

CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF BUILDING CIOB AUSTRALASIA

2008 RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT GRANTS SCHEME



Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To develop the research profile of academic staff in Australasia tertiary education, active in the fields of Building and / or Construction Management. ▪ To increase the exposure and profile of the CIOB among Australasia Building / Construction Management academics. ▪ To enhance the interaction, collaboration and support between CIOB Australasia and the universities.
Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Original proposals will be accepted from all the various research areas within the broad field of Building or Construction Management. ▪ Preference will be given to projects that demonstrate a clear practical benefit to the management of construction projects or technology improvement. ▪ Proposals should not have been submitted elsewhere prior to making this application. ▪ Recipients of previous CIOB Australasia Research Grants are required to wait for 2 years before submitting further grant applications ▪ CIOB Evaluation Committee and CIOB Australasia Education Panel Members are excluded from submitting a Research Proposal
Value and Duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The grant, or grants awarded may range from a minimum of \$1,000 to a maximum \$5,000 as deemed appropriate by the Evaluation Committee, based on the quality and research funding requirements of proposals in the round. ▪ A project must be completed with all required outputs within 12 months of the grant being awarded.
Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chief Investigator must be university academic staff employed in positions of 0.5 FTE or more. ▪ Preference will be given to early career researchers (ECR), although senior researchers are also welcome to apply. As a guide, ECR's are researchers who are within five years of the start of their research careers when they submit their applications. This normally means that you have been awarded a PhD or equivalent research doctorate within five years. ▪ Partner Researchers may be students or other academic staff. ▪ Applicants do not need to be CIOB members.
Proposal Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A one-page application form must be submitted with the proposal. Application details are to be typed directly into the template provided and sent via email to awards@ciob.org.au ▪ A proposal of no more than four A4 pages (2.5cm margins, 12pt single space Arial) is permitted. The headings that should be used are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Background; ○ Aims and objectives; ○ Significance of the project to industry; ○ Methodology; ○ Budget request and justification; ○ Outputs. ▪ CV of the Chief Investigators is to be included with grant application and limited to 1-2 pages; amended to support the application, highlighting relevant capabilities applicable to the research grant proposal.

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<p>Output Requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A short four A4 pages (2.5cm margins, 12pt single space Arial) report of the main findings of the project is required upon completion. This should highlight the benefits and implications of the findings for the industry, and should be written in simple and engaging language that can be published in CIOB Australasia's Contact magazine. ▪ An academic paper accepted for publication in a refereed construction management conference or journal. ▪ All publications must acknowledge the support of the CIOB Australasia.
<p>Evaluation Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposals must be submitted electronically to the offices of the CIOB Australasia by the stated closing date and time. Late submissions will not be accepted. ▪ The proposals will be evaluated by members of the CIOB Australasia's Education Panel and selected industry/academic leaders. ▪ Proposals will not be evaluated by Panel members that are employed by the same institution as the applicants. ▪ Proposals will primarily be assessed on their academic merit, research significance and their clear applications to the management of construction projects or technology improvement/innovation. ▪ The Evaluation Committee reserves the right not to release evaluation comments.
<p>Key dates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call for application: open til 25th July 2008 ▪ Application evaluation: 26th July to 25th August 2008 ▪ Announcement of application outcomes: 1st September 2008 ▪ Project execution: 1st September 2008 to 31st August 2009 ▪ Project report to CIOB Australasia: 1st August to 30th September 2009
<p>Evaluation Criteria</p>	<p>All applications will be considered however those addressing aspects of sustainability are particularly invited.</p> <p>The following criteria shall be used and equally weighted for assessment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Quality of proposal and academic merit ▪ Demonstrate a clear practical benefit to the management of construction projects or technology improvement. ▪ Significance of research ▪ Research team capability ▪ Evidence of ability to complete research projects within 12 months and appropriately scoped related to funding available