

# Tech R&D Proposal Assessment Form

The purpose of this form is to provide CSNSW guidance and structure for assessing project proposals. The form draws directly on the Australian Research Council's 2022 criteria for assessing Linkage grants (Australian Research Council, 2002).

There may be other time, project or Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) specific factors not included in this form such as knowledge or development priorities for CSNSW. Where this is the case, the specific factors not included in this form should be noted in the final assessment summary.

## 1. Investigator(s)/Capability

Individually and collectively, what is the quality of the research team and the named participants', including evidence of:

- potential to engage in collaborative research with end-users;
- experience in research methods and R&D approaches; and
- time and capacity to undertake and manage the proposed research in collaboration with the Partner Organisation(s).

**Comment:**

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## 2. Project quality and innovation

To what extent is the project significant and innovative, including:

- any new methods or technologies to be developed that address specific opportunities or challenges in transforming prisoner rehabilitation;
- how the anticipated outcomes will advance the knowledge base to address an important problem or opportunity related to supporting prisoners desisting from crime;
- how the project's aims and concepts are novel, innovative and productive in the CSNSW context;
- how the project productively engages in developing new knowledge and practice through action research as well as other means; and
- how the project will significantly enhance links between CSNSW, Industry and Australian publicly-funded research and higher education sectors.

**Description of the research approach, including:**

- the conceptual framework, design, methods and analyses, demonstrating these are adequately developed, well integrated and appropriate to the aims of the project; and
- the intellectual content and scale of the work proposed is appropriate to a research project

**Comment:**

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### **3. Feasibility and commitment**

To what extent does the project description:

- represents value for money;
- demonstrate the research team can provide a high-quality, collaborative environment for the Partner Organisation(s);
- the availability of the necessary facilities to conduct the research;
- the commitment of each Partner Organisation to collaborate in the research project and capacity to implement the outcomes of the research; and
- the adequacy of the budget, including cash and in-kind contributions pledged by the participating organisations.

If the project involves research pertaining to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander research communities, a description of:

- the strategies for enabling collaboration with Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities where appropriate (for example, dialogue/collaboration with an Indigenous cultural mentor);
- any existing or developing supportive and high- quality relationships with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities; and
- any personal affiliations with local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities that can facilitate the proposed research.

**Comment:**

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#### 4. Benefit

What are the benefits, including:

- the new or advanced knowledge resulting from outcomes of the research;
- transformation of rehabilitative services and environments that support desistance;
- the potential contribution to achieving Government priorities including the Premier's Priority to Reduce Reoffending.
- demonstratable positive benefits and impact on people in NSW prisons.
- the contribution of the research to developing strategic research alliances between the higher education organisation(s), CSNSW and/or other industry organisation(s);
- strategies to encourage dissemination, commercialisation, and if appropriate, the promotion of research outcomes; and
- where relevant, the extent to which the applicants have identified the freedom to operate in the Intellectual Property and patent landscape to enable future benefits to industry and/or end-users.

**Comment:**

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#### Assessment summary

Provide a short summary of your assessment, noting any opportunities, risks or other factors that you thought needed to be considered that were not in the form.

**Recommendation:**

Australian Research Council (2022) *Linkage Program Grant Guidelines*. Australian Government. Accessed Nov 2022 at <https://www.arc.gov.au/funding-research/funding-schemes/linkage-program/linkage-projects/selection-report-linkage-projects-2022-round-1>