***CREATE - International Centre for Regional Policy and Practice***Individual Membership Application Requirements

Closing date: 29th September 2023

# Preamble

Individual researchers at Charles Sturt University are invited to apply to join *CREATE - International Centre for Regional Policy and Practice.* The individual’s program of research could be separate from, or could overlap with, any programs of research proposed by groups of which the researcher is a member. Individual members also can be included in up to three group applications.

To be eligible to apply as individual researchers, they must exceed 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 be a continuing, fixed-term, sessional or adjunct staff of the University.

Each individual’s application will be evaluated by an independent panel chaired by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) (DVCR) based on the criteria set out below. Applications from individuals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

* Alignment of the individual’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 to deliver on its proposed research program (e.g., through publication and income records)
* Alignment of the individual’s proposed research with specific Fields of Research strategically important to the University.

Those researchers who are granted individual membership of CREATE, but who are not a member of a successful group application, are encouraged to align with one or more units of CREATE after membership is approved.

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 individual researchers must comprise the following sections, noting the page limits provided.**

1. Name of individual, status (continuing, fixed-term, sessional or adjunct staff, HDR student, research associate, etc.), academic level, current FTE, and CSU Research Output (CRO) page (https://researchoutput.csu.edu.au/);
2. Three-year program of research as a member of CREATE, with reference to overall aims: outline 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 (1 page); and,
3. Individual track record: outline the individual’s track record relevant to the proposed program of research described in the previous section (1 page); and,
4. Publication plan: list up to 3 key scholarly journals currently ranked Q1 or Q2 in Scimago that will targeted in the proposed program of research, and their relevant Field of Research code/s (ANZSRC 2020). If applicable, also list 1-2 book publishers that will be targeted in the research program.

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