Eligibility for DVCR Co-Funding

MAXIMISING YOUR CHANCES OF EXTERNAL FUNDING SUCCESS

Eligibility for the DVCR Co-Funding Scheme is contingent upon on-time submission of grant applications by the Macquarie University submission date. Many applications for external funding require cash and in-kind contributions from the host institution in order to be considered for funding. This funding includes project support funds, funding for research associates, scholarships, and major equipment and in most cases is processed via the DVCR Co-Funding scheme.

To be eligible to request DVCR Co-Funding, grant applications must be submitted internally, via Pure, by the Macquarie University submission date.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Applications for major grant rounds must be submitted to the Research Services Grant Development team 4 or 5 weeks prior to the external deadline, depending on the scheme. Please refer to the fellowships and grant opportunities webpage for information on deadlines and processes.
- Applications for miscellaneous grants (including, but not limited to, Perpetual; MNDRA - Motor Neurone Disease Research Australia; NSW Environmental Trust; Ian Potter Foundation; Australian Rotary Health) must be submitted to the Grant Development team two weeks prior to the external deadline.
- Applications that do not have a Pure record and/or do not have all the appropriate approvals in Pure (Head of Department [HoD] and Deputy Dean of Research and Innovation [DDRI]) will not be submitted to the external funding body.

FAQs

WHY DO WE NEED INTERNAL DEADLINES FOR EXTERNAL GRANT APPLICATIONS?

Macquarie’s internal deadlines for external research funding applications are critical for the following reasons:

- External grant schemes, such as those from the ARC, NHMRC, Cancer Council and Perpetual Funds, are complex and ever-changing. It takes a team of Macquarie experts behind the scenes to make sure all applications both align with the strategic objective of the external funding body and are compliant and eligible for funding. The hard work of the Faculty Research Office teams, central Research Services Grant Development team and Office of Advancement team ensures that each application is of the highest potential quality, with the greatest chance of success. Interesting fact, some funding bodies, such as the ARC, have deemed applications ineligible based on the incorrect use of font sizes – compliance and eligibility checks will ensure your application meets all criteria for consideration for funding.
- The strategic reviews and compliance checks often find areas for improvement in applications and on-time submission to the internal deadline makes certain that researchers have ample...
time to make the changes required to have the highest chance of success.

- Each **external funding application, and accompanying DVCR Co-Funding requests, require appropriate approvals in Pure** (formal approval from your HoD and ADR). Prior to consideration by the DVCR for Co-Funding, the Co-Funding application is considered by the Faculty Research Office teams and then sent to the Grant Development team for consideration, and pending no further information is required, sent to the DVCR for final consideration. When applications are submitted late, it increases the risk that the application will not be considered by the Faculty or the DVCR which can then result in an application not proceeding to final submission. Be aware, applications that do not have a Pure record or do not have approvals in Pure will not be submitted to the external funding body for consideration.

**BUT, I SUBMITTED ON-TIME AND IT TOOK AGES TO GET FEEDBACK! WHY SHOULD I WORRY ABOUT IT?**

- Fair point! We are improving our processes and are working on ways to increase our turnaround time for feedback on grants that were submitted on-time. For major round schemes, the Grant Development team use a booking calendar allowing applicants to choose, within a window of time, when they would like to submit for strategic and compliance checks. This system allows applicants greater flexibility in choosing when they wish to submit and ensures applications are systematically progressing through our workflow. For most schemes, the Grant Development team will provide feedback on applications within three business days of receiving the application. Please review the [fellowships and grant opportunities webpage](#) to check if your scheme is utilising the Grant Development team booking calendar.

**SO, WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM LATE TO SUBMIT FOR THE INTERNAL DEADLINE?**

- Great question! The first time you miss the internal deadline, you will receive an email from the Director, Grants & Awards informing you of your late submission and reminding you of DVCR Co-funding policies. It is critical to note that late submissions of any applications, whether they require DVCR Co-Funding or not, will have an impact on your future eligibility for DVCR Co-Funding.

  If you have submitted an application after the Macquarie University submission date a **second time** (for example, you submitted an application for an ARC Discovery Project after the Macquarie University submission date and then, later in the grant cycle, you submitted an application for an ARC Future Fellowship after the Macquarie University submission date), you will only be eligible for **75% of your total request for DVCR Co-Funding**. For example, if your DVCR Co-Funding request is for $100k, you will only be considered for funding up to $75k. Please note that HDR Scholarships are included as the request for DVCR Co-Funding and will be impacted if your application is late. For example, if you requested an international MQRES as DVCR Co-Funding for your external funding application and your application was submitted late, it is likely your request will be modified down to a domestic MQRES.

  If you have a **third application** for external research funding that is submitted late to the Grant Development team, you will **not be eligible to request DVCR Co-Funding** to support your application for external funding.

**EEEEP! LIFE HAS GONE PEAR-SHAPED AND I’M GOING TO BE LATE! WHAT SHOULD I DO?**

- **Let us know!** We are here to help, and we know that there are times when best made plans get side-tracked by things out of our control. If you run into trouble and can provide us with detailed information about your timeframe, we can work with you. Email the Grant Development team ([research.preaward@mq.edu.au](mailto:research.preaward@mq.edu.au)) as soon as you think you may miss the internal deadline. Please note, reasons for late submission to the internal deadline include: short timeframes from a grant opening until its closing date (this is particularly important for grants which are sporadic, e.g. MRFF); the application has been invited by the funder (and has
a short turn-around time of 6 weeks or less); an applicant has had medical issues or carer responsibilities which has meant they are unable to complete in time (e.g. on maternity/parental leave, illness, misadventure etc.).