
Hints for success in DP funding

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Experience with ARC, since 2003:

- 8 applications for Discovery grant applications (in 6 of them as a leading CI) - 3 successful applications;
- 2 applications from other universities - both unsuccessful;
- 2 Linkage grant applications - one successful;
- 1 Centre of Excellence application - unsuccessful.

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I am acting as an assessor for ARC Discovery (including DECRA, Laureate and Future Fellowships) and Linkage projects. Altogether about 25 projects so far.

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Assessor for some overseas research funding bodies:

- Canada
- Austria
- Czech Republic
- Romania
- Switzerland
- Chile

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- Topic: better to identify it long before.
- Research team: it is important that all team members have strong research track record, better if none has any current ARC Discovery grant.
- Preliminary results: desirable

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- Administrative Summary:
 - Title
 - Proposal Summary

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- Classifications and Other Statistical Information
 - The Science and Research Priorities: choose whatever is closer, will never reduce your chances.
 - Field of Research: it is important to choose right codes.
 - International collaboration: overseas collaborators (PI(s)) should be better or on the same level. Past collaboration would help, but not necessary. Additional expertise?

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- Project Description
 - Aims and Background (0.75 and 1.5 pages, respectively)
 - Research Project (5-5.5 pages)
 - Role of Personnel (0.5 page)
 - Project Research Environment
 - Communications of Results (0.25 page)
 - Management of Data (0.25 page)
 - References (1-1.5 pages)

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- Part D - Project Cost
 - PhD student(s)
 - Research associate
 - Conference
 - equipment
- Part E - Budget Justification - be accurate.

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- Part F - Personnel and ROPE
 - Research opportunity and performance evidence (ROPE)
 - Time and capacity to undertake the proposed research
 - List of publications (IF of journals, Classification of journals, the number of citations in Google Scholar and Scopus).
 - Ten best publications (Summary, the number of citations in Google Scholar and Scopus)

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Part G - Research Support

Rejoinders

Regional universities vs Big universities.

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THANK YOU!