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# ARC Fellowships, Discovery Projects and Linkage Projects Legal Services



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## General Obligations/Principles of the University of Adelaide

The Administering Institution (**UA**) *must* use the Funding in support of the purpose and objectives of each Scheme (**ARC**) as specified in the Funding Policy for that Scheme.

The Administering Institution *acknowledges* that it is *required to comply* with all of its obligations under this Agreement, *including but not limited to*:

- a) managing and being accountable for the Funds;
- b) conducting the Research Activities in an *ethical manner* in accordance with ARC Approved Standards and Guidelines (eg. *National Principles of Intellectual Property Management for Publicly Funded Research*) and all applicable Commonwealth and State and Territory laws and regulations (eg. *Privacy Act 1988(Cth)*, *Equal Opportunity for Women in the Workplace Act 1999 (Cth)* and *Fair Work Act 2009 (Cth)*);
- c) maintaining a high standard of governance;





## ARC Fellowships – Future Fellowships, Discovery Early Career Researcher Award, Discovery Outstanding Researcher Award

### Main requirements:

- Reports to be handed to the ARC in a timely manner
- ARC to be informed of any conflicts of interest
- The award recipient to be employed by the Administering Institution
- Reside predominantly in Australia

### Differences

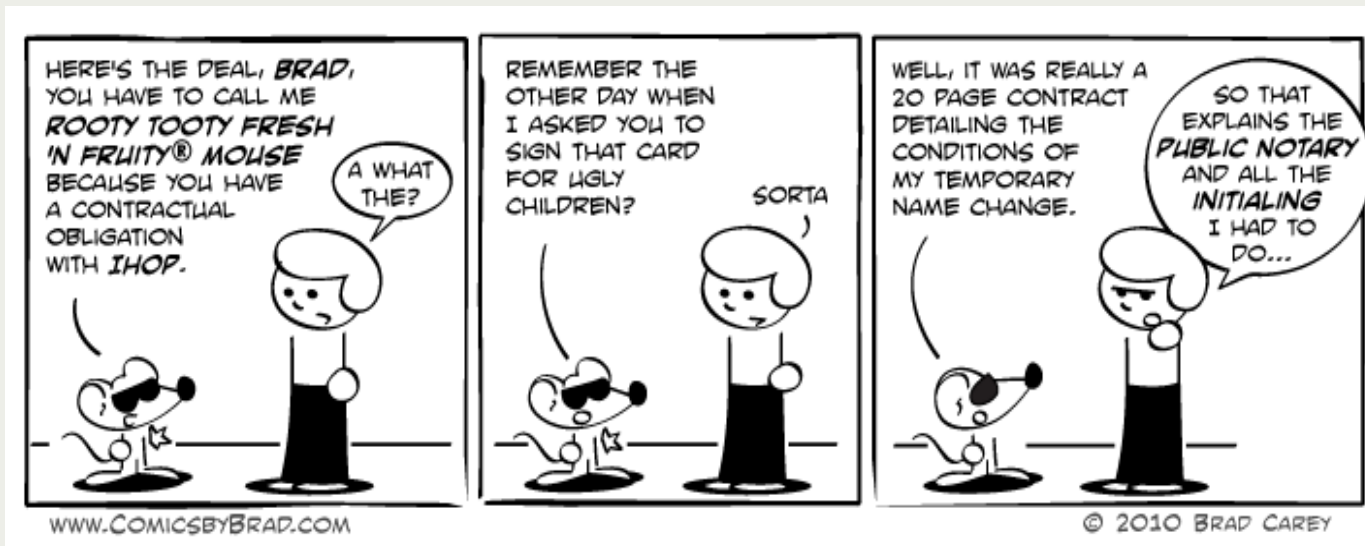
- Future Fellowships – recipient can spend up to 12 months with a Host Institution that is not an Eligible Institution, as long as the UA can demonstrate that it is in the best interests of research;
- DECRA – recipient cannot spend more than 1/3 of the duration of their award overseas;
- DORA - International Collaboration Award (ICA) funding may be used for travel on one international return economy class airfare, reasonable local travel, a living allowance and consumables for up to 6 months, per Award, over the life of the project.





## Discovery Projects and Linkage Projects - Obligations/Principles of the University of Adelaide

- a) ensuring that Participating Institutions perform the research and administer the funds to give effect to the agreement;
- b) ensuring that the Participating Organisations contribute the funds and perform the research as required by the funding agreement;
- c) providing information, and obtaining approvals from ARC as required under the agreement.





## More On Obligations

The Administering Institution ...

- remains responsible to ARC for the performance of the grant
- is required to do all things incidental or reasonably necessary to give effect to the funding agreement.
- acknowledges that it has an on-going obligation
  - to monitor; and
  - report on each Participating Institution's and Partner Organisation's adherence to the terms of its Formal Agreement.
  - If the Partner Organisation is in default of its obligations under its agreement with the Administering Institution, the Administering Institution is responsible for advising the ARC and finding a replacement Partner Organisation.





## Obligation not to start Research until Formal Agreement is signed

The Administering Institution ***must*** enter into a Formal Agreement with each Participating Institution and Participating Organisation (Linkages) that is performing any part of the Administering Institution's Research Activities.

The Administering Institution ***must not***:

- allow a Participating Institution to commence performing any part of a Research Activity; nor
- provide Funding to that Participating Institution for that Research Activity,

***Until*** they have entered into a Formal Agreement.

The Administering Institution ***must not***:

- Allow a Participating Organisation to commence performing any part of the Research Activity or receive any funding ***Until*** they have entered into a Formal Agreement.

The Administering Institution ***must retain a copy*** of each Formal Agreement.





## What is in the Formal Agreement?

Formal Agreement must specify, outline, require, describe, use, provide:

*Formal Agreement must require the Participating Institution or Partner Organisation to act in a manner that is consistent with, and enables the Administering Institution to give effect to, all of the Administering Institution's obligations.*

### •Financial Accountability:

- amount of the Funding ....
- the role of, and any financial or in-kind contribution to be provided by,
- accountability by the Participating Institution in dealing with Funds received/including repayment of Funds





## What is in the Formal Agreement? (cont.)



### • **Research Accountability:**

- the Research Activity to be undertaken
- each party's responsibilities for the payment of salaries and any Stipends for the Specified Personnel;
- the respective roles and responsibilities of personnel
- ensure sound governance, including notification/management of breaches of the Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007) or misconduct;
- reduce scope of, or terminate if ARC Funding Agreement is terminated or reduced in scope

### • **Information Transparency/Accountability:**

- access to information/premises;
- record keeping
- all assistance needed to report to ARC

### • **IP/Moral Rights/Conflicts**

### • **ARC logo and acknowledgement**

