research are encouraged.

Funding

- ▶ Grants up to \$10,000 will be considered. The AFAANZ research grants do not attract GST.

- ▶ Time and resource support will be permitted, including teaching relief where permitted by the relevant university policy.
- ▶ Funds will be available for twelve months after the award of the grant from 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011 and must be fully expended within that period.
- ▶ One application only per developing researcher will be eligible (although the mentor may be associated with more than one grant).

Accountability

- ▶ A final report on the use of the funds and the outcomes of the project will be required within 60 days of the completion of the project or 30 November 2011 at the latest. Future grants to the applicant(s) will be conditional on the timely receipt of this report. The reporting format is provided below.
- ▶ Any working papers or published papers resulting from the research grant must acknowledge AFAANZ's funding.

Selection Process

A panel of assessors (normally comprising the AFAANZ Treasurer, the AFAANZ Board member holding the Research Portfolio, and two academics of senior standing appointed by the Board) will rank all eligible applications. They will then make allocations on merit, to the limit of the annual funding pool (which may vary with financial circumstances from year to year).

The criteria upon which the grants will be examined include:

- ▶ The quality of the research and the likely research outcomes
- ▶ The extent to which the research project will enhance the applicants' and discipline research profile
- ▶ The extent to which the project will result in publishable output

- ▶ The quality and clarity of the research application, including a research plan and a proposed budget.

The application must include written support from the Dean/Head of the relevant university organisational unit. Applications will not be accepted without this letter of support. A maximum of three grants will be made to each institutional member in this round. Partly funded applications and applications that are unfunded due to the institutional limit will be given feedback from the selection committee.

Application Process

Complete applications comprise three components:

- (1) The Research Proposal (see section titled “Content and Format of Research Proposals”, below);
- (2) A Dean/Head supporting letter (signed electronically), including confirmation that teaching relief is permitted under university policy (if applicable); and
- (3) A supporting statement (signed electronically) from the established researcher of not more than two (2) pages. This statement should highlight key features of the developing researcher applicant's research history and

her/his ability to successfully undertake the research. The statement should also indicate a willingness, and demonstrate an ability, to mentor the project.

Applications must be submitted electronically, by the due date in a ‘pdf’ file, via email to ionest@afaanz.org with the subject: “AFAANZ Research Grant Application 2010”. If you do not receive a return email acknowledging receipt of your application within 2-3 days, then please contact the AFAANZ office on +61-3-9349 5074.

Critical Dates

- ▶ Closing Date for Submissions: midnight AEST, Tuesday, 27 April 2010
- ▶ Applicants Notified: 15 June 2010
- ▶ Formal Announcement of Successful Grants: AFAANZ Conference Second Plenary Session, 6 July 2010.

Enquiries

Enquiries should be directed to Associate Professor Sue Wright by email at swright@efs.mq.edu.au

Content and Format of Research Proposals

All applications must be typed, single-sided on A4 paper using a minimum of 11-point font and minimum 2cm margins, and include the following details:

Title Page

The proposal is to have a title page, which should contain the following headings:

AFAANZ RESEARCH FUND – GRANT APPLICATION 2010

- ▶ (1) Project Title
- ▶ (2) The names of the researchers*, their AFAANZ membership numbers (if applicable), and their employer-institution (each of which must be a current AFAANZ institutional member)
- ▶ (3) Funds Requested
- ▶ (4) Project Summary (100 words)

(*identifying the developing researcher)

Project Details

The main body of the proposal is not to exceed **four (4) typed pages** in length. It should contain the following headings:

TITLE OF RESEARCH PROPOSAL

- ▶ (5) Aims and Intended Outcomes
- ▶ (6) Background and Research Question(s)
- ▶ (7) Research Methods
- ▶ (8) Research Plan
- ▶ (9) Budget and Budget Justification*

(*Each budget item must be justified and other sources of income are to be indicated.)

Reporting Format for Grants

- ▶ (1) Name, Position, Contact Details for each applicant
- ▶ (2) Project Title
- ▶ (3) Updated Project Summary (500 words) including any variations between the project undertaken and the original application
- ▶ (4) Funds Granted
- ▶ (5) Detailed Report on Expenditure of Funds against Budget Items, with variations explained
- ▶ (6) Outcomes, for example, working papers, presentations and publications (give full details, including abstracts)
- ▶ (7) Future Intentions for this Project (give full details)
 - Conference submissions
 - Journal submissions
 - Grant applications
 - Projects
- ▶ (8) Summary of Outcomes and Benefits