

Types of Externally Funded Research Not Covered by Outside Work and Business Interests for University Staff Policy

The following Australian Vice-Chancellors' Committee (AVCC) classifications may be used as a guide to recognising the different types of externally funded research not covered by the Outside Work and Business Interests for University Staff Policy.

Sponsored Research occurs where:

- the funding is frequently proposal-driven on a competitive basis;
- the research is mainly basic or strategic, but not usually concerned with commercial outcomes; and
- the intellectual property results are owned by universities.

Examples of sponsored research include the major project funding by the ARC and NHMRC.

Administration: Research Services/Business Services would administer such projects.

Collaborative Research and Development occurs where:

- jointly sponsored research projects are developed between a university and a partner; and
- ownership of intellectual property arising from the project is negotiated on a case by case basis and depends on:
 - the equity contributions of both parties;
 - the existing intellectual property brought to the project by each party; and
 - the industry partner would usually have the right to exploit commercially the final intellectual property in return for a royalty to be paid to the university.

Administration: Research Services/Business Services, IMBcom or Uniquist would administer such projects.

Contract Research occurs where:

- a request is made by industry or a Government agency for a specified research project to be carried out with identified aims and objectives;
- the research project is often undertaken on the basis of a competitive bid for funds from industry or an agency;
- it is anticipated that the research will result in a deliverable product or report of commercial importance to industry or an agency; and
- ownership of intellectual property is negotiated between the parties and depends on the financial and intellectual contributions of both parties.

Administration: Research Services/Business Services, UniQuest, IMBcom or JKTech would administer such projects.