



The H.L Gascoigne Grant: Innovation and support for new research development at NCIS

GUIDELINES and CONDITIONS OF AWARD

Background and Purpose

The H.L Gascoigne Grant is made possible by a generous donation from Ms. Hester Gascoigne to the NCIS Philanthropic Research Fund of \$10,000 per annum for five years, subject to review after three years. The Grant has been created for the specific purpose of generating new research ideas and outputs.

Guidelines

1. Eligibility

- 1.1 All staff and scholars at NCIS, including academic staff, professional staff, and honorary staff will be eligible. Visiting staff, visiting scholars and staff from other research institutions and centers are not eligible.

2. Timing, Reporting and Outputs

- 2.1 The Grant will be awarded on a competitive basis upon application, and as far as possible at the same time each year. Up to \$10,000 will be available per annum. Only one award will be given per annum (see 4.4).
- 2.2 The award period will be 12 months, and will normally run from 1 December to 30 November on the following year.
- 2.3 The recipient must provide a report to the Director and Donor at the end of the award period and present a seminar at NCIS.
- 2.4 The recipient **must produce at least one** of the following outputs by the completion of the 12-month grant;
 - A 'submitted' academic journal article to a recognised and reputable journal
 - A 'submitted' academic book chapter to a recognised and reputable academic text
 - An edited academic volume, book or monograph
 - A 'submitted' full grant application to a reputable granting organisation (e.g. ARC, NHMRC, Lowitja, etc.) or category two full research proposal to state or federal government or other high-level organisation, as defined by the NCIS Research Manager.
 - A symposium or workshop leading to a publication
 - 'Other' document or publication deemed as an 'academic output' by the Research Manager

- Any outputs must be 'badged' as NCIS products and any publications must have an ANU byline.
- All outputs must acknowledge the support of the H.L Gascoigne Grant.
- ANU must be the 'administering organisation' for any grant proposals arising from the award.

3. Alignment with areas of interest of Donors' stipulation

The grant will be directed to support applicants to generate new research ideas and outputs commensurate with [NCIS research themes](#) including research concerning:

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| • Culture | • identity |
| • discourse | • law |
| • education & knowledge | • Native title |
| • governance | • policy |
| • health | • remote Indigenous development |
| • heritage | • repatriation |
| • history | • representation |
| • human rights | • social justice |
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4. Application and Assessment

- 4.1 Applications will be submitted to the Research Manager at ncis.research@anu.edu.au. Assessment will be made by a Grant Panel which will normally comprise four members: two members of academic staff from NCIS, the Research Manager, and one external representative. The application should address the Conditions and Criteria stipulated in the H.L Gascoigne Grant Guidelines and must include a short statement of support from the applicant's supervisor. In the case of non-academic staff, the application must also identify and be supported by an 'Academic Sponsor' within NCIS who is willing to monitor and provide advice on the project.
- 4.2 Applications must be submitted by the advertised closing date.
- 4.3 The Grant Panel will assess applications and make a recommendation to the NCIS Delegate/Director.
- 4.4 The Grant Panel may recommend splitting the award between a maximum of two applicants in exceptional circumstances.
- 4.5 The Delegate/Director will have the final decision and no appeal will be available.
- 4.6 NCIS will inform the Donor and the recipient/s within ten (10) working days of making the decision.
- 4.7 The award will become available to the successful applicant in December.

5. Financial Arrangements and Oversight

- 5.1 A specific endowment fund will be established for the H.L Gascoigne Grant to ensure integrity of the donation, and to ensure the funds are spent in line with the donor's wishes.
- 5.2 Financial arrangements will be made through the ANU Finance Office as per all other NCIS grants and subject to the University's usual conditions of probity and audit.

- 5.3 The Grant will be paid in two installments of \$5000: the first at the start of the award period and the second after three months, subject to formal review by the NCIS Research Manager of progress and needs of project design. In the event of the late start of the award period, confirmation of continued progress may be required.
- 5.4 The Grant will be subject to all ANU policy and procedures including Intellectual Property arrangements.

Conditions and Criteria

6. Quality of application

- 6.1 The Grant Panel will assess each application on its merits.
- 6.2 The application will be assessed on the quality, overall design, project feasibility and innovation of the research idea.
- 6.3 The application will be assessed on its 'institutional fit' with NCIS research themes and potential contribution to the stated Vision, Operational Objectives and Research priorities of the NCIS. Project proposals that encourage collaboration between academic and professional staff and HDRs are encouraged.
- 6.4 The Grant Panel reserves the right to provide constructive feedback and request changes to the final project.

7. Project design

- 7.1 This criterion will consider the applicant's project design against the following:
 - Are the project and its intended outcomes clearly defined?
 - Is the project timeframe realistic?
 - Is the costing of the project realistic?
 - If applicable, is the publication target realistic and appropriate?
 - If applicable, is the grant target realistic and appropriate?
 - Has the applicant previously demonstrated, or shown the potential to demonstrate, the capacity to produce and deliver the project as outlined in the application?
- 7.2 This criterion will consider the intellectual contribution of the project output to the chosen area of study and the Centre.
- 7.3 This criterion will include academic outputs and activities as assessed against Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence. However, to level the playing field for professional staff and HDR scholars, this criterion will not be defining. Potential for publication and grant production can also be considered.

8. Referee reports from supervisors

- 8.1 In addition to a written statement of support, the Panel may seek oral reports from NCIS Academic Sponsor and/or Referees as nominated by the applicant.