THE FACULTY OF ENGINEERING, COMPUTER & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES
RESEARCH FUND

Background –

A. The Faculty of Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences (ECMS) has an outstanding reputation for teaching, research and its engagement with the wider community, helping to solve real problems. A qualification from the Faculty of ECMS opens the door to a world of opportunity.

B. The Faculty of Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences Research Fund has been established to help support the broad mission of the Faculty in line with nominated priorities of the Faculty. The Executive Dean will determine the nominated priority of the Faculty for support from the Fund.

C. The Fund has been established with the generous financial support of staff, friends and alumni of the Faculty of ECMS, and has been initiated to provide support for research activities in the Faculty.

D. The University accepted the donations upon the trusts specified by the donors and the donations therefore became the capital subject to those trusts (‘capital sum’).

Name of the fund

1. The capital sum, all income arising from the capital sum and any accumulations and additions thereto together form a fund called the ‘Faculty of ECMS Research Fund’ (‘fund’).

Investment of the fund

2. The fund is to be amalgamated for the purposes of investment, and held in a common fund, and the net income earned by the common fund shall be credited, rateably, to the funds so amalgamated and thereafter distributed according to the directions of the donors.

Obligations

3. In administering the fund, the University must adhere to the terms specified and is obliged:-

(a) to invest the capital sum according to the directions of the donors; and

(b) to establish a research fund in the manner described in the following Rules.

Rules

1. There shall be a Fund within the Faculty Engineering Computer & Mathematical Sciences known as the ‘Engineering Computer & Mathematical Sciences Research Fund’ (“the Fund”).
2. The Fund is a research fund and the Fund will have a nominated priority area for a period of up to three years. The nominated priority is to be determined at the discretion of the Executive Dean and will be communicated to all existing donors. Before the end of each three year period thereafter the priority area will be reviewed by the Executive Dean and revised as necessary to reflect the Faculty’s strategic objectives.

3. The priority area from 2015 – 2017 is supporting interdisciplinary research and business development.

4. The Fund has been established with the generous financial support of staff, friends and alumni of the Faculty of ECMS, and has been initiated to provide support for research projects in the Faculty.

5. The Executive Dean of ECMS will establish a Faculty of ECMS Research Fund Committee. The decision on the awarding of funds and the size of the award/s will be made by the Executive Dean upon advice from the Committee, following a review of all applications, and will be subject to available funds.

6. University Engagement Branch will notify the Executive Dean of funds available to be allocated, either to projects or to the Composite Fund, twice per year.

7. Funds may also be set aside in the University Endowment Fund to provide returns that will be available for future projects. The decision to set funds aside in the University Endowment Fund will be taken by the Executive Dean of ECMS in consultation with University Engagement Branch.

8. There will be an annual call for applications from staff within the Faculty with an ability to accept applications at other times, where approved by the Executive Dean.

9. Only applications on the prescribed form will be accepted, which is available on the Faculty of EMCS website. Answers will be required to specific criteria as outlined on the form, including the purpose of the research project requiring support and the anticipated level of financial need.

10. These rules may be varied from time to time by the Executive Dean or their nominee.

11. The University reserves the right not to award funds in any year, subject to funding and availability of suitable projects.

Rules approved by Executive Dean 16 September 2015