ANU Major Equipment Grants 2018

Prof Susanne von Caemmerer
Chair, Major Equipment Committee
**Major Equipment Grants?**

- ANU internal grant scheme for major equipment items costing $50k - $500k
  - Funds research equipment of strategic significance to ANU researchers
  - Funds research equipment not eligible for LIEF
- Note: A lower limit of $20k applies to the Schools of Music and Art, and there is no lower limit for library collections
- Funds are allocated by the Major Equipment Committee (MEC) and approved by the DVC (Research)
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<td>Chair</td>
<td>Prof Susanne von Caemmerer, RSB, CMBE</td>
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<td>Two Members nominated by CASS, CBE, CAP and CoL</td>
<td>Ms. Ashley Eriksmoen, SoA Dr Steven McEachern, RSSS</td>
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<td>Dr Adrian Lowe, CECS</td>
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<td>One members nominated by CHM</td>
<td>Assoc Prof Brendan McMorran, JCSMR</td>
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<td>Five Members nominated by CoS</td>
<td>Dr Maja Adamska, RSB Assoc Prof Francois Rigaut, (RSAA) Assoc Prof Yuri Amelin, RSES Prof Michael Sherburn, RSC Dr Cormac Corr, RSPE</td>
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Secretary: Ms Cheryl Cairns (Research Services) MEC@anu.edu.au
• The MEC committee wants to help you fund your research!

• We interview applicants for clarification of any outstanding issues with their application.

• Annual budget is $2.5-3m. Funds are awarded competitively:
  – 50% success rate
## Where does the money go?

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<td>CMBE</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>53%</td>
<td>$934,000</td>
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<td>CMBE/CBE</td>
<td>1</td>
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<td>100%</td>
<td>$105,000</td>
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<td>CPMS</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>68%</td>
<td>$1,628,000</td>
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<td>CECS</td>
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<td>$370,000</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>49</strong></td>
<td><strong>30</strong></td>
<td><strong>61%</strong></td>
<td><strong>$3,037,000</strong></td>
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Eligibility for ARC-LIEF

• If your proposal is eligible for the ARC-LIEF program you need to apply to ARC-LIEF first.

• Projects that have not been submitted to ARC –LIEF but are eligible must justify their funding request in light of that decision.
  – Single institution bids can be successful in LIEF!

• A MEC application is not required for the 25% ANU contribution to LIEF
Assessment Criteria:

• Funds are awarded competitively based on:
  – Quality and scale of the research activity
  – Cost effectiveness of purchase
  – Improvement to research environment
  – Alignment to strategic objectives of School/ANU
  – Level of local financial commitment

• NB: A local-area contribution is not required for success but is considered in the context of the application and applicants.
What can be funded?

- New equipment (purchased or built)
  - Cost of staff needs significant justification!
- Replacement of obsolete equipment
- Dedicated research computers
  - Not general purpose computing
- Special library collections
  - ANU library should be consulted
- Preference for substantial equipment items (i.e. Individual items over $50k, rather than 50 items at $1k)
- Not funded: Building works and refurbishments
– Space

• Can the equipment be housed without calling on additional space and without seeking funding for building modifications?
Application

• Complete ME Grant application form:
  – Including project description and all required signatures
  – Maximum of 3 pages for project description
  • Easy to read by non-experts

• One page CV for each investigator (max 5):
  – Name, qualifications, current appointment and history
  – List of 10 recent publications for the last 5 years
  – Details of competitive grant funding

• Supporting documentation:
  – Quotation (GST exclusive price)
  – Letters of support from relevant delegate
  – Copy of LIEF project summary and budget where applicable
• Bids offering collaboration or sharing of facilities between areas of ANU are welcome
  – Review list of previously funded ARC-LIEF and MEC equipment

• ANU Costing, Pricing and Approval Tool will not be used for this application process
Reporting requirements

• MEC funds are for expenditure in the year of award

• All applications require a final report as part of the acquittal process
  – Due at the end of the calendar year in which the grant is awarded
  – Only outstanding reports need to accompany the application (part 5 of application form)

• If purchases are delayed, an interim report should be included.
Submission

- Completed ME grant application forms must be submitted by the College Research offices to MEC@anu.edu.au by CoB Tuesday 31st January 2017.
  - Please submit a single PDF file that includes all signatures certifications and attachments.
Timeline for 2017 funding

- Applications open: 30th November, 2017
- Applications close 31st January, 2018
  - NB: College dates may vary!
  - Please contact your College Research Office for internal deadlines
  - 15 minute Q&A
  - Usually a single CI/representative
- Applicants notified end of March 2017
Questions?