**Strategic Research Investment Fund**

Program Business Case Form

# Project name

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| Year | 2019 |
| Project Title |  |
| Short Title\* |  |
| Amount Requested |  |

*\*Descriptive title of* ***no more than 40 characters****, including spaces [Finance 1 data entry limit]*

# Applicant Details

## Chief Investigators

(Retain in same order throughout the application.)

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| # | Last name | First name | Orgu/Academic Group | Appointment\* |
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\*Indicate the investigator’s appointment status as either Permanent (P), Fixed Term (FT) or Part Time (PT). See Eligibility criteria in the Guidelines for further details.

## Associate Investigators/Project Participants

Do not include any persons named above. Provide details of any other participants in the project (e.g. associate investigators, research staff, and technical staff).

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## Organisation Summary

Please add each End-User/Partner organisations that will be providing cash and in-kind to the Program. Evidence of this support must be attached. (Note: generic letters of support **must not** be included in the application.)

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## External Experts

Provide contact details of two sector/discipline experts who would be willing to comment on the proposed program if required. Note: Named experts must not be involved in the proposed program.

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# Research Codes

Refer to the Research Office website for classification codes.

[*https://www.jcu.edu.au/research-services/data-and-policies/research-classification-codes*](https://www.jcu.edu.au/research-services/data-and-policies/research-classification-codes)

## Fields of Research

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## Socio-Economic Objective(s) SEO

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## JCU Research Themes

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| Theme | % |
| Tropical Ecosystems & Environment |  |
| Industries & Economies in the Tropics |  |
| People & Societies in the Tropics |  |
| Tropical Health, Medicine & Biosecurity |  |

## Type of Activity

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| Type  | % |
| Pure Basic |  |
| Strategic Basic |  |
| Applied |  |
| Exp’l Development |  |

## Keywords

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## Ethics/Safety Compliance Requirements

Please type an “X” next to one or more of the following if the project involves:

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| Project involves | Select |
| (a) living animals |[ ]
| (b) human participants |[ ]
| (c) clinical research |[ ]
| (d) biotechnology activities |[ ]
| (e) in vitro production of recombinant DNA |[ ]
| (f) organisms of Risk Group 2 or higher |[ ]
| (g) ionizing radiation |[ ]
| (h) hazardous / dangerous substances or drugs |[ ]

# Selection Criteria (SC)

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Proposed Program (50%)
2. Program Team and Ability to Deliver (30%)
3. Benefit to James Cook University and End Users (20%)

## Proposed Program

### Alignment with Strategic Intent

*250 word limit*

Demonstrate how the Program aligns with the Strategic Intent of the University, the Division and College/Institute.

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### Distinctiveness of the Program

*250 word limit*

Outline the distinctiveness of the Program:

* Is the Program a new initiative or opportunity for JCU? Are there logical collaborations to be promoted through the Program with other partners or institutions in Australia or internationally? Can the Program be scaled up for a larger reach in the sector/discipline?
* What is the Program’s “point of difference”? How is the Program situated in the research/industry sector in Australia and Internationally? You may wish to access IBISWorld or similar tools to support your argument.

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### Demonstrable Pathways to Impact

*500 word limit*

Research impact is the contribution that research makes to the economy, society, environment or culture, beyond the contribution to academic research.

Provide details of activities that will be undertaken to ensure the Program will support the delivery of tangible impact.

Describe the size and nature of the likely impact – for example economic, health, social, cultural and environmental impact.

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### Research Investment Strategy

*500 word limit*

A clear and credible path towards sustainability of the program is required. Provide details of the investment and sustainability plans for the Program:

* Short term - outline the investment plan for the duration of the SRIF funding (up to 3 years) – including identifying confirmed or potential co-investors to the program (both cash and in-kind) and describing all alternative income streams expected to support the goals of the program over this period, and any commercial expectations. Provide evidence where available.
* Long-Term – what is the investment plan for the sustainability of the Program beyond the SRIF funding? Outline how, and through which avenues, the program will be sustained financially beyond the initial SRIF funding period.

Note: a total return on investment in the SRIF program should be 3:1 (this can include both external cash and external in-kind returns). Applications that can demonstrate an external cash component of at least 1:1 (i.e. matching the SRIF investment) may be prioritised. Letters of support from End-Users/Partner organisations providing cash and in-kind must be attached. (Note: generic letters of support **must not** be included with the application.)

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### Measureable Outcomes

No word limit - Provide as an attachment to this application.

Provide a table of milestones and key performance indicators to enable the success of the program to be measured over time.

Milestones and KPIs should capture outcomes such as planned approach to engagement with external partners/end-users, the advancement of research capabilities, excellence and impact.

## Program Team and Ability to Deliver

### Track Records of Chief Investigators

*250 word limit per CI*

Outline the track record of each CI on the program team in relation to:

* management of large projects and collaborations;
* productive engagement with end-users, collaborators and if applicable industry partners;
* capacity to deliver high quality tangible research outcomes.

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### Feasibility of Design and Budget

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Explain how the design of the program, the expertise of the investigators, the involvement of any partners/end-users/co-investors, and the budget will be sufficient to ensure that the program achieves its deliverables as outlined at 4.1.5 Measureable Outcomes.

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## Benefit to James Cook University and End-Users

### Anticipated Benefits to JCU

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Provide details of any short and long-term benefits to JCU that the program is expected to generate - include financial and non-financial benefits such as:

* research income;
* research translation;
* research capacity or capability building, including student recruitment and income commercial expectations; and
* reputational benefits with industry sectors, Government or community.

Outline the expected return on investment of the program, and specify over what time period this is likely to be realised.

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### Anticipated Benefits to End-users

*250 word limit*

Provide details of the short and long-term benefits to end-users of the Program.

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# Budget

Please note (1) it is not essential that all end-user and other sources of cash contributions are confirmed prior to the commencement of the project, however all anticipated contributions/revenue should be evident within milestones provided in section 4.1.5, and (2) internal JCU contributions cannot be counted towards the expected RoI of 3:1 for SRIF funded programs

Please complete and submit the ***SRIF Business Case budget details spreadsheet*** with this application.

# Budget justification

## SRIF Funds

Justify budget requests as per SRIF Business Case budget details spreadsheet. Budget items must be essential to the Program.

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## End-User/Other Cash and In-kind Contributions

Explain End-User/Other cash contributions to the Program. Also explain any End-User/Other in-kind contributions to the Program and how in-kind has been calculated.

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## College/Institute Cash and In-kind

Explain College/Institute cash contributions to the Program. Also explain any College/Institute in-kind contributions to the Program and how in-kind has been calculated.

*(Note that internal contributions are not considered as part of the expected RoI of 3:1.)*

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