



Planning,
Industry &
Environment

NSW RESEARCH ATTRACTION AND ACCELERATION PROGRAM

ARC CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE

**RAAP CO-INVESTMENT SUPPORT –
GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS**

2019/20

- 1.0 Program purpose**
- 1.1 The RAAP, administered by the Office of the NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer (OCSE) within the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment, is used to encourage and support high-quality, high-impact research, and support a strong R&D system – a key driver of innovation in the NSW economy.
 - 1.2 RAAP funding is primarily allocated through competitive grants rounds using a rigorous selection process – and used to leverage funds from national and international bodies
 - 1.3 In this RAAP funding round, the NSW Government will provide co-investment support for NSW applicants who were successful in the **Australian Research Council’s (ARC) Centres of Excellence 2020 round**.
 - 1.4 OCSE will write to successful NSW applicants under the above-mentioned Commonwealth round inviting them to apply for RAAP co-investment support.
 - 1.5 RAAP funding will be targeted at those CoEs that can demonstrate a clear contribution to NSW Government priorities, including the Premier’s Priorities, and deliver broader economic, environmental, health, social and technological benefits to NSW.
- 2.0 Support available**
- 2.1 The quantum of funding awarded to each successful applicant in this competitive grants round will depend on the overall quantity and quality of applications received. Successful applicants will be notified in writing of the amount awarded.
- 3.0 Use of grant funds**
- 3.1 Funding from the RAAP will take the form of a cash contribution following the establishment of the Centre and the execution of a Deed of Agreement between the applicant, and the Department.
 - 3.2 The grant monies must only be used on activities undertaken within NSW, and on staff, students or equipment to be located in NSW. For example, grant funds might be used to:
 - fund employment of technical staff at the NSW nodes;
 - support or top-up scholarships or fellowships of students or post-doctoral researchers to be located within NSW;
 - support the Centre-related travel or exchanges of researchers who are based in NSW, or to support visits or exchanges of people to NSW for centre-related activities;
 - cover expenses related to rent or fit out of offices and laboratories located in NSW; or
 - purchase or lease instrumentation or plant equipment that will be located in NSW.
- 4.0 Eligibility criteria**
- 4.1 Funding is available for consortia bidding as a new Centre or an extension Centre under the ARC Centres of Excellence 2020 (CoE) Selection Round.
 - 4.2 The CoE must be headquartered in NSW:
 - i. for the purposes of this grant, headquarters are defined as the main administrative office of the

Centre; and location of the CEO. Headquarters must remain in NSW for the period of the RAAP Agreement.

4.3 Applicants that were unsuccessful under the Commonwealth Program shall not receive RAAP funding.

5.0 Application process

5.1 RAAP CRC co-investment support applications close at **5pm AEDT on Friday 1 November 2019**.

5.2 Submit your completed RAAP application form and a copy of your successful Commonwealth CoE application to:
raap.grants@industry.nsw.gov.au

5.3 Applicants should clearly identify in their application (including attachments) any information that they wish to be treated as confidential.

5.4 The application must be signed by at least one of the core participants (by the head of the organisation or their authorised delegate). Where not all core participants' representatives have signed the application, the signatories must acknowledge that the application is made with the knowledge and on behalf of all core participants.

5.5 No late applications will be accepted.

6.0 Selection process

6.1 Applicants' suitability for RAAP co-investment funding will be based on the proposed research to be undertaken, the benefits to NSW, and proportion of expenditure/activities to occur in NSW, as reflected in their RAAP application form and successful Commonwealth application.

6.2 The Department will determine whether to recommend funding to the applicant, and provide a co-investment support letter to be included in their Commonwealth application.

6.3 The Department, in its discretion, may choose not to award or recommend funding under this program.

6.4 The proposed timetable for the selection process is as follows:

10 October 2019 RAAP applications open.

1 November 2019 RAAP applications close.

TBC 2019 Applicants advised of outcome

7.0 Funding Agreements & Reporting Requirements

7.1 All applicants that are successful under this RAAP co-investment support round, and who accept the offer of a grant will be required to enter into a formal Funding Deed relating to the grant. The Deed will specify obligations that relate primarily to the recipient's accountability for the grant, including using the grant for activities occurring in NSW, the return of unspent grant funds and reporting on the use of the grant.

7.2 The Funding Deed must be signed by at least one core participant, or the CEO of the centre.

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