



CROSS THEME GRANT SCHEME

Background

Funding in the region of \$105,000 has been made available on annual basis to support the Theme Area Coordinators (TACs). The general feeling among the TACs is that engaging the academic community is difficult and that the money was not providing value to the University in developing cross theme activities or activities within a theme. It is very evident that the themes overlap in a broad way and on detailed examination there are many small-scale overlaps that provide opportunities for cross-disciplinary research and teaching.

The Senior Management Team has agreed to new approach in distributing the funds through a Cross Theme Grant Scheme. There will be one call each year for grants between \$5,000 and \$20,000 for research and/or teaching initiatives. The projects must be interdisciplinary in nature and involve a team preferably from different Schools or across Faculties. The following are examples of the type of project that might be supported, but we are open to any innovative ideas. Feel free to contact the PVCR to discuss potential projects.

- Conferences or workshops to explore and develop collaboration across themes. These might include inviting eminent speakers. Such events should aim to develop collaborative projects that may attract external funding or other outcomes.
- Funds to undertake a pilot cross-disciplinary research or teaching project that will lead to a competitive proposal.
- Funds to allow a group of UTAS staff to travel to other institutions to develop collaborative projects.
- Funds to set up cross-disciplinary courses at UTAS for school students or undergraduates from Tasmania or other States, which may result in recruiting students and/or honours or PhD students.
- Projects that might involve local industry or businesses in collaborative projects with the University in teaching and research. For example undergraduate internships with industry.

Awards will be made for 8 months. A report on the project will be required 6 months after the end of the project.

The deadline for applications is March 16th 2009. Guidelines for preparing an application are attached.



CROSS THEME GRANT SCHEME APPLICATION FORM

1. Title of Project:

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2. Name of Lead Applicant

NAME	SCHOOL/INSTITUTE	Box Number of Applicant's location

3. List all co-applicants

NAME	SCHOOL/INSTITUTE	Box Number of Applicant's location

4. Provide a **Summary** of the project in layman's language. No more than 300 words.

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5. Provide a **detailed project description** in no more than 5 pages of A4 (in 12 point, single spacing, with 2 cm margins). Use the following headings:

- Background
- Rationale and approach
- Management of the project – tasks of applicants
- Timetable (provide a Gantt chart if appropriate)
- Expected outcomes
- Justification of the budget (use budget proforma in question 7)

6. Provide a one page statement (in 12 point, single spacing, with 2 cm margins) outlining the combined team members' expertise and competence in relation to the proposed project.

7. Budget (excluding GST) - use the following proforma:

Item	Justification	Amount requested
Travel and subsistence		
Administrative costs e.g room hire, equipment hire		
Staff time e.g. technical, administrative support		
Materials		
Other – please specify		
Total requested		\$

8. APPLICANTS CERTIFICATION (all to sign):

I have checked the application against the funding guidelines and certify compliance.

NAME	SIGNATURE

9. Head of School/Dean endorsement for submission for each Organisational Unit

I agree that the project can be accommodated within the general facilities in my School and sufficient working and office space will be confirmed available for any proposed additional staff. I am prepared to have the project carried out in my School under the circumstances set out by the applicant/s.

HOS1 Signature and Name		Date	
HOS2 Signature and Name		Date	
HOS3 Signature and Name		Date	

**SEND YOUR APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RESEARCH SERVICES, PRIVATE BAG 01, HOBART BY 5PM:
MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2009**