

Changes to the *Grant Guidelines for the Linkage Program: Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities* for funding commencing in 2020

Note: This list contains the major changes to the guidelines since last year, and is not to be taken as exhaustive. Please consult the *Grant Guidelines* or contact your research office for further clarification.

- The format and content of the guidelines has changed in line with the move to the whole of government grant guidelines template. This includes the use of standard terms such as ‘grant opportunity’ (rather than scheme round), ‘grant funds’ (rather than Project funding) and ‘application’ (rather than Proposal).
- The Linkage Program Guidelines have been divided into separate documents for each scheme. These *Grant Guidelines* only apply to Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities (LIEF) applications.
- ‘Emeritus Appointment’ has been changed to ‘Honorary academic appointment’ (at 6.26) with no change to the definition from last year.
- The description of the type of projects that can be funded for more than one year has been increased to include examples of “building equipment or facilities, or the development of an online archive” (at 6.3c and 7.5b).
- There has been an addition to the Activities Not Supported, stating that:

7.4. The LIEF grant opportunity does not support the management of access to existing infrastructure, equipment or facilities, including those already funded by the Commonwealth. As per 7.5 d below, coordinated access to international facilities and major national facilities is supported.
- **National Interest Test** - On 31 October 2018, the Hon. Dan Tehan MP, Minister for Education, announced a ‘National Interest Test’ would be introduced for applications for funding under the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) and that the new requirement would apply to all future grant rounds yet to open. The details of this new element have been included in the Linkage Program: Linkage Infrastructure, Equipment and Facilities processes on page 4, as well as in an additional section titled ‘National interest test’ at 10.15. It is also referenced under ‘Who will approve grants?’ at 10.24. A definition of ‘national interest’ has been included in the Glossary at page 41.

There have been no other changes to the policy intent since the previous selection round and Funding Rules.