

AGRIFOOD AND WINE FAME STRATEGY

INTERNAL GRANT GUIDELINES 2021

STRATEGIC INTENT

The University prioritises investment for research at scale within the framework of FAME (Focus And Magnets for Excellence) Strategies. These provide a platform that enables us to attract the best researchers and partners, and deliver positive impacts for our State and Nation through research excellence and its translation.

As part of our strategic approach to seizing these opportunities to build scale and focus in research, the University of Adelaide has developed its [Agrifood and Wine FAME Strategy](#).

The Strategy includes an aim to bolster the Waite, Roseworthy and North Terrace campuses as Research Innovation Precincts through the launch of **four Research Missions for Transformation**:

- Dryland Agriculture
- Value-Added Agrifoods
- Supporting the Agrifood and Wine Value Chain
- Biosecurity and Livestock Wellbeing.

In 2021, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) is providing strategic investment to stimulate the development of new multi-disciplinary research projects related to the four Research Missions for Transformation. There are currently two strands to this scheme:

- **Initiate** projects will be seed grants of up to \$20k; and
- **Accelerate** projects will receive up to \$100k.

In 2022 it is hoped that a third strand – Scale – will be available to build on ideas and outcomes from Initiate and Accelerate, to drive external grant success and impact.

It is expected that 4-8 Initiate projects will be funded along with 4-6 Accelerate projects, across the four research missions within the FAME strategy.

ELIGIBILITY

A proposal must be led by two University of Adelaide staff members from different Faculties, and must be supported by their Heads of School and Executive Deans. Where staff nominate affiliation with one of the six University Research Institutes, support from the Institute Director will be seen as favourable.

SELECTION CRITERIA

To be considered, proposals must address all the following criteria:

1. How the project supports the principles and aims of the Agrifood and Wine FAME Strategy;
2. Alignment to the Strategy's Research Missions for Transformation and Transformational Research Foci;
3. Excellence and likely impact of the research;
4. Likely outcomes of the project including opportunities to attract external follow-on funding and anticipated benefits to the University; and
5. The track record of the researchers involved.

PROJECT FUNDING

Maximum funding is \$20,000 (Initiate) or \$100,000 (Accelerate) per project. Co-investment is permitted, but not required.

Project funding may be used by the successful researchers to:

- bring teams together to respond to competitive calls from granting bodies for applications in specific Research Mission areas;
- test a concept or generate preliminary data in preparation for a research and innovation grant application or to conduct research with industry partners;
- undertake novel or 'disruptive' projects;
- build new capability areas to enable FAME implementation; and/or
- bolster existing work in an area with high potential to attract external funding.

Requests for equipment purchase will not receive priority unless applications are able to address convincingly the above criteria.

Successful applicants will be required to meet with a nominated representative of the Office of the DVC (Research) before commencement of the project to outline the implementation and expected outcomes. At the end of the project, the lead applicant is required to provide a short report, focusing on tangible outcomes, e.g. follow-on grant applications, outputs, impact.

PROCEDURES

All awards are made at the discretion of the DVC (Research). A Selection Panel will be established to recommend successful projects and associated funding. Faculties and Research Institutes will be consulted for the purposes of ranking of applications, in which they are involved, for consideration by the Panel.

Where the DVC (Research) has deemed that a proposal is eligible for support, funding will be allocated via the School (or Schools) involved. One School should be nominated to manage the project on behalf of all participating schools.

Applications (up to a maximum of 3 pages) are to be made using the Internal Grant Application Form 2021.

If you have any questions regarding the scheme, please contact Lynette Kelly in the Strategic Research Team at lynette.kelly@adelaide.edu.au.

CLOSING DATE

Applications must be submitted to dvcrschemes@adelaide.edu.au by **5.00 pm on 30 June 2021**.

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