2010 International Program Development Fund

Supporting initiatives in internationalisation

Key Dates

IPDF Briefing Session: Tuesday, 30 June 2009
Closing date for applications: Monday, 10 August 2009
Awards announced: late September 2009
Funding dispensed: Monday, 4 January 2010
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Guidelines for Applicants

Purpose
The International Program Development Fund (IPDF) provides funding to support initiatives in internationalisation. Applicants are encouraged to submit funding applications for innovative and sustainable programs built around collaborative research and/or learning and teaching initiatives linking the University with the world’s leading academic institutions.

International linkages with the University’s three major international network partners – Academic Consortium 21 (AC21), the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) [see Appendix I] are encouraged.

Multilateral projects that partner with more than one institution are particularly encouraged, as are applications that incorporate a research mobility component for early career researchers and postgraduate students.

Briefing Session
Further information on the IPDF will be provided at a briefing session to be held at 2.30 – 4.00 pm on Tuesday 30 June in Lecture Theatre 351, Education Building. Those interested in attending this briefing should RSVP to Di Hudson on 8627 8312 or email d.hudson@io.usyd.edu.au by Friday 26 June.

Funding Categories
The 2010 IPDF Round will incorporate five funding streams:

IPDF Seed Grant
Projects submitted for funding in this category will be based on the development of a new collaboration with one or more institutions abroad. Maximum funding of $15,000 (average $10,000) per grant is available.

IPDF International Networks Grant
Projects submitted for funding in this category will be based on the development of a new or existing research collaboration with partner universities in one of the University’s three major international network partners – Academic Consortium 21 (AC21), the Association of Pacific Rim Universities (APRU) and the Worldwide Universities Network (WUN) [see Appendix I]. Projects must be recognised by the international network. All intending applicants in this category must first discuss their application with the Program Manager (International Networks), details below. Maximum funding of $15,000 (average $10,000) per grant is available.

IPDF Advanced Project Grant
Projects submitted for funding in this category have a proven record of success in attracting IPDF funding or funding from other grant schemes. They build on established, ongoing relationships that are ready to move to the next step of implementation. Maximum funding of $30,000 (average $20,000) per grant is available for these highly developed applications.

IPDF Professorial Exchange Grant
This grant provides funding for the University of Sydney to participate in a two-way exchange with a university abroad. The partner institution must fund a reciprocal visit to the University of Sydney and the exchange must result in, or form part of, an ongoing collaboration. Maximum funding of $10,000 (average $5,000) per grant is available.
**IPDF World Class Grant**

Grants up to a maximum of $20,000 are available for projects involving partnerships with the world’s leading universities, as ranked in the top 20 by the Times Higher Education Supplement and the Shanghai Jiao Tong Academic Ranking of World Universities in 2008. The Universities included in this list are, in alphabetical order:

- California Institute of Technology
- Columbia University
- Harvard University
- Imperial College London
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
- Princeton University
- Stanford University
- University College London
- University of California – Berkeley
- University of Cambridge
- University of Chicago
- University of Oxford
- Yale University

**Application and Selection Process**

For consideration in the 2010 IPDF Round, applicants must submit an IPDF Application Form, clearly identifying the category of grant for which they are applying, before the closing date of 5pm on Monday 10 August. Applicants may submit funding applications for more than one project. It is also possible to submit one project for consideration in more than one funding category, however, this will require a fully documented application in each of the categories concerned. Applications must be signed by the relevant Dean or Director and accompanied by all requested attachments. In signing the application, the Dean or Director is indicating support for the project and pledging matching funds if the application is successful. Applicants should start preparing their applications well ahead of the closing date as the supporting documentation required for a full IPDF application can take some time to compile. Applications that are incomplete or received after the closing date will not be considered. Applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application in late September.

**Ranking Criteria**

Applications will be considered by a selection committee chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International) and will be judged by the following ranking criteria:

- quality and relevance – clearly indicating the strategic importance and tangible benefit to the University and academic unit, requiring a clear synergy beyond individual capacities;
- capacity – ability to produce meaningful outcomes, making the best use of the University’s knowledge capability and physical resources;
- sustainability – ability to build long-term international relationships and to generate significant external funding;
- impact – scope to gain broad recognition, refereed publications and grants/scholarships
- innovation – extent to which the project will contribute to new technology and/or new thinking in its field;
- level of support
  - from Department/School/Faculty;
  - from the partner institution(s);
Activities that will not be considered for IPDF funding

In general, IPDF grants will not be considered for the following activities, since funding can be sought from other sources:

- General teaching;
- An individual staff member’s research projects, unless as seed funding for the establishment of an international research collaboration with the prospect of external funding;
- Website development;
- Salaries or salary supplementation, per diems and honoraria;
- Scholarships for students;
- Course fees for international students.

Guidelines for budgets that include provision for travel and related expenses

- Only travel up to the value of economy class will be considered;
- Bench fees imposed by partner institutions will not be considered. In some cases, extraordinary material fees may be considered;
- Requests for funding of per diems will not be considered;
- All travel must be consistent with the University of Sydney Travel Policy and Procedures.

Financial and Reporting Obligations

2010 IPDF grants will be allocated in one instalment only, available from January 2010. The funds may be expended over a period up to 31 December 2011. At the end of the two year period, unspent IPDF grant allocations must be returned, unless prior specific approval to carry forward the funds has been obtained from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International).

Recipients will be required to submit a final report, due by December 2011 or within three months of completion of the project (whichever comes first). A report pro-forma is available. The report should include an outline of the outcomes of the project, an indication of the project’s sustainability, a summary of lessons learned in undertaking the project and a detailed acquittal of funds as required by University policy. Recipients who fail to submit a final report will not receive funding in subsequent rounds.

Submission of Applications

Applications should be emailed to Nicholas Haskins at n.haskins@usyd.edu.au. The original document, endorsed by the relevant Dean and accompanied by all requested attachments, together with eight copies, should also be posted or delivered to:

Nicholas Haskins
Program Manager (International Networks)
Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
Room 206, Old Teachers College, A22

Closing date for all applications is 5:00pm on Monday, 10 August 2009. This is a firm deadline and additional application documents will not be accepted after this time.

Further information

For further information regarding all aspects of the IPDF, please contact:

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Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International)
T: 9036 7219
E: n.haskins@usyd.edu.au
### Appendix I - List of international network partner universities

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