



AUSTRALIA-INDIA COUNCIL GRANT PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Can you tell me if my proposed activities meet the strategic priorities of the AIC?

- The AIC Grant Guidelines provide information on the strategic priorities for each Grant Round and should be closely reviewed prior to submitting an application.
- In 2019, a key focus will be on projects that support the recommendations of the India Economic Strategy, an ambitious plan to transform Australia's economic partnership with India out to 2035.

Am I eligible to apply for a grant?

- Section 4 of the AIC Grant Guidelines outline who is, and is not, eligible to apply for a grant.

Can my application be reviewed by the Board before I submit it?

- The AIC Board and Secretariat cannot provide advice on individual grant applications. For reasons of probity, the AIC Board and the Secretariat cannot meet to discuss individual applications.

Can grant funding be used for programs in any country?

- Funding will only be provided for activities in Australia and/or India.

How will my application be assessed?

- Every application will be assessed based on the criteria set out in section 7 of the Grant Guidelines.

Can grant funding be used to support ongoing administrative costs?

- Funding cannot be used for general ongoing administration which includes phone, rent, salaries, research assistants or administrative staff.

Can grant funding be used to support the salaries of staff employed to work exclusively on the project?

- Grant funding may be applied to staff working exclusively on the project (such as an external consultant).

Can funding be used for the purchase of equipment?

- The AIC Grant Guidelines outline that grant funding cannot be used for capital expenditure or the purchase of equipment.
- We would encourage co-contributions from other parties and funding for those aspects of the activity through a grant partner.

How frequently are grant rounds conducted?

- The AIC Grant program is an annual process that opens in February each year for funding the following financial year.

Are joint research collaborations between institutes in Australia and India eligible under the AIC grants program?

- Joint research collaborations between Australia and India are eligible to apply for an AIC grant.

The funding guidelines states that 'Only one application, per university or institution, will be eligible for approval.' Does this mean that each institution can only submit one application?

- Multiple applications can be received per institution however only one will be recommended by the AIC to receive funding.

When will successful grants be announced?

- Successful grants are generally announced in July/August each year.

When does the project need to commence?

- In the same financial year that the Grant is successful for funding.