

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS: AAUN PARTNERSHIP & RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT FUND (PRDF) 2018

### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**10 April 2018** – Potential applicants are encouraged to write first with a brief outline case (1 page max)

**30 April 2018** – Deadline for subsequently invited proposals

### BACKGROUND

The AAUN Partnership & Research Development Fund (PRDF) offers catalytic grants of an average of AU\$10,000 to foster partnership in the network, including new members, and support planning workshops and research collaborations, which address distinct mutual challenges. The PRDF provides one year of catalytic seed funding with the firm expectation that funded projects will be excellent, build specialist teams, achieve impact and be sustainable through the early identification of additional external funding. See [AAUN annual reports](#) for information on previously funded projects.

Most relevant current policy frameworks are the [UN Climate Change Agreements](#), the [UN Sustainability Goals](#) with the [AU Agenda 2063](#), the [Australian Foreign Policy White Paper](#) (November 2017) and the [ACIAR Ten-Year-Strategy](#) (February 2018). More information can be found [on this website](#).

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### Applications are invited from:

- Existing programs where the progress reports show major advance and limited additional funds would strengthen bids for funds to international agencies and governments. Only projects that have submitted reports are eligible to apply.
- New projects, including those arising from the AAUN workshops in Cape Town in December 2017, Perth in September 2017, and the research workshops in Mauritius in January and Nairobi in March 2018.

The PRDF is open only to academic staff (faculty members) at [AAUN member universities](#). Applications must first be approved for submission through an internal review at the principal investigator's university to ensure strategic alignment and support. Applications are submitted to AAUN through the AAUN Secretariat Australia [via email](#).

### HOW TO APPLY

Applications will need to be accompanied by:

- Letters of support from AAUN partner universities confirming official institutional support and specifying any cash or in-kind contributions
- Letters of support from external partners, also identifying cash and in-kind contributions
- Proposal budget outlining key areas of expenditure (1 page maximum)
- CVs of principal investigators (1 page maximum each)

Supporting Documents:

- [2018 PRDF Guidelines](#)
- [Letter of Support](#) Template (download Word version [here](#))
- [Application Form](#) (download Word version [here](#))

Applications along with all accompanying documents must be submitted through the AAUN Secretariat Australia via email [aaun.events@sydney.edu.au](mailto:aaun.events@sydney.edu.au) no later than 5pm AEST on Monday 30 April 2018. Applications that are incomplete or received after the closing date will not be considered.

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