



Melbourne Law School

## Oxford-MLS Research Partnerships 2020-22

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The Oxford-MLS Research Partnership Grant was established in 2009 through a gift by Mr Allan Myers AC QC. Its purpose is 'to stimulate new and exciting research relationships between Oxford and Melbourne Law Schools'.

### The Grant

The successful applicants will be awarded up to AUD \$17,500 and £10,000 over a two-year period (in the current competition, 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2022). These awards should be considered to form a common fund by which the outcomes of the research partnership project can be achieved, with funding to be shared appropriately by participants. The application should make clear how the funding to be used by each individual advances the joint research project.

### Eligibility

To be eligible, an application must be made by at least two applicants including at least one applicant holding a permanent academic position at Melbourne Law School and one applicant holding a permanent academic position at the Oxford Faculty of Law. Application for grants must be for the purpose of undertaking a joint research project that will result in at least one co-authored article in a refereed journal or chapter in a book published by a reputable publisher.

### Application Form and Closing Date

For the 2020-22 award, applicants must send a completed application by Tuesday **24 March 2020** to either the Associate Dean for Research (Oxford) - care of [research@law.ox.ac.uk](mailto:research@law.ox.ac.uk) - or the Associate Dean (Research) (Melbourne), care of the Law Office for Research [law-research@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:law-research@unimelb.edu.au). Please use 'Oxford-MLS Research Partnership' as the email subject heading.

A complete application comprises:

1. A completed application form; and
2. A statement **of no more than 3 pages** containing a brief budget justification; explaining the research project, the intended outcomes, and the potential for further joint research; and addressing the four selection criteria. Statements longer than 3 pages will be disregarded.

### Process for Selection

By 2 April 2020, the Associate Dean for Research and the Associate Dean (Research)

will exchange all completed and eligible applications received. Where one of these people has applied for the grant or believes they have another conflict of interest, their Dean will appoint another person to act in their place. They will assess the applications individually and then consult with one another to see if they can agree on a successful application by 16 April 2020. If they agree, then the application will be successful.

If they cannot agree, they will each select an additional person to evaluate the proposals from the Research Committees or nearest equivalent of their respective faculties. If this group of four cannot resolve on a successful application, the matter will be referred to the Deans for final determination. The successful application will be announced by 23 April 2020.

In the absence of applications in a given year, the Associate Dean for Research and the Associate Dean (Research) may extend the deadline for applications to encourage further applications.

### **Criteria for Evaluation**

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

1. The quality of the proposed project.
2. The track record of the applicants relative to their opportunity.
3. The strength of the proposed partnership.
4. The likelihood of an ongoing research partnership developing out of the collaboration.

Where other factors are equal, priority will be given to new research relationships or relationships in the early stages of development in preference to better established relationships. Funding will usually not be given to complete an existing project. Where other factors are equal, priority will be given to applications where the applicants have explored and exhausted all other feasible sources of funding, to applications where they have not.

### **Reporting**

All awardees are required to submit an interim progress report of less than one page at the end of the first 12 months of the grant. Please submit to either: the Associate Dean for Research (Oxford), care of [research@law.ox.ac.uk](mailto:research@law.ox.ac.uk) or the Associate Dean (Research) (Melbourne), care of the MLS Office for Research [law-research@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:law-research@unimelb.edu.au).

Melbourne Law School awardees will be required to submit a brief written report to the Faculty Research and Law Library Committee care of the MLS Office for Research [law-research@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:law-research@unimelb.edu.au) on the outcomes of the research partnership project within six months of the end of the grant period.

Oxford Law awardees will be required to submit a brief written report to the Associate Dean for Research (Oxford), care of [research@law.ox.ac.uk](mailto:research@law.ox.ac.uk) on the outcomes of the research partnership project within six months of the end of the grant period.