

DSI Grants to Universities and Funding of Indirect Costs

As a general rule, DSI does not fund indirect costs as part of the grant programs (sometimes referred to as overheads). The only exception to this is for some Sponsored Grants, as indicated below.

DSI Collaborative Grants are typically \$50,000 or less and short-term, with a time frame of 6 – 12 months. Given the seeding function of the grants, there is a desire for researchers to be able to maximise the return on a small amount. For this reason, DSI Collaborative Grants do not fund indirect costs. The assumption is the long-term benefits to host universities from larger projects and ongoing relationships will outweigh the indirect investment made.

DSI RHD Student Grants intend to assist universities in attracting quality students to work on defence-relevant projects. They are set at \$15,000 and are to be paid in full as a top-up stipend to the nominated student. For this reason, DSI RHD Student Grants do not fund indirect costs.

DSI Internship Grants are awarded to business to assist them with the costs associated with their participation in the Australian Postgraduate Research (APR) Intern program administered by APR.Intern (<https://aprintern.org.au/>). As such, university indirect costs do not apply.

DSI Business Development Grants are typically \$50,000 or less and short-term, with a time frame of 3 - 6 months. Given the seeding function of the grants, there is a desire for researchers to be able to maximise the return on a small amount. For this reason, DSI Business Development Grants do not fund indirect costs. The assumption is the long-term benefits to host universities from larger projects and commercialisation activities will outweigh the indirect investment made.

DSI Sponsored Grants are administered by DSI on behalf of the program sponsor. Depending on the value, time-frame and sponsor requirements, these grants may allow for indirect costs to be funded as part of an individual call. If indirect costs will be funded, applicants will be notified as part of the call and guidance given as to any constraints that may be applied.

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