

New FABLS sponsorship for Funding Strategy Groups

FABLS is designed to support large scale initiatives such as setting up of CoEs, CRCs and other types of Centres including those funded from overseas.

To facilitate coalescence of the participants and the development of Centre programs FABLS has now established a new support mechanism, called Funding Strategy Groups

A Funding Strategy Group is a consortium of individuals with a common goal to establish a funded Research Centre with some connection to fluorescence. FABLS encourages the expression of interest for forming such a group.

Funding is available to a maximum level of \$ 5,000 per group. This funding comes in form of travel support only, to travel to group meetings. A group meeting is defined as having 3 or more participants.

A condition of support is to have formal meetings with agendas, minutes and action items as well as the action items are followed up. The documentation of these meetings (possibly in a sanitized form with confidential details removed) is required to acquit the funding.

In order to provide the sponsorship FABLS needs to know the following details:

Name of Group leader – responsible for acquittal of the funding

Research Area of this particular group; definition can be broad, for example “biotechnology” if there are confidentiality issues.

Budget estimate. Indicate the anticipated number of meetings and number of participants. FABLS accepts that these may vary in the course of the group existence.

Commitment from the group leader to provide progress reports before 20 March each year until funding has been exhausted. This is to enable inclusion in the annual reports to the ARC (due March 2009 and March 2010.)

Content of progress report:

Provide

- dates and places of the meetings,
- number of participants with indication of overseas/local). Names would be welcome, unless there are confidentiality concerns. Names of international visitors are mandatory.
- Cost of meetings.
- Agendas and minutes (sanitized if appropriate).
- If there is an outcome worth showing to the ARC such as submission of funding application, then this must be highlighted.

Expressions of interest are due at the time the funding rounds close, announced in our Infopack and Forms.

This scheme is separate from FABLS projects and one can hold a FABLS project and lead a Group at the same time.