Changes to the Funding Rules for
*Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities*
for funding commencing in 2017 (LE17)

Note: this list contains the major changes to rules and is not to be taken as exhaustive. Please consult the LE17 rules (*Funding Rules for schemes under the Linkage Programme (2015 edition)*) or contact your research office for further clarification.

**Linkage Programme changes**

- Addition of definitions for ‘Bench fees,’ ‘Emeritus Appointment,’ and ‘ORCID identifier’ (A3).
- The term ‘Research Environment’ has been replaced with ‘Project Research Environment’ (A3 and throughout document).
- ‘Strategic Research Priorities’ references have been replaced with ‘Science and Research Priorities’ (A3 and throughout document).
- Clarification of Partner Organisation conditions (A9.2.2). For each Partner Organisation, three conditions must be met. There must be:
  - evidence of new or on-going collaboration between the Partner Organisation either directly with the Administering Organisation, and /or with an Other Eligible Organisation on the Proposal;
  - no duplication of Commonwealth funding for the research and/or activities funded for the Project; and
  - a contribution of cash and/or in-kind or other material resources from each Partner Organisation, having regard to the total cost of the Project and specific scheme requirements.
- Simplification of eligibility criteria for participants (A10.2.1). A researcher nominated on a Proposal as a CI must meet at least one of the following criteria at the scheme-specific Commencement Date and for the duration of the Project:
  - be an employee for at least 0.2 FTE (20 per cent of Full Time Equivalent) at an Eligible Organisation; or
  - be a holder of an Emeritus Appointment (as defined at section A3) at an Eligible Organisation.

  This change was proposed in the Funding Rules consultation process and was supported by the feedback.

- Clarification of sections regarding Requests Not to Assess (A13.3.1), Appeals (A14.1.2), Intellectual Property (A16.4.2) and ARC Project IDs (A16.5.1).
• Requirement for all proposals to comply with the *Australia Council for the Arts Indigenous Cultural Protocols for Producing Indigenous Music; Writing; Visual Arts; Media Arts; and Performing Arts (2007)* (A16.1.1).
• Addition of references to the new ARC Research Integrity and Research Misconduct Policy (A16.3.1 and A16.6).
• Addition of clause regarding ORCID identifier (A16.5.3).
• Addition of Torrens University Australia as an Eligible Organisation (A17.1).

**Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities scheme changes**

• LIEF Proposals may now request up to five years funding if the Proposal is for construction of research infrastructure (E6.1.4 and E7.1.b). A Project may be applied for up to five years only for:
  o construction of research infrastructure, as described at E7.1.b; or
  o subscription or coordinated access to international facilities and major national facilities, as described at E7.1.d.
  This change was proposed in the Funding Rules consultation process and was supported by the feedback.
• On-costs amounts to be requested in respect to salaries have been raised from 28% to 30% (E7.1.a and E7.1.b). This change was proposed in the Funding Rules consultation process and was supported by the feedback.