



ACADEMY OF THE
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IN AUSTRALIA

Australia-France
Indo-Pacific Studies
Program

INDO-PACIFIC
STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENT
GRANTS



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The 2024-2027 Australia-France Indo-Pacific Studies Program (AFIPS) provides opportunities for academic exchange, projects, and public outreach on the Indo-Pacific strategic and economic environment and non-traditional security issues. The program is delivered in partnership with the ANU National Security College and with support from the Australian Government through the Australia-France Roadmap.

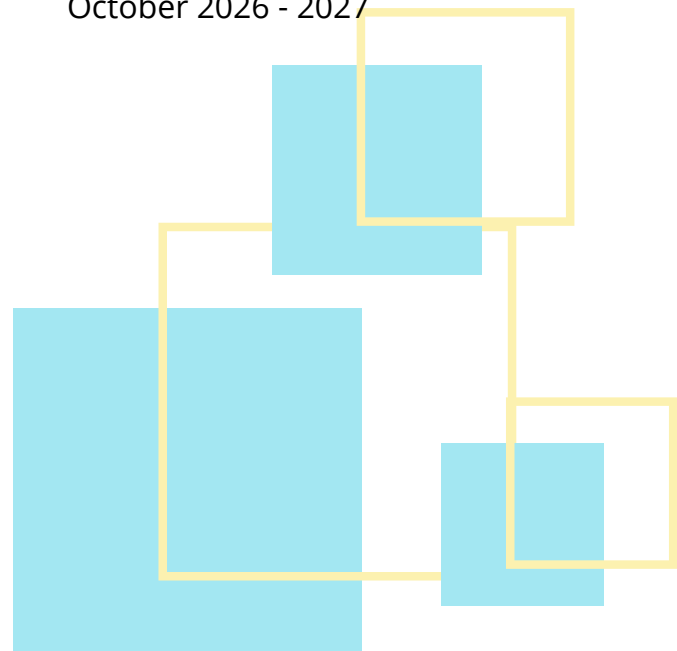
Grants overview

As part of the AFIPS Program, The Academy will facilitate grants of up to AU\$10,000 for one-year (12 month) collaborative research projects and exchanges focussing on the regional strategic environment, including on economic and non-traditional security issues.

Grants are available to researchers from Australia, France, Indo-Pacific nations and French overseas territories, and project outputs and papers are invited to make practical recommendations for Australian and/or French policymakers.

Process

- Applications submitted by 3 August 2026
- Eligibility screening ~1-2 weeks
- Reviews undertaken by AFIPS Standing Assessment Committee ~3-4 weeks
- The Academy makes award recommendations to DFAT ~2-3 weeks
- Outcomes announced ~ mid-late September
- Funding agreements executed and research activity undertaken ~ October 2026 - 2027



PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The Academy welcomes proposals for collaborative social science or related research projects that consider at least one of the following priority research themes:

- Foreign policy, defence or strategic issues
- Governance and economic resilience, including information resilience
- Digital and cyber transformation
- Sustainability and climate change
- Cultural and economic development, including intergenerational equality
- Trade, diplomacy, and international relations

FUNDING

Grants of up to AU\$10,000 are available for research activities undertaken before 31 October 2027.

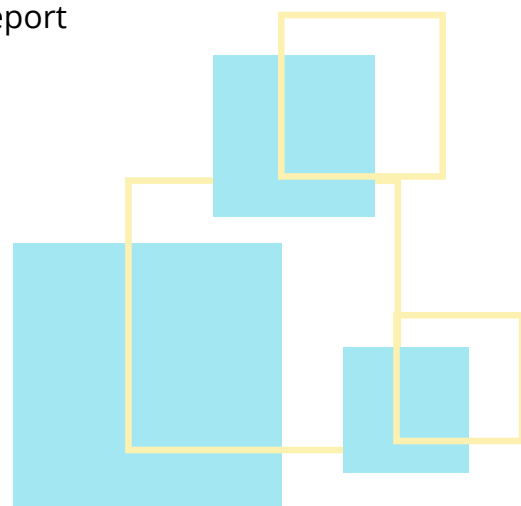
Eligible activities include:

- Researcher exchange and mobility (excludes business class airfare).
- Undertaking research or fieldwork.
- Publication and output activities.

PROJECT OUTPUTS

Research papers and/or policy briefs, and a project summary report (five pages maximum including financial acquittal)

Project outputs must contain practical recommendations for Australian and/or French policymakers.



ELIGIBILITY

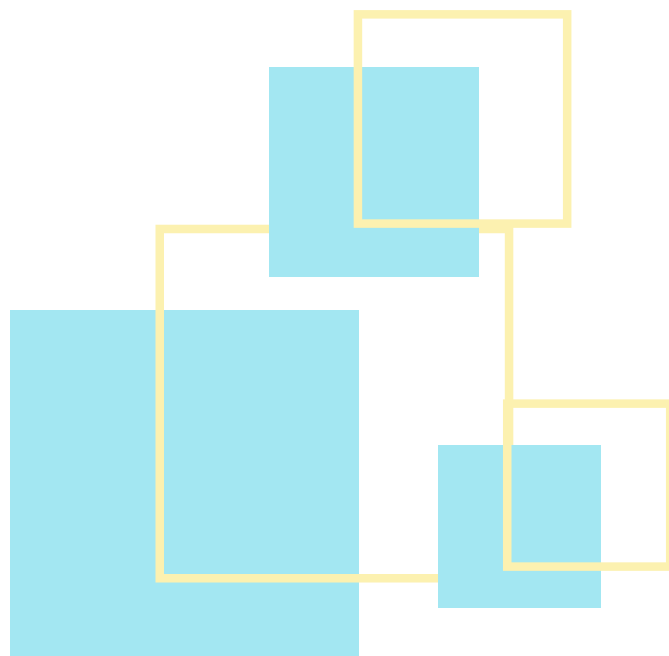
The person submitting the grant application will be identified as the 'main applicant.'

To be eligible to apply, the main applicant must be a social science researcher, and:

- Living and working in Australia, France, an Indo-Pacific nation or French overseas territory.
- Proposing direct collaboration with one or more researchers living and working in a different area within the above locations.
- Employed by a research organisation (university, research institute, think tank or government research agency) with capacity to administer and support the proposed project.
- Please see a list of social science disciplines (fields of research) recognised by the Academy via the Australia and New Zealand Research Classifications (ANZRC) [here](#).

The main applicant will be the recipient of the grant funds (generally through their employing institution) and is responsible for their acquittal. The main applicant is responsible for the completion of the project/activity described in the grant application. Only one main applicant can be listed in an application.

A co-applicant is a researcher taking part in the research project and thereby receives a share of the grant according to the budget. A maximum of five additional co-applicants can be included in the application. The main applicant (or their institution) is legally responsible for the grant and the transfer of the shares of the grant to the project co-applicants according to the budget submitted in the application.



APPLICATION PROCESS

If your research activity meets the conditions for eligibility, you can submit your application online via the Jotform link on the Academy AFIPS website.

Submitted applications will be assessed by the AFIPS Standing Assessment Committee. All applicants will be informed of the outcome via email.

Visit the [AFIPS Website](#) for more information, information about past grant recipients. For further enquiries, please contact the International Team team via international@socialsciences.org.au

Preparing a strong application

The Academy encourages applicants to consider the following when completing their **Grant Proposal** form.

Proposals must include

- An overview of the research focus and need, including a working title,
- Proposed collaborators (in addition to co-applicants, where applicable),
- Methodology and timeline (project timeframe of either one or two years)
- Proposed budget for research activities, including indication of additional funding contributions where relevant.
- Proposed outputs and dissemination/translation strategy.

Applications will be assessed on the following four criteria (equally weighted):

- Quality of the outline of the planned research to be undertaken during the project and how it connects to the AFIPS Program objectives
- Impact and significance of the planned collaborative research activity outputs to arise from the project, considering the innovation and scholarly significance of the research activities, as well as practical strategic policy advice as a result of the project
- Feasibility of the planned project activities within the grant funding available and proposed project timeframe
- Track record of the main applicant and co-applicants, considering preparedness to fulfil the proposed research activities and AFIPS Program objectives.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- The research activity is anchored in the social sciences and aligns with the Program Objectives
- The proposed research activity will be undertaken by 31 October 2027
- Funding requested from the Academy does not exceed AU\$10,000 (excl GST)
- Current CV (two pages maximum) for each applicant
- Complete all sections of the online application form.

CONDITIONS OF FUNDING

- Information on the application form is collected to make recommendations to the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia on the allocation of financial assistance under their respective budgets. The information collected may be passed to assessors for the purposes of obtaining a peer-review assessment of the application. It may also be passed to other funding bodies and other public organisations (inc. Universities and research bodies) judged appropriate by the funding organisations. In other instances, information on this form can be disclosed without your consent where authorised or required by law.
- While the Academy's selection committee gives careful consideration to all applications, it is not able to enter into discussion or correspondence regarding the reasons why an application is unsuccessful.
- Successful applicants (or their institution) will invoice the Academy for funds in line with the funding agreement.
- Successful applicants must submit a final report and acquittal of funds within two months of completing the activity.

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