

## **Ngarangun: Sydney Indigenous Research Strategy Grants**

### **2025 Guidelines**

#### **Summary**

The Ngarangun: Sydney Indigenous Research Strategy grant (Ngarangun grant) program aims to promote Indigenous research, Australian and international, at the University of Sydney. The aim of the program is to support Indigenous research across all fields of research, seeding and expanding projects that aim to apply for external funding. Funds can be used to:

- a) Develop new collaborative Indigenous research projects
- b) Extend and expand existing Indigenous research projects

A total of \$200,000 is available to support this grant program. Funding for this scheme is provided by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research).

#### **Details of the scheme**

The Ngarangun grant program will facilitate the development of new Indigenous research projects and the expansion of existing projects. The projects supported by this scheme must include a University of Sydney staff member (per **Eligibility** below) and can include any one or combination of the following:

- a) universities in Australia and overseas
- b) industry in its broadest sense, not only companies
- c) non-government organisations
- d) government organisations

Ngarangun grants will provide funding up to \$50,000, to be expended within the funding period of 1 October 2025 to 31 December 2025.

The funding is to be used to meet the costs incurred in fostering and creating new Indigenous research projects or extending existing projects. It can be used for project consumables, travel, workshops, support for staff time (eg, teaching relief or employing a research assistant), core facilities costs and equipment hire.

#### **Eligibility**

The Ngarangun grant is available to any University of Sydney continuing academic staff and staff on fixed term contracts with more than 6 months remaining from the application submission deadline (15 September 2025). In keeping with our 'Ngarangun: Sydney Indigenous Research Strategy' (<https://www.sydney.edu.au/research/our-research/indigenous-research.html>) the grant is to support all researchers undertaking Indigenous research in Australia or overseas.

#### **Selection criteria**

Applicants will be selected according to research excellence and future potential. All proposals will be considered against the following criteria (equal weighting):

- The research authentically engages with the issues identified by Indigenous communities as needing research attention
- The potential impact/outcomes of the proposed research

- Likelihood that this project will lead to a competitively funded research grant
- Potential for deeper Indigenous research partnerships with internal collaborators or the partner organisation(s)
- The extent to which the applicant's proposed project advances the University's research reputation

### **Application process**

Applicants are required to submit a completed [online application form](#) which includes the following information:

- Name of project
- Name of research lead and link to profile or short up to 1 page CV
- Names of other researchers
- Affiliations and contact details of named researchers
- Project description up to 1,000 words including
  - Overview
  - Research questions
  - Partners
  - Proposed outputs, traditional and non-traditional
  - Beneficiaries / outcomes
  - Post project activities, including additional projects and future grant applications, where known.
- Budget including justification

Full applications close at 5pm (AEST) on 15 September 2025. Please note that late or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applications will be assessed by a central selection committee with multidisciplinary expertise.

Successful candidates will be notified by email in late September 2025.

### **Additional Advice**

- Funding must be spent in the 2025 financial year; however, airfares and travel may be booked in this year for activities in 2026.
- Indirect cost recovery is not applicable in this seed scheme.

Grant recipients will be required to submit a brief final report by 1 April 2026.

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