**Target Group: All Commerce Academic Staff**

**Objective**

The objective of the Faculty Express Grant is to provide immediate support for staff undertaking urgent projects that fall outside the parameters and/or timelines of any other grant scheme. Specifically, the grants are intended for pilot or mapping projects that demonstrate potential to lead on to significant research outputs and outcomes through external grant applications.

**Eligibility Criteria**

All academic staff are eligible (please see Faculty Research Grant guidelines for details). The applicant must demonstrate that other grant schemes are inappropriate to their particular project. Staff must also demonstrate that immediate support is required and that the project is a preliminary study with strong potential for follow-on research.

**Application Process and Assessment**

Applications can be made at any time and should follow the format of the Faculty Research Grant (FRG) application form. Assessment will be carried out by a sub-committee of the FRC, including the Faculty Research Director and one representative from each School. The assessment process will normally be completed within 4 weeks of the application. Assessment criteria will be based upon:

(a) Track record relative to opportunities  
(b) Significance and innovation of the project  
(c) National benefit  
(d) Approach (conceptual framework, design, methods)  
(e) Expected outcomes and outputs (including potential for external applications, collaboration and quality publications).  
(f) Other contributions to the UoW Strategic Research Aims

**Budget**

Grants will normally be funded up to a maximum of $5,000 over a period of 12 months.
GUIDELINES

1. Candidates should refer to the guidelines and the application form for Faculty Research Grants at:

   www.uow.edu.au/commerce/research/internal.html#fac_grants

2. Statements on how the project contributes to the UoW Strategic Research Aims, particularly:

   • Increasing the level of externally funded research to enhance the capacity and diversity of our research effort.
   • Improving the quality, impact and recognition of outcomes of our research effort.
   • Encouraging linkages and commercialisation opportunities between researchers, industry and other partners.
   • Identifying, rewarding and promoting research activities that enhance the international reputation of the University.

   UOW Strategic Research Aims can be found at:


3. Five hard copies of the application must be submitted to the Faculty Research Manager.