**Monash Business School / Newcastle University Business School Collaborative Grants (NAMAWARDS)**

**Background**

Monash University, Melbourne (Aus) – Newcastle University (UK) Collaborative Grants Scheme, NAMAWARDS, is an initiative to provide seed corn funding for small projects to support international research collaboration between the two institutions. This initiative leverages the 2021 Memorandum of Understanding between our two universities, aiming to strengthen collaboration in areas where our expertise and interests align.

The grants are intended to fund collaborative projects with the potential for scaling up to secure greater funding through the various research funding bodies in the UK, Europe and Australia, as well as to produce high quality joint publications.

Preference will be given to innovative and transformative projects that advance exploration of significant topics. While workshops, conferences and capacity building activities may be included in the proposals, they should be supplementary to research.

**Funding**

The maximum award is £10,000 (approximately $20,000) with up to three awards available. Consideration of the breadth of the portfolio of awards will partly impact on decision making.

**Expected Outcomes**

The expected outcomes of the award include:

* Completion of a pilot project that is scalable for further research
* Development of a plan for joint funding proposals for external grants in the UK, Europe and Australia
* High quality co-authored publication outputs

**Conditions of the award**

All team members of the successful projects must commit to attending a joint workshop, typically held in June or July. The workshop will take place at a Monash or Newcastle international location. The 2025 workshop will be hosted by Newcastle University at NuMed Iskandar Puteri, Malaysia from **3 – 5 June 2025**. Funding for workshop attendance will be provided in full by Monash and Newcastle University Business Schools and is separate to the funding for the awards.

Successful teams are required to submit a post award report outlining the grant’s contribution to their research, describing progress against the expected outcomes listed above. This post award report must be submitted within 3 months of the expiration of the grant. The report template will be provided to successful teams.

Teams are also required to submit a progress report halfway through the award (expected by 28 November 2025).

**Eligibility**

* The Principal Investigator must be a current employee of Newcastle University or Monash University holding an academic position for the duration of the funding period.
* Each team must consist of four academics, including two from each institution.
* Applicants are limited to involvement in one project. If an applicant is named on multiple projects, only the first submitted project will be considered for funding.
* Awardees of the previous NAMAWARDS round (2024) are not eligible to apply.

**Proposal submission**

Calls for the 2025 NAMAWARDS will be launched in February 2025 with a submission deadline of 28th February 2025. Projects will commence in April 2025 and be completed by the end of March 2026; however, funding must be expended by **15 December 2025** for Monash University awardees and **July 2026** for Newcastle University awardees.

**Evaluation and Selection**

Evaluation and selection are based on the following criteria:

* Quality of the proposed research
* Strong prospects for upscaling and securing external funding in the UK, Europe or Australia
* Potential for high quality co-authored publications
* Collaborative potential
* Relevance to policy
* Potential for both scholarly and non scholarly impact (i.e., economic, social, environmental or cultural impact).
* Feasibility and credibility of the proposal
* Value for money

Awards will be decided by a selection panel from both Monash and Newcastle Universisities.

Exclusions –

The application cannot include budget requests for:

* Teaching relief/workload buyout
* Equipment
* Conference attendance or travel
* Journal submission costs
* Purchase of databases

**Application**

Please complete the application form below, combine all the files into a PDF. Applications are to be submitted by the Principal Investigator to **both** institutions via email at buseco-research@monash.edu and [NUBSResearch@ncl.ac.uk](file:///%5C%5Cad.monash.edu%5Cshared%5CBuseco-Faculty%5CResearch-Office%5CResearch%20Development%5CFaculty%20Schemes%5CMBUS-Newcastle%20Collaborative%20Grant%5CNUBSResearch%40ncl.ac.uk) by 28th February 2025. The application should include the following.

1. **Application summary**

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| **Project title** |
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| **Applicant Details (a minimum of two academics from each institution required and a maximum of six applicants in total)** Add to the fields below if there are more than three investigators from one institution. |
| Monash University | Newcastle University |
| Applicant 1 (Lead Chief Investigator [ ] ) | Applicant 1 (Lead Chief Investigator [ ] ) |
| Name: | Name: |
| Department/Centre: | Department/Centre: |
| Applicant 2  | Applicant 2  |
| Name: | Name: |
| Department/Centre: | Department/Centre: |
| Applicant 3  | Applicant 3  |
| Name: | Name: |
| Department/Centre: | Department/Centre: |
| **A 500 word lay summary** |
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| **Total amount requested in AUD and GBP** |
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1. **Details of the project**
* Project description ( a maximum 3 pages)
* A budget for the funds requested in AUD for activities taking place in Australia and GBP in UK, including a budget justification
* Short CV (2 pages) for each applicant.

The project description (3 page max) should address all the criteria in the form below.

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| **Background to the study** |
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| **Theoretical and empirical contribution** |
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| **Relevant to policy or practitioner contribution and partnerships** |
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| **Suitability of the team for the particular project and roles of individual team members** |
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| **Pathway for the project to have impact and mechanisms for sustainability beyond the funding period** |
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| **Plan to scale up the project to secure external funding and publish high quality joint publications** |
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| **Budget items Details of how the requested money will be used (e.g. research assistance, pilot studies, survey administration etc.** |
| **MONASH UNIVERSITY** | **NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY** |
| **Budget Item and Justification** |  **Amount Requested ($A)** | **Budget Item and Justification** | **Amount Requested (**£) |
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Formatting:

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* Spacing 1
* Margins top/bottom/left/right: 2.5 cm