Matching Funds Guidelines: Proposal

The School of Physics is committed to supporting high quality research across a broad range of disciplines. The School also recognizes that various funding opportunities require a financial contribution. Below are general guidelines for the request and allocation of funds.

- All requests are to be made in writing to the Research Administration team. The Research Strategy Committee will review these before a recommendation is made to the Head of School. Decisions will be made in consultation with the School Management Committee.
- Applications should consist of
  o Project title
  o Applicants (including non-USyd applicants)
  o Brief outline of the proposed research
  o The use and need of requested funding
  o Requested funding in the context of the total funding
  o Contributions from other sources
  o Tangible benefits to the School of Physics
- “Tangible benefits” should detail how the proposed program will enable new research within the School of Physics, and how many people, both in terms of staff and students, will benefit from the investment of funds.
- Applications will be reviewed in terms of supporting the strategic directions of the School.
- Applications that support a significant number of researchers and multiple disciplines will be viewed more favorably.
- Matching funds provided by the School of Physics will comprise a contribution from central School funds and a contribution from researchers within the School of Physics.
- The School of Physics will only consider providing the majority of matching funding to programs led by a researcher in the School. For example: for a $20k program, the School would only offer matching funds of $10k or more if program was led by a researcher in the School.
- Researchers within the School of Physics are expected to provide, from internal/other sources, a minimum of 50% of the matching funds to come from the School. For example: for total matching funding from the School of $10k, the researchers will contribute at least $5k, with a request for central School funds to cover up to another $5k.
- In extraordinary circumstances, in which funding will provide significant benefits to the strategic development of the School’s research program, funding arrangements not in-line with these guidelines will be considered.

These guidelines will be reviewed periodically.

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