***CREATE - International Centre for Regional Policy and Practice***

Group Application Requirements

Closing date: 29th September 2023

# Preamble

Established and new research groups at Charles Sturt University are invited to apply to form units in *CREATE - International Centre for Regional Policy and Practice.* Established groups may include Sturt Scheme groups or Faculty research groups, and must include members who are associated with Charles Sturt as a continuing, fixed-term, sessional or adjunct staff, HDR student, or research associate.

Each group’s application will be evaluated by an independent panel chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (DVCR) based on the criteria set out below. A number of units will be established in *CREATE’s* initial structure, with proportions of *CREATE’s* start-up funds being allocated to each unit, as well as to a central pool. Each unit will determine how its allocated funds will be used to support its research program, as proposed in its application.

To be eligible to apply, a research group must include members from Charles Sturt who meet the [minimum definition](https://research.csu.edu.au/performance/institutional/charles-sturt-university-research-productivity-index-rpi/resources/Research-Active-Definition-August-2020.pdf) of research active based on the RPI metric and who are continuing, fixed-term, sessional or adjunct staff of the University. Other individuals affiliated with the University, such as HDR students and research associates, may also be included on the application.

Applications from research groups will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

* Alignment of the group’s proposed program of research with the *CREATE* vision statement (section 2.1 of the Discussion Paper) and one or more of the research themes outlined in section 3.1 of the Discussion Paper
* Demonstrated capacity of the group and its researchers to deliver on its proposed research program (e.g., through publication and income records)
* Alignment of the group’s proposed research with specific Fields of Research strategically important to the University.

Individual researchers may be included on the applications of up to three groups.

All members of successful group applications will automatically become members of CREATE.

To inform the application process, the DVCR will hold a series of three workshops addressing:

* What is policy? Thurs 10th August 3-4:30 pm
* Better public policy. Wed 23rd August 2-3:30 pm
* What’s new for the regions? Mon 4th Sept 2-3:30 pm

Links to the sessions will be provided on What’s New and News.

# Applications

**Applications from research groups must comprise the following sections, noting the page limits provided.**

1. Name of group, a description of its general purpose, and a summary of its achievements to date (if not a new group) (1 page);
2. Membership: indicate the nominated leader(s) of the group/unit, then list all members’ names, their status (continuing, fixed-term, sessional or adjunct staff, HDR student, research associate, etc.), their academic level, FTE and individual track record provided via the CSU Research Output (CRO) URL (<https://researchoutput.csu.edu.au/>) (1 line per member);
3. Three-year program of research as a unit in CREATE: summarise its proposed program of research with reference to overall aims, and key projected projects and activities, including external funding applications, development of industry/government partnerships, and other industry/government engagement, with commentary on how the proposed program aligns with the vision and research themes of CREATE as set out in the CREATE Discussion Paper (max 2 pages);
4. Publication plan: list up to 10 key scholarly journals currently ranked Q1 in Scimago that will be targeted in the group’s proposed program of research, and their relevant Field of Research code/s (ANZSRC 2020). If applicable, also list up to 5 book publishers that will be targeted in the group’s research program.

**Applications should be emailed direct to the Office of the DVCR, at** **dvcre@csu.edu.au****, by COB 29th September 2023.**

**Global-Research Issues & Policy Group application**

**Group name:**

**Leader(s):**

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