



Cradle Coast Cross-Boundary Research Fund



About the Cradle Coast Cross-Boundary Research Fund

As the representative body tasked with growing the research culture for UTAS in the North West, the Cradle Coast Research and Higher Degrees Committee is pleased to announce a Research Seeding Fund to encourage the development of new, cross-boundary research projects.

This fund is available through the DASA-funded ‘New Regional Campus’ project to encourage cross-disciplinary research on Cradle Coast campus, with emphasis on research that builds collaboration across the campus, university and region.

Purpose

The Cross-Boundary Research Fund is intended as an incentive fund to grow collaborative and boundary-spanning research in North West Tasmania.

‘Cross-boundary’ research projects are defined as research projects that:

- Cross one or more disciplinary areas, schools, institutes, units, and/or theme areas within or beyond UTAS; and/or
- Cross boundaries between academic and non-academic spaces (community, industry and government), including research by and with regional practitioners on applied issues of significance to the region; and/or
- Cross boundaries between UTAS students and staff, by encouraging involvement of researchers at different levels of experience and expertise, including undergraduate students.

Projects designed to build the capacity of new/emerging researchers will be favourably considered. The most competitive projects will be highly collaborative, cross multiple boundaries and seek innovative outcomes.

Eligibility

UTAS staff, students, and community partners are eligible to apply.

Community members from outside UTAS are encouraged to apply but must nominate a co-researcher (Chief or Associate Investigator) from within UTAS.

Eligible projects must be:

- **New stand-alone projects** to be completed **in less than 12 months**.
- **Based in North West Tasmania.** Projects may, however, involve team members from elsewhere in Tasmania, interstate or overseas.
- **Research projects** that contribute to growing knowledge or answering significant questions.

- **Cross-boundary and collaborative:** All research projects should demonstrate active cross-boundary collaboration.

Active cross-boundary collaboration typically involves two or more applicants working together to develop a research-based project. Lone applicants are eligible but must be able to demonstrate the cross-boundary and collaborative nature of the research project and that it has the support of an external partner/s or academic unit.

Funding

Grants are available for up to **\$5000 per research project**, for project-related costs. Funding is not provided for conference attendance or other non-project costs.

Application and Assessment

The Fund is ongoing and can be applied for at any time. Please complete the Cross Boundary Research Fund Application Form available at <http://www.cradle-coast.utas.edu.au> under Research and send to Maree Gleeson at Maree.Gleeson@utas.edu.au. Your application will be assessed by the Higher Degree and Research Committee and you will be notified within 4 weeks of submission. Successful applicants will receive a Letter of Offer outlining the conditions of the grant. All funded projects will be expected to report back to the Committee at the conclusion of their project on the *Cross Boundary Research Fund Final Report Pro Forma*.

Assessment of applications will be made on the basis of:

- *Significance and Innovation of the Research – 25%* Does the research address an important problem? Does it take a novel approach?
- *Extent of Cross-boundary Collaboration – 25%* Does the research advance the goal of cross-boundary collaboration across areas, schools, institutes, units, and/or theme areas, and/or between the university and external partners, with partners suited to the aims and approach of the project?
- *Soundness of Research Design – 25%* Are the conceptual framework, design, methods and analysis properly developed and explained? Will they achieve the aims and objectives of the proposal within the nominated time and budget?
- *Track Record and Capacity Building – 25%* Does the nominated team, based on their track record, have the capability to deliver this project? Does the project provide research opportunities for students and/or early career researchers?

Further Information

For further information about the Cross Boundary Research Fund, please contact Maree Gleeson, Co Chair-Cradle Coast Research and Higher Degrees Committee, on 6430 4987 or via email Maree.Gleeson@utas.edu.au