



Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

# Research Partnership Grant Opportunity

Office for Women

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**FOR** Working  
Women

A Strategy for  
Gender Equality

# Agenda

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- Working for Women: A Strategy for Gender Equality (the Strategy)
- Research Partnership Grant Opportunity
- What and who we are looking for
- Addressing the criteria
- Grant round timing
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# Probity

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## Probity Advice

- The department has appointed OCM as independent probity advisers to:
  - Advise on grant design elements and governance aspects
  - Train grants staff
  - Oversee the grant selection process
  - Validate compliance with Australian Government grant rules

## Probity Principles

- Appropriately competitive process
- Fair and consistent
- Transparent and accountable
- Confidential and secure
- Lawful and ethical

# Working for Women: A Strategy for Gender Equality (the Strategy)

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- To achieve 'an Australia where people are safe, treated with respect, have choices and have access to resources and equal outcomes no matter their gender'.
- **Five priority areas** of the Strategy:
  1. Gender-based violence
  2. Unpaid and paid care
  3. Economic equality and security
  4. Health
  5. Leadership, representation and decision-making
- Sets the framework for Government action over the next 10 years to tangibly improve the lives of women and progress gender equality in Australia.

# Research Partnership Grant Opportunity

- \$5 million over six years from March 2025 to June 2030 (with indexation to be applied annually).
- A partnership between the Australian Government and a research partner will be established to build the evidence base on what works to achieve gender equality, especially economic equality.



While there has been significant effort to identify the data on the case for change, less is known about what action is required.



There are existing coordinated research efforts to support other specific areas of gender equality - economic equality is an area where there is limited nationally coordinated, robust and actionable evidence about where to focus and scale effort.

# Grant Opportunity Activities and Outcomes

## Research Agenda

- ensure activities:
  - respond to Government priorities
  - complement broader research efforts
  - focus effort where existing evidence is limited

## Pulse Checks

- provide a snapshot of the current views and concerns of the public (particularly women) as they relate to gender inequality
- emphasis on capturing the lived experiences of women and the issues that matter most to them
- insights will influence the research, including any recommended actions, to better inform and support development of public policy

## Actionable Insights Reports

- outline the actions that can be undertaken by the Government and non-Government stakeholders
- intersectionality as a core research focus, and accessible to a broad audience
- Minimum five across the life of the agreement

# Funding and Eligibility

- Up to \$5 million over six years from 2024-25 to 2029-30, with indexation to be applied.

Financial year	2024–25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	Total
Funding	\$400,000	\$1,116,667	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$950,000	\$633,333	\$5 million

- Applicants must meet [eligibility requirements](#) outlined in [Sections 4.1 and 4.2](#) of the Guidelines to have their application considered.

# Consortia Applications – Benefits

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- Consortia arrangements are where two or more organisations come together to deliver as part of a partnership or group.
- The **lead organisation** is the entity that will **submit the application** and **form the legal relationship** with the Department.
- Under this grant opportunity, consortia applications are encouraged.
  - Consortia can position themselves to take advantage of **diverse sector expertise**, maximise economies of scale and improve geographic coverage.
  - They may address potential **capacity limitations of smaller organisations** to meet grant opportunity objectives and comply with Commonwealth grant requirements.
  - It is a way for multiple organisations to use their resources to deliver more cohesive and effective activities.
  - Consortia arrangements also provide a unique opportunity for cross collaboration and collegial partnerships.



# Consortia Applications – Arrangements

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- A Consortia Letter of Declaration must be signed by all members of the proposed consortia and attached to the application submitted by the lead organisation.
- A **formal arrangement** must be in place with all parties **prior to execution** of the agreement.

# Application Arrangements

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- You can only **submit one application** for this grant opportunity.
- Applicants who apply as the **lead of a consortia** are **not** able to also apply as an **applicant in their own right**.
- Applicants who are a **member** within a **consortia** application (but not the lead organisation) **can** also apply as an **applicant in their own right**.
- **Each application requires a unique ABN**
- If university **faculties have separate ABNs**: may submit **separate applications**
- If university only has **one ABN**: may only submit **one application**
- If there are multiple submissions for one ABN: only the application **most recently submitted** will be considered

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# Assessment Criteria

- The assessment criteria are outlined in Section 6 of the Guidelines.
- This information will be used to assess how your organisation or consortia can contribute to the Government's commitment to gender equality in Australia.

# Criteria 1 – Activities and Deliverables (50% weighting)

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With reference to the Strategy, what activities and deliverables are proposed, how will they be delivered, and how will these contribute to advancing women's economic equality?

- In this criteria , please describe:
  - How the **research agenda** will be designed and delivered to ensure the partnership complements existing efforts and is responsive to emerging priorities.
  - Proposed **type, frequency**, and estimated **timeframes** of research activities, as well as proposed **research methods** (for example, quantitative, qualitative, mixed methods) and approaches.
  - Approach to conducting **inclusive, intersectional** and **trauma informed** gender research, to include women who experience intersecting disadvantage and discrimination.
  - Intended **deliverables** (e.g. research agenda, survey instrument reports), the number of deliverables, frequency and timeframes, as well as intended audiences and how the deliverables will be actionable and/or help drive broader effort.

# Criteria 2 – Operating in Partnership with Government and Stakeholders (30% weighting)

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How will your organisation/consortia operate as partners with Government and engage with relevant stakeholders?

In this criteria, we are looking to understand:

- How you will share expertise, resources and responsibilities, and **collaborate** with Government and stakeholders.
- How you will leverage **multidisciplinary** expertise and experiences, and connections to the research sector.
- Proposal for **engaging relevant stakeholders** including the women’s sector, gender experts, industry and employers to inform research design and form actionable insights.
- How you will work with relevant stakeholders to **influence** their data collection and research activities, share data and leverage opportunities for collaboration.
- Your research should build upon the body of work that is already out there, and in turn be accessible for others to continue to build upon in the future.

# Criterion 3 – Capability and Capacity to Deliver (20% weighting)

What is the capability and capacity of your organisation/consortia to successfully deliver this research partnership?

- In this criteria, please include information regarding:
  - Demonstrated experience in producing research findings that can be directly translated into **actionable insights** to drive economic equality to achieve gender equality.
  - **Project management** approach including the proposed governance structure for administering the project.
  - Relevant **qualifications** and **experience** of staff and necessary facilities within your organisation to deliver this project, or your ability to engage relevant expertise and facilities.
  - Organisation and consortia arrangements, if applicable.

# What does a strong application look like?

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- A strong application is one that:
  - **Clearly and fully responds** to all the required selection criteria
  - Provides **convincing evidence** and **data** to show how proposed activities will be successful
  - **Clearly identifies** how the proposed activities **leverage** what is already being delivered, and **complements or expands** it to achieve the program objectives
  - Has considered how engagement will ensure **diversity** and **inclusion** of all women – an intersectional approach is critical.
  - Demonstrates a solid **governance framework**, including **financial capability, risk** and performance policies, commensurate with the level of funding being applied for
  - For consortia arrangements, the application has **clearly explained** the partnership model, contributions and governance structure.

# Grant Opportunity Timeline

Activity	Timeframe
Assessment of applications	Late September 2024 to November 2024
Approval of outcomes of selection process	December 2024
Notification to applicants	January 2025
Negotiations and award of grant agreements	January to February 2025
Earliest start date of grant activity	March 2025
End date of grant activity	30 June 2030



# Questions?

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Community Grants Hub on 1800 020 283 (option 1) or email [support@communitygrants.gov.au](mailto:support@communitygrants.gov.au).