

# ANROWS

AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL RESEARCH  
ORGANISATION FOR WOMEN'S SAFETY

*to Reduce Violence against Women & their Children*

## Perpetrator Interventions Research Stream Grants Round Frequently asked questions (FAQs)

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Preamble: These frequently asked questions have been established to assist applicants through the provision of clear and consistent responses to enquiries received by ANROWS through the round. The frequently asked questions will be updated throughout the round. Updated versions of the FAQs will be made available to download for the 'current grants' page of the ANROWS website and notification of updates will also be made through the home page of the ANROWS grants management portal. New questions and answers in updated versions of the FAQs will be numbered and dated.

**21 March 2016 - Version 2 new questions: 1.1, 9 & 10**

**12 April 2016 – Version 3 new questions: 11, 12, 13 & 14**

**19 April 2016 – Version 4 new questions: 15, 16 & 17**

### Similarities and linkages between research priorities

<b>Question</b> 1	There are a number of research priorities that are overlapping or could be linked to each other, is it possible to combine research priorities and submit one application for a larger project?
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	<b>Answer:</b> Applicants are not able to submit one application addressing more than one research priority. Separate applications must be made for each research priority.
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	However, ANROWS recognises the potential added value to research outcomes if an applicant applied for, and was successful in, more than one research priority, where linkages exist. This value could be noted in the separate applications addressing each of the priorities, however the separate applications must set out how each proposed project linked addresses the identified research priority within the timeframe and budget set out in the <i>Information for Applicants</i> .
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	Each application must be able to be assessed against the selection criteria, on its own merit and not conditional on a successful application addressing another research priority.
<b>Question 1.1</b>	<p><b>Where in the application forms should these links be set out.</b></p> <p>These links could be noted in the application forms for each research priority in the relevant free text sections in the form in the Project Details including for example in the project aims, methodology and outcomes sections.</p> <p>Alternatively if the word count in in these sections is too limiting, applicants may wish to add an additional attachment in ‘Section 8’. Where separate attachments are added to the application forms applicants <u>should note</u> in ‘Brief project description’ within the ‘Project Summary’ Section of the form that linkages between the project proposals are set out in a separate attachment. An additional attachment should be no more than 350 words.</p>
<b>Question 2</b>	<p>I have a project proposal that may fit within two research priorities, do I need to submit two separate applications if I am submitting the same proposal for different research priorities?</p> <p>Applicants should not submit multiple applications for the same project across different research priorities. Only one application should be submitted for the priority that they think best fits their project.</p> <p>However, where a project could genuinely meet the requirements of more than one priority, applicants may note that their application could alternatively be assessed against a different research priority. If wishing to have this considered, the applicant <u>must</u> clearly identify the other/alternate Research Priority (i.e. the number and title) the application could be assessed against. This information should be noted in the ‘Brief project description’ within the ‘Project Summary’ Section of the form.</p>
<b>Multiple applications for different project proposals</b>	
<b>Question 3</b>	<p>I have different project proposals for one or multiple research priorities, can I submit multiple applications?</p> <p><b>Answer:</b> Yes, applicants may apply for funding under more than one priority or for several projects under the same priority, each project must be submitted on a separate application form. There is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted for different projects from a single applicant/s.</p>

	<i>Note: This question only relates to applicants wanting to submit multiple applications for <u>different project proposals</u>, see question two of the FAQs if you are wanting to make an application for the same project for more than one research priority</i>
<b>Research approaches and methodology</b>	
<b>Question 4</b>	Some of the research priorities set quite specific parameters for project scope and research methodology but there appears to be more scope in other priorities for researchers to propose their own focus and methodology. Is this the case?
	Answer: Yes. Whilst some of the priorities and associated information within the <i>Information for Applicants</i> is more prescriptive, a good proportion of the research priorities are intended to be broad enough in scope for researchers to develop research proposals based on their areas of expertise and where they have identified the need for further research on particular perpetrator interventions. It is important however, for applicants to carefully consider ANROWS funding rules, selection criteria and the research priorities as set out in the <i>Information for applicants</i> when determining the scope and methodology of their proposed project.
<b>Research partnerships</b>	
<b>Question 5</b>	The <i>Information for applicants</i> notes that ANROWS encourages partnerships between, academic, government and non-government organisations. I am interested in partnering with others and was wondering if ANROWS can assist me in identifying potential partners?
	Yes, ANROWS can assist applicants in identifying potential partners when we are aware of other researchers/organisations who intend on making a submission on the relevant research priority.  Applicants requesting assistance from ANROWS to identify potential partners are encouraged in the first instance to access ANROWS's Networking Database at <a href="http://anrows.org.au/resources/networking-database">http://anrows.org.au/resources/networking-database</a> . Applicants are also encouraged to send us a brief paragraph setting out their contact details, what research priority areas they wish to partner on, and the particular subject areas or description of the project that they would like to focus on.  When or if, ANROWS becomes aware of others with a corresponding interest in the research priority, we can provide the information you have provided in writing to them and encourage them to contact you directly.

## Scope of the Research Stream

<b>Question 6</b>	Are perpetrator programs the sole focus of this stream?
	<b>Answer:</b> No, "perpetrator interventions" refers to the many interventions with perpetrators of violence against women and their children in Australia, including interfaces with the community sector, and interventions within the context of the civil, criminal, child protection and family law systems. This is in addition to men's behaviour change programs and other related programs.
<b>Question 7</b>	We are considering applying for a project that is focused on primary prevention activities and engaging men in these, is this in the scope of the stream?
	<b>Answer:</b> Some of the research priorities and accompanying information contained within <a href="#">Information for applicants</a> does include reference to primary prevention, but only where these approaches specifically relate to linkages and connections with perpetrator interventions.

## Population Groups

<b>Question 8</b>	Research Priority 3.3 'Models to address diversity' refers to the need for further research relating specifically to the needs of a number of population groups, does that mean our proposed project needs to address all of those groups?
	<b>Answer:</b> No, the need for further research relating to perpetrator interventions for particular population groups was identified in the <i>Perpetrator Interventions in Australia State of Knowledge</i> paper and through consultation with stakeholders during the development of the research priorities. Applicants' proposals may just focus on one or more of these populations.

## International Researchers as research partners

<b>Question 9</b>	<b>Can non-Australian based researchers/organisations be research partners?</b>
	<p>As stated in the funding rules only Australian-based institution or organisations can submit applications as the lead organisation. Non-Australian based researchers can be involved in projects as research partners or in an advisory type capacity.</p> <p>Research sites for projects must, however, be based within Australia. Applicants are also encouraged to review ANROWS funding rules including rules on salary costs and other budget requirements.</p>

## Maximum budgets and timeframes for projects within each research priority

<p><b>Question 10</b></p>	<p>Maximum budgets and timeframes are included within the <i>Information for applicants</i> for each of the research priorities.</p> <p>Does this mean that ANROWS intends to fund multiple projects within that budgeted amount or that individual project proposals should not exceed the limits set out?</p> <p>The maximum budget and timeframe set out in the <i>Information for applicants</i> relate to individual project proposals therefore budgets and timeframes for proposed projects should not exceed those set out in the <i>Information for applicants</i>.</p> <p>The maximum budget and timeframe along with other information and requirements set out under the Research Priority also provides an indication of the size and scale of project proposals that ANROWS is seeking for each of the Research Stream.</p> <p>Applicants are encouraged to carefully consider the information and requirements set out under the Research Priority to which, the proposed project relates (section 2). This includes information on desired outcomes, methodological considerations, maximum costs and timeframes when determining the scope and methodology of their proposed project.</p>
<p><b>Question 11</b></p>	<p>Can I submit a project proposal with a budget of less than the maximum budget set out in the <i>Information for applicants</i>?</p> <p>Yes, the amount set in the information for applicants is the maximum, no minimum amount has been set. As noted above however, applicants are encouraged to consider the information and requirements for each research priority and also the selection criteria set out in Section 3 of the <i>Information for applicants</i>.</p>
<p><b>Question 12</b></p>	<p>Will ANROWS fund more than one project for a research priority?</p> <p>ANROWS may consider funding more than one project in each priority but this will depend upon the applications received across the research stream as well as the particular Research Priority.</p>

## Completing the application form

<p><b>Question 13</b></p>	<p>There are multiple people contributing to our application is it possible to receive a word version of the form to draft our application, before completing the on-line form?</p>
	<p>A word version of the form has been created to assist applicants with developing their applications. Applicants may find the word version useful where there are a number of contributors to the application.</p> <p>The word version has however, only been created to assist applicants in drafting their proposal. Final applications for funding <b>must be made through ANROWS on-line grants management portal</b> which can be accessed from <a href="https://anrows.smartygrants.com.au/perpetratorinterventionsopenround">https://anrows.smartygrants.com.au/perpetratorinterventionsopenround</a>.</p> <p>Applicants that request the word version need to also be aware that there are some sections of the on-line form that allow you to add additional information that <b>will not be reflected in the word version</b> this includes the budget section.</p> <p>Anyone wishing to receive the word version of the form should contact Taryn Champion, <a href="mailto:taryn.champion@anrows.org.au">taryn.champion@anrows.org.au</a>.</p>
<p><b>Question 14</b></p>	<p>What exactly is meant by ‘unique contribution’ in the question “Does your project provide a unique contribution to research expertise and /or practice?”</p>
	<p>This is a desirable feature of ANROWS funded projects. As noted in the <a href="#">Information for applicants</a> a unique contribution may include “the use of an innovative methodological approach, in addition to contributing to knowledge about the content area (where this methodology is appropriate for the proposed topic).” (p. 9)</p>
<h2>Budget</h2>	
<p><b>Question 15</b></p>	<p>The grant guidelines state that researchers can budget for salaries, but not for teaching buyout. Can I confirm that this means the researchers can budget for their own salaries (rather than appoint new researchers)</p>
	<p>Budgets can include salaries of any researchers involved in the project (including principal chief investigators and chief investigators), as long as these are actual salaries and on costs only and not university charge out rates. If the researcher is already employed by a university, then the university may decide to use that part</p>

	of their salary that is paid for by ANROWS to fund teaching relief, but teaching relief must not appear on ANROWS's acquittal.
<b>Question 16</b>	Is the maximum budget set for each research priority exclusive of GST?
	Yes the budgets for each research priority are exclusive of GST. So for a grant of \$100,000 the grant recipient would be invoicing ANROWS for a combined total of \$110,000 including GST.
<b>Definitions</b>	
<b>Question 17</b>	What is the definition of early career researchers and students?
	<p>ANROWS generally defines an early career researcher as someone who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• has been awarded their research higher degree (PhD<sup>1</sup> or research masters) within 5 years (from the closing date of applications); or</li> <li>• has experienced significant career disruptions (for examples carer / parenting responsibilities or illness) that has resulted in less than 5 combined years of research experience following completion of their research higher degree; or</li> <li>• is currently undertaking a research higher degree and scheduled to complete (which may include submitting their thesis) by the end of the calendar year in which the grants round applications close.</li> </ul> <p>ANROWS, however recognises that people have a number of varied career trajectories into the field of research and that some researchers may have the skills and expertise equivalent to that of early career researchers but have not had the opportunity to undertake post graduate qualifications. In these circumstances applicants are encouraged to make this claim in the application form or through an additional attachment.</p> <p>A research student is someone who is currently undertaking a research higher degree and is not scheduled to complete until after the end of the calendar year in which the grants round applications close.</p>

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<sup>1</sup> Or equivalent research doctorate