

Research Support Scheme RSS

INTENT

The ACEMS **Research Support Scheme (RSS)** supports small to medium research projects that help develop Research Fellow and Associate Investigator careers and at the same time develop the ACEMS objectives.

OBJECTIVE

- to support strategic initiatives, with particular emphasis on national capacity building;
- to help Centre members develop their research careers;
- to encourage Centre members to take responsibility for obtaining funding;
- to encourage collaboration between ACEMS members and the wider mathematical sciences community;
- to strengthen ACEMS research objectives.

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ELIGIBILITY

- Be either an ACEMS Research Fellow or Associate Investigator
- Have used or committed all other possible sources of funding, or not have suitable funds available for the requested activity
- Not have reached the total annual limit of funding allowed per person under the scheme of \$40,000 pa.
- Have submitted reports for past funding on time

HOW TO APPLY

- Applicants must complete the [RSS application form](#) available on the ACEMS Resources page
- Submit a Project Description detailing the project activities.
- Seek approval by your node leader.

Applications can be made at any time, and should be emailed to the Chief Operating Officer for submission to the Executive Committee (EC).



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BUDGETS

- The Project cannot exceed \$20,000.
- The applicant/co-applicant cannot exceed the total amount of funding of \$40,000 per person per annum.
- The budget details each expense item and in the case of cross node applications, which node the expenses will be paid from.

REPORTING

- Reports must be submitted within ONE month of completion of the project
- Final Report and Financial Acquittal Form can be found on the ACEMS resources page
- Nodes are to invoice ACEMS Central at The University of Melbourne for reimbursement.
- Details must be entered into the ACEMS Reportal before funds will be released



Research Support Scheme Example

OVERVIEW

- Started as a conversation between McGree (QUT) and Ross (UoA) at a conference
- Both AIs of ACEMS
- Contribute to ACEMS through 'enabling algorithms' and 'informed decisions' themes

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- New computational algorithms
- Code to implement approach
- Code tested on toy examples
- Code run on realistic/complex examples
- Technical report on the above
- McGree and Ross to complete the work and write up/submit manuscript

REQUESTED FUNDS

- Research Assistant (RA) for 2 to 3 months
- Cover travel expenses between QUT and UoA for McGree, Ross and RA

CHANGES ALONG THE WAY

- After funding approved, RA not available
- Found new RA but at different node
- Changes have been submitted to EC for review

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