Objective

The objective of the Faculty Research Improvement Grant is to provide a learning opportunity for unsuccessful applicants under the Faculty Research Grant scheme. Specifically, the grants are intended as ‘training’ grants where constructive feedback from reviews on unsuccessful Faculty Research Grant applications can provide the framework for a second application.

Eligibility Criteria

Staff who are unsuccessful in their Faculty Research Grant applications are eligible to apply. Please see Faculty Research Grant guidelines for details.

Application Process and Assessment

Applications can be made within two months of the Faculty Research Grant assessment result. 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 four weeks of the application. Assessment criteria will be based upon:

(a) Explanation of how the reviewers’ comments were addressed and incorporated into the new application.
(b) Track record relative to opportunities
(c) Significance and innovation of the project
(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.
1. Candidates should refer to the guidelines and the application form for Faculty Research Grants at:

   http://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 within two months of rejection.