

# International Program Development Fund (IPDF)

Supporting initiatives in internationalisation

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New Law School Lecture theatre 024



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## ***Some facts and figures***

- › Growth from:
  - 29 applications, 11 funded at \$90,480 in 2005 to
  - 135 applications and 53 funded at \$499,500 in 2010
- › Estimated ROI
  - from an investment of nearly \$3 million since 2005 to
  - in excess of \$42 million (grants, publications and other revenues)
- › Enables at least 100 academics per year to travel and collaborate with colleagues in partner institutions overseas

## ***2010/2011 IPDF round***

- 135 applications received
- 53 applications successful
- 39% success rate
- A total of \$499,500 in grants awarded
- Highest numbers of applications came from Engineering, Science and Medicine
- The majority of partner institutions are from the following regions ranked in order: Europe; USA; China & Hong Kong; South Asia; S.E Asia

## ***Purpose***

- › The IPDF provides funding to support initiatives in internationalisation
- › The aim of the IPDF is to foster international partnerships in research, teaching, learning & capacity building.
- › Assist early career researchers to establish international networks which will lead to sustainable programs

## ***2012 Round IPDF***

- The IPDF now has an automated on-line application system
- There is a help button for all questions in the application to provide some advice
- There are **three stages** in scoring IPDF applications
- The Deans or reps will score in the **first stage**
- Committee members are responsible for scoring in the **second** and awarding in the **third stages**

## ***The first stage***

**This stage awards up to 6 points in total to encourage:**

- Early career academics
- Applicants who have not previously been awarded IPDF funding
- Linking with network partners i.e. (WUN; AC21; APRU)
- Linking with institutions that are ranked in the top 20 according to the THES or Shanghai Jiao Tong

**The deans then prioritise, thereby adding up to 8 points**

**This stage therefore awards a total up to 14 points**

## ***The second stage***

- › **Stage 2** - The top 100 or so proposals from the first stage will advance to the second stage
- › Each application will be given to two reviewers to review and score
- › Each reviewer will score each proposal based on 4 criteria; scores of the two reviewers will be averaged.
- › The second stage total score is out of 10

## ***The third stage***

- › **Stage 3** - the average scores from the two reviewers will be added to the first stage score so the total score will be out of 24
- › The committee will consider allocations, starting with the highest scoring proposals
- › The committee will award funds going down the ranked categories until all funds have been allocated.

## ***Activities that will be considered for funding***

- › Academic mobility
- › New researcher international cooperation and research links
- › Travel expenses (e.g. economy airfare, train, rental car etc); maximum of three economy tickets per application

## ***Activities that will be considered for funding cont.***

- › Accommodation for a maximum of two weeks subsistence
- › Partial costs for hosting a seminar
- › Consumables (min \$500 not to exceed \$1,000)
- › Publication costs – no more than \$2,000

## ***Activities that will not be considered for funding***

- › General teaching
- › Scholarships for students
- › Salaries/ salary supplementation, per diems & honoraria
- › Course fees for international students
- › Entertainment costs
- › Computers
- › Website development

## ***How much is funded?***

- › Maximum allocation of IPDF funding is \$12,000 from DVC-I
- › Maximum allocation, including faculty matching funds, will be \$24,000
- › Majority of grants funded in the order of \$8,000 to \$10,000

## ***What are we looking for?***

- › Multi-lateral projects that partner with more than one institution are encouraged
- › Partner with world leading universities and/or network partners
- › Level of support from department/partner institution(s)

## ***The application***

- › In the abstract applicants must outline the methods, aims and results of their project
- › Applicants should also be able to succinctly outline the benefits and impact of their research and its relevance to the university and the academic unit's strategic goals
- › Applicants should also define the expected outcomes which may include:
  - Workshops and/or conferences
  - Researcher mobility
  - Publications
  - Curriculum development etc
  - Continuing partnerships

## ***The application cont.***

**Applicants are also required to address the following criteria:**

- › **Academic Quality & Impact** – indicate strategic importance & benefits to the faculty and university at large
- › **Sustainability** – ability to build long term international partnerships & to generate external funding
- › **Relevance** – contributing to University's international strategy & providing useful outcomes
- › **Innovation** – extent in which the project will contribute to new technology in its field

## ***The application cont.***

- › Applicants are also required to fill in a budget table
- › The table should indicate funding required, the amount of matching funding and funding from external sources
- › The table should clearly indicate the program's expenditure items in line with the funding restrictions of the IPDF guidelines

## *The application cont.*

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### Activities

Activity	IPDF(\$)	Faculty(\$)	Other(\$)	Budget Justification
airfares/accommodation/meals	2500	2500	0	airfare to uganda
Consumables	0	0	0	
hosting workshop/symposium/round	1500	1500	1000	host roundtable in uganda
Other	1000	1000	0	accommodation for one week
Teleconference expenses	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>1000</b>	

Department: Central Clinical School: Obstetrics & Gynaecology

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### Scoring Questions

Have you previously been awarded an IPDF Grant

Is this a network partner

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## ***The application cont.***

- › Applications will include a timeline of major milestones in the program over the two-year span of the IPDF grant
- › Letters of support should:
  - (1) indicate the partner's association with the applicant
  - (2) be on a letterhead and be written in English

## ***Submitting an application***

- › Applicants must submit an IPDF Application form on-line at <http://sydney.edu.au/international/ipdf.shtml>
- › Applicants must complete all sections of the application and attach the supplementary documentation
- › After submission the Dean will prioritise your application which will contribute to the score in stage one
- › The relevant unit will be expected to provide matching funds

## ***Key Dates***

- › On-line application open 20 June
- › Application deadline – Friday 19 August
- › Awards announced – Late September
- › Funding dispensed – mid January 2012  
(applicants will receive email to confirm when funding has been dispersed)

## *Further Information*

Please visit:

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/international/ipdf.shtml>

## ***Further Information***

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