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# ANSTO-University of Wollongong Joint Project Seed Funding Guidelines





## AIM

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To provide small grants (**\$10–25K**) to enable new collaborative projects to be established and progressed to the point of applying for external funding. Typically up to 6–8 projects will be funded. Only projects of equal value to ANSTO and UOW strategic goals will be funded.

## DESIRABLE PROJECT CHARACTERISTICS

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Project proposals are being sought with as many as possible of the following characteristics:

- The project should help UOW and ANSTO form a substantial research partnership with visibility/prominence nationally and/or internationally (or enhance an existing one in a new direction). Priority will be given to establishing new research collaborations
- The project should clearly demonstrate equal requirements and outcomes for both ANSTO and UOW
- The project should be able to be scaled up over time with strong prospects for securing substantial external funding (for example, Government grant schemes, industry or philanthropic funds or a combination)
- The academic leaders who will take responsibility for driving the overall project must be clearly identified
- The project should clearly articulate the required research platforms/capabilities available at UOW and ANSTO (including the Australian Synchrotron). The project team must liaise with relevant platform/capability staff to ensure their proposal is feasible
- The project should be ambitious and should be targeted toward making a major impact – both in terms of academic outcomes and positive societal impacts to be delivered
- Projects with an industry focus or with an industry collaborator are strongly encouraged as will be projects with international partners or Undergraduate, Honours/HDR student participation
- Careful consideration and justification of the budget is essential, and applicants should note that only direct project costs will be considered for funding



## PROJECT DESCRIPTION (800 words) plus

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- A summary of the significance of the work (100 words)
- A Tweetable quote of the impact of this work (140 characters)

## SELECTION CRITERIA

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- Is there a critical question to be answered by the research and is it clearly articulated? Are the potential scientific and/or societal impacts presented?
- How the project is aligned to UOW / ANSTO strategic objectives?
- Potential for future external funding
- Budget Justification to achieve the project outcomes
- Could parts of the application be more suited to ANSTO merit based scheme?
- Does the proposed ANSTO-UOW collaboration add significantly to the project? Do both ANSTO and UOW have key and roughly equal roles?
- Have all proposers agreed and signed the submission?

## APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

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First named applicants for University of Wollongong or ANSTO must hold at least a **0.5** fractional appointment, and be employed for the duration of the grant.

## CONFIDENTIALITY

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All submissions will be treated as Confidential between the University of Wollongong and ANSTO and will be subject to the non-disclosure provisions of the UOW-ANSTO MOU.

## COSTS THAT WILL BE COVERED BY THE GRANT

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- All costs must directly relate to the project completion
- Staff costs for contracted staff. However such costs need to be well justified
- Capabilities not available at either ANSTO or UOW
- Material and consumable costs
- Field work costs

## COSTS THAT WILL NOT BE COVERED BY THE GRANT

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- Costs to fund a laboratory
- Student stipend or scholarship costs
- Travel costs (with the exception of field work integral to the project)
- ANSTO staff are excluded from requesting equipment items above \$5000
- Conference costs
- Costs for access to ANSTO and UOW research infrastructure will not be covered by the awarded funds.
  - Access to ANSTO research infrastructure will be in line with ANSTO staff access policies and are the responsibility of the ANSTO participants. This will require a separate portal application.
  - Access to UOW research infrastructure will be in line with UOW practice and procedures and are the responsibility of the UOW participants.



## PROJECT APPLICATION TIMELINE:

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The following lists key dates for the seed funding scheme:

1. Applications for the Joint Project funding round for 2022 will be advertised from **25 July 2022**
2. Project proposal closing date COB **Friday 7 October 2022**; to be sent to [Narelle Badger](#)
3. Announcement of successful project proposals, week of **17 October 2022**.
4. Commencement of projects: **31 October 2022**
5. Projects will be funded for up to 14 months period with a final report and presentation on the outcomes on completion
6. Follow-up surveys will be sent over several years to ascertain the impact of the seed funding and progress with application and success of external funding opportunities

[Application Form](#)



## Get in touch

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