Melbourne-Indonesia Research Partnership Program 2020 Guidelines

Internal Grant Scheme

Research, Innovation and Commercialisation
Overview
A new Research Partnership Program was announced by the Vice Chancellor at the ‘Engaging with Indonesia’ launch held in Jakarta in August 2019. This $300,000 commitment to the Melbourne-Indonesia Research Partnership Program (MIRPP) will further strengthen academic mobility, academic collaboration, and research links between the University and its Indonesian partners.

From 2020 to 2022, the University will provide ten $10,000 awards each year for three years, to encourage collaborative projects between University of Melbourne and Indonesian Academics. These are designed to stimulate greater levels of academic exchange and research collaboration. MIRPP will also enable Indonesian academics to deepen their engagement with the international research community. It is anticipated that the awards will be made to a spread of disciplines and that they will also encourage new cross-disciplinary activity.

The intention is that each award will be used by the Chief Investigators (one at Melbourne and one in Indonesia) to collaborate on development of a project that can be the basis for ongoing joint activity. A typical project would be suitable for funding by an appropriate external agency, attractive to potential graduate researchers, or provide the basis for significant publications. We particularly encourage applications with existing Indonesian partner institutions.

Funding Timeline
The application deadline is Friday 15 November at 12:00pm (AEDT).

It is expected that the first successful applications will be announced in late November 2019 for projects commencing January 2020. Recipients of grants will be expected to report progress against their identified outcomes within 12 months of award.

Funds Available
• Ten awards valued at $10,000 are available in 2020.
• The award will be funded by a shared contribution from Chancellery and the awardees Faculty in a 1:1 ratio.
• Evidence of Faculty support of $5000 cash co-contribution will be required at time of submission. There will be the opportunity to upload a letter or email to your application.

Allowable Costs
• Expenses should usually include travel funds for a return trip by the Melbourne CI within 12 months.
• Other expenses up to $10,000 may also be requested.
• If your planned project exceeds $10,000, you must show where the rest of the funding will come from.

Eligibility
• Applications are to be lodged by a Melbourne CI.
• Applicants must hold an appointment at the University of Melbourne at Academic Level A (6) or higher and 0.5 FTE or higher at the time of application and for the duration of the award.
• Honorary and adjunct academic staff are not eligible to apply.
• Previous recipients may not reapply to the scheme.

Scope and Limitations
The scope of MIRPP will be whole of institution, with a preference for one grant per faculty to ensure broad participation. However, this will be based on application number and quality. Where appropriate, Faculties can award additional collaborative grants, but will be required to meet the full cost of these additional awards.
Reporting Obligations

The Awards will be reviewed at the end of 2020 to ascertain the extent of uptake, collaboration, joint publication plans, graduate research commencements, grant or funding applications, and other similar indicators.

Other obligations

All recipients of awards should be fully compliant with Indonesian legislation on research visas where appropriate.

Application Process

The application should be submitted online through the Smartygrants portal: https://research.unimelb.edu.au/support/funding/internal/melbourne-indonesia-research-partnership-program.

The application will require you to outline:

- A short synopsis of the area of the collaborative project to be developed.
- Expected outputs within 18 months, such as grant applications, journal article submissions, engagement with other partner institutions, or other further forms of collaboration.
- Identification of potential funding sources or other resources to support the ongoing work.
- Identification of the impact of the project, including the benefits to the Indonesian partners (the academic and the institution) that will result from the collaboration with Melbourne.
- Anticipated travel dates.
- Evidence of Approval from the Dean (or delegate) of the relevant Academic Division. An email is sufficient.
- Each of the two CIs should provide a short CV of 1-2 pages each.
- You may also provide a separate summary of other partner investigators, with an outline of their track records and intended contribution, on additional pages.
- Evidence of endorsement from the Indonesian institution (such as an attached letter).

Selection Process

A selection committee comprised of members of the International Advisory Group (IAG) will be developed (including Adrian Little, Justin Zobel, and Vedi Hadiz).

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact:

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