UTS:ACRI RESEARCH GRANTS

APPLICATION GUIDELINES 2022
CLOSING DATE: JAN 28 2022

About the Australia-China Relations Institute

The Australia-China Relations Institute (ACRI) is an independent, non-partisan research institute established by UTS in 2014. Its mission is to inform Australia's engagement with China through research, analysis and dialogue grounded in scholarly rigour.

UTS:ACRI Research Grants

Consistent with this mission UTS:ACRI offers a research grants program to support research by academics affiliated with ACRI across a variety of disciplines. Applications can be made to UTS:ACRI for up to $5,000. This funding can be used for fieldwork, research-related travel and conference attendance, data gathering and analysis, research assistance and publication support.

Eligibility

Applications can be made by an individual researcher or a team led by a Chief Investigator.

Applicants for UTS:ACRI research grants must:

- be a UTS academic staff member who also holds the position of UTS:ACRI Research Associate. They must hold a continuing position or a fixed-term contract that is expected to continue for 12 months after the date that funding is received; OR a UTS:ACRI honorary appointee such as the holder of an adjunct or visiting position; and

- not be named on more than two applications per funding round.

Assessment process

Grant applications will be competitively assessed. Each paper will be assessed by a UTS:ACRI Grants Assessment Committee. The Committee will comprise three members, including one UTS:ACRI academic staff member and two external academics invited by UTS:ACRI, with demonstrated research credentials and standing.

Applications must meet the defined eligibility requirements and will be assessed based on the evaluation criteria set out below.

Evaluation criteria

- The proposal demonstrates relevance and significance of the research to inform the Australia-China relationship;

- Quality of research plan, including methodology and achievable timeline;

- Novelty of project and distinction from similar or related research in this area;

- Qualifications of the Chief Investigator, based on expertise and experience, with due consideration given to early career researchers;

- Expected outputs, including at least an ACRI Brief[1] or an ACRI *Perspectives*[2]; and

- Appropriate budget request and justification of expenditure.

How to apply

- Complete the UTS:ACRI Research Grants 2022 Application Form below;

- Attach CV of the applicant (Chief Investigator) and collaborators, if applicable; and

- Send application documents to UTS:ACRI (ming.liang@uts.edu.au) by January 28 2022.

Successful applicants will be notified by email and their project summary listed on the UTS:ACRI website by February 15 2022.

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[1] UTS:ACRI Briefs present research findings to a non-specialised audience. They are no more than 2,500 words. Each Brief generally requires a summary of key takeaways and the use of subheadings is strongly encouraged. Footnote referencing is used. See example.

[2] *Perspectives* is UTS:ACRI's commentary series featuring original analysis of topical subjects in the Australia-China relationship from invited expert contributors. Each *Perspectives* piece is 800-1200 words, comprising evidence-based content presented in a concise and compelling manner. *Perspectives* pieces are fairly conversational in tone, and tend away from heavy use of jargon and theory. Hyperlink citation is used. See example.

Post-award

UTS:ACRI Research Grants are to be spent within 12 months – by February 15 2023.

Grant awardees must formally acknowledge support received from UTS:ACRI in publications and presentations flowing from the research project which has received funding.

Grant awardees must submit a research report within three months after the project concludes.

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APPLICATION FORM

Applicant (Chief Investigator)	
Faculty/Institute	
Phone	
Email	
Collaborator(s) (if any)	
Project title	
Project summary and its relevance to the Australia-China relationship (up to 250 words)	
Research question(s) and methodology (up to 300 words)	

Total time required to complete project (up to 12 months)	
Total amount requested (up to $5,000)	$
Budget itemisation and justification	
Traditional research output is encouraged	☐ Journal article ☐ Working paper ☐ Book chapter ☐ Book
You are expected to share your research findings in at least one form of these formats (refer to Application Guidelines)	☐ ACRI Brief ☐ ACRI *Perspectives*
List any other output that is not listed above. Describe how the project will contribute to the existing literature and what its benefits will be. (up to 300 words)	