

Applying for grants: a practical perspective

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ARC grants



- DECRA/Discovery, Linkage
- High prestige/funding; low success rates
- Selection criteria vary slightly across the schemes
- Discovery: Investigator; Proposed Project Quality and Innovation (these first two are weighted most heavily), Feasibility, National Benefit
- National benefit:
 - *Will the completed Project produce significant new knowledge and/or innovative economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefit to the Australian and international community? Will the proposed research be cost-effective and value for money?*

CIMA grants



- Grants for management accounting research
- Ad-hoc and targeted (themed) schemes
- Two categories in 2020:
 - Seedcorn funding for ECRs (up to 7 500 GBP)
 - Experienced researchers (up to 30 000 GBP)

CIMA grants: from the funder's perspective



- A professional body that exists to support its members
- Evaluation panel comprises both academics and practitioners
- Proposals should have a strong practitioner focus
- Funders want to manage risk

Helping the funder feel comfortable



- Strong track record
- Ability to write proposal in a way that indicates you can speak to a practitioner audience
- Give the funder confidence the proposal will lead to a final product
 - Reasonably developed 'priors'
 - Have case organization/s access organised
 - Build sufficient contingency plans into the proposal
 - "Trust me" applications tend not to be rewarded with funding

AFAANZ Grants

RMIT Classification: Trusted



- Applications via Faff pitching template
- Easier to get than CIMA/ARC funding, but funds awarded to each individual grant tend to be fairly small