University of Southern Queensland

Digital Futures (CRN) – Research Project Proposal Expression of Interest February 2012

With USQ successful in its bid for $5.1 million of Federal Government funding under the Collaborative Research Networks (CRN) program, Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are now called from teams interested in research in digital futures. Funding under the Commonwealth Agreement is available for recruitment of postdoctoral research staff and HDR students within the research agenda that we are seeking to establish. Cross-faculty and inter-university engagement is encouraged as part of our capacity development. It is proposed to support research projects that can be consolidated into larger programs of work that are strategic, collaborative across the university, and with our research partners, with the potential to enhance our research capability and a capacity for a long-term research agenda.

Please submit a research project proposal that is cognisant of the selection criteria and guidelines outlined below so as to enable the Digital Futures (CRN) Management Committee to decide whether to recommend support for the project/ program.

Deadline for the Expression of Interest is COB Wednesday, 29 February 2012 and should be sent to the Digital Futures mailbox address - digital.futures-CRN@usq.edu.au .

Selection Criteria

1. Adherence to at least one of the three themes
2. Research questions articulated clearly
3. Research area is clearly substantiated through the research proposal
4. Capacity for a long-term research agenda (sustainability)
5. Research capacity and capability building clearly stated
6. Opportunity for leveraging of funds
7. Collaboration with ANU and/or UniSA (DF-CRN partners)
8. USQ strategic relevance articulated
9. Has any expert review been sought
10. At least one post doctoral fellow and one PhD student
11. Budget articulated under headings as indicated under resources with justification including in-kind/ buy-out
12. Is the team of researchers cross-disciplinary

Research Project Proposal Guidelines

1. **Identification**
   i. Project title
   ii. Research Topic (brief)
   iii. Project leaders

2. **Eligibility of project in CRN**
   i. Digital Futures topic area(s)
      (social and policy, participation in higher education, technology rich learning environments) x (mobility, openness, communities) and FOR codes
   ii. Team members: USQ (committed/prospective)
   iii. Team members: collaborating institution (committed/prospective)
   iv. Planned outcomes against CRN (countable)
      a. joint publications
      b. joint research grant applications
      c. joint HDR supervision
   v. Planned outcomes in CRN areas of focus (impact of research)
      a. social and policy
      b. participation in higher education
      c. technology rich learning environments
   vi. Outcomes in USQ and collaborative research capacity
      a. increase in no. of USQ staff with HDRs
      b. increase in USQ staff research skills
      c. prospects for future USQ and collaborative research grants
      d. potential for future collaborative community
      e. alignment with USQ strategies of digital futures, sustainability and regional engagement

3. **Research proposal description**
   Narrative description, including
   i. Detailed research topics and research questions
   ii. Style, modes or methodologies of research
   iii. CRN and other outputs (publications, software, artefacts, services, datasets)

4. **Resources requested**
   i. USQ staff in-kind
   ii. Collaborating staff in-kind
   iii. USQ staff buy-outs
   iv. Recruitment
      a. post doctoral fellow(s): number, task areas, possible source institutions/people
      b. HDR student(s): number, topics, possible source institutions
   v. Ancillary activities
      c. community building: workshops, conferences, online forums
      d. collaborative team support: workshops, travel