Research Development and Support at ANZSIG

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The Institute’s Vision

The aim of the Australia New Zealand School of Government’s Institute for Governance (ANZSIG) is to create and sustain a world-class research institution for the study and practice of governance encompassing public policy, management and delivery themes.

Background

ANZSIG is a member of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) family. It conducts interdisciplinary research and professional development in governance to deepen theory, advance knowledge and improve practice in a way that is of significance in Australia and internationally.

ANZSIG prides itself on being a values-driven organisation committed to generating research and professional development which speaks truth to power.

The establishment of ANZSIG in June 2009 reflected the commitment of the University of Canberra (UC) and ANZSOG to producing research and professional development which has broad social purpose and genuine public value. With this aim in mind, ANZSIG’s activities are organized around four programs in research, professional development (MPA and bespoke training programs for government partners), professional engagement (knowledge transfer and policy translation activities with key government partners) and research student education.

Research Themes

The Institute’s research currently focuses on:

- An interdisciplinary and comparative perspective on public administration and public policy in keeping with international disciplinary developments.
- A thematic focus on:
  - citizen-centric governance and participation;
  - public sector management;
  - science, technology and public policy; and
  - policy learning;

ANZSIG’s research programs currently consist of two broad knowledge networks in Public Policy, and Public Management and Delivery comprised of international and national leading scholars and practitioners who undertake research that addresses systemic challenges in governance. This is in keeping with the University’s cross cutting theme – effective governance – identified in the 2011 Strategy for the Development of Research.

Strategic Partnerships

ANZSIG has key strategic working partnerships with ANZSOG, the Faculty of Business, Government and Law and the ACT Government’s Chief Minister’s Department, all of which have committed financially to the Institute.
Value proposition

The Institute aims to transform the University’s capacity to undertake international level research on effective governance in at least six main ways:

1. ANZSIG will provide the research capability and infrastructure to enhance competitive grant capture and research outputs to an international class;

2. ANZSIG will strengthen the University’s approach to research in a way consistent with changing governance trends and heighten its role as a trusted facilitator helping governments find solutions to real-world policy problems;

3. ANZSIG’s strong working relationships with institutions at the heart of Australian government places it in a position of maximum opportunity for receiving research and other forms of government investment. It also provides the University and its Faculty partners with unique opportunities to promote other professional education and applied research programs;

4. ANZSIG will provide its Faculty partners with a strong organisational focus for governance related research, a clear strategy for producing international class research and focused accountabilities for research performance;

5. ANZSIG’s strategy for developing research excellence will provide its members with a range of high quality research development services and engagement opportunities underpinned by a rigorous research planning and monitoring approach providing fertile conditions for high research performance; and

6. ANZSIG’s strategy for establishing a centre of excellence for research student development promises to improve the quality of the research student body, increase completion rates and enhance the quality of student theses.

This value proposition is reflected in the Institute’s core mission to create and sustain an international class research institution for the study and practice of governance encompassing public policy, management and delivery themes and its further objectives.

Objectives

1. To create an atmosphere supportive of research.

2. To provide opportunities for the development of ideas.

3. To be intellectually inclusive.

4. To involve and encourage our research students.

5. To do all we can to help one another in our research and professional development activities.

6. To enable our scholars to produce research of high international and/or domestic reputation through the provision of high quality research support systems.

7. To facilitate research and professional development which delivers genuine public value.

8. To provide international leading graduate education and professional development.

9. To be reflexive to key developments in the field of action through the provision of a neutral space for bringing together experts from academia, practice and the private and third sectors to problem-solve on critical governance issues.

10. To deliver the highest quality membership services.
Academic Fellows

Academic fellows are entitled to the following levels of support

1. Institute fellow status and membership of a research program;
2. Access to all Institute research activities (e.g. conferences, seminars and symposia) and public service networks;
3. Support services (research support office, policy translation program and research mentoring program);
4. Further opportunities for advanced methodological training;
5. Access to research support funds;
6. Access to conferencing fund;
7. Opportunities for paper presentations and feedback through our Research Development Workshop and Institute lunch-time seminar series;
8. Support for conference and symposia development;
9. Access to research communications; and,
10. Other web based services provided through the Institute’s new website.

Academic fellows are required to:

1. Produce research outputs commensurable with the objective of achieving a ‘3’ ranking at the next ERA exercise;
2. Meet the imperatives of the Institute’s research strategy;
3. Facilitate interdisciplinary or disciplinary research culture where appropriate including attendance at research development workshops and symposia in areas of self-defined research interest;
4. Foster national and/or international research collaboration (as determined by the capacity of the Program Team) including the development of networks with high quality overseas academics;
5. Attract research income from national and international sources for class 1, 2, & 3 sources of research funding;
6. Attract high quality research students;
7. Contribute to conferencing activity in areas of research strength;
8. Contribute to research training programs where appropriate and desirable; and,
9. Help to maintain other web based services provided through the Institute’s website.

Early career researchers must demonstrate potential to meet obligations 1, 4 and 5 to become full fellows.

Research Student Fellows

All research students studying topics related to FOR codes 1605 and 1606 are also eligible for full fellowship until completion of their studies.

Research student fellows are required to:

1. Attend research development workshops and symposia in areas of self-defined research interest;
2. Contribute to building the Institute’s research culture through seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences and other events; and,
3. Help to maintain other web based services provided through the Institute’s website.
Research Development
And Engagement Activities
Background

The Institute provides a neutral space for bringing together experts from academia, practice and the private and third sectors to problem-solve on critical governance issues. ANZSIG Fellows are warmly invited to participate in the engagement activities as they are a vital component of the ANZSIG research culture.

Being a trusted knowledge broker on governance and government issues is a major objective of the Institute. Therefore the Institute aims to deliver a multifaceted program of seminars, workshops and events to engage our network of research and public members and partners in discussions at the nexus of research and practice.

Research Engagement Activities

Research Seminar Series
The Research Seminar Series provides a forum to share the findings of governance-related research of broad public interest. Notable Australian and international speakers regularly present original research in an engaging and accessible manner. ANZSIG Fellows are also encouraged to present their research findings through this avenue.

Research Seminars are typically held bimonthly on Wednesdays from 12.30pm and details of these seminars can be found on the ANZSIG website.

Parliamentary Triangle Seminar Series
Parliamentary Triangle Seminars are high profile seminars on specialist topics. They bring together internationally renowned experts from a range of fields to discuss a significant issue in governance. Previous seminars have featured prominent speakers such as the Governor-General of Australia, Quentin Bryce, and of Professor Gerry Stoker, Director of the Centre for Citizenship, Globalisation and Governance, University of Southampton.

Research e-Bulletin
The ANZSIG Research Development Office publishes a quarterly research bulletin. The research bulletin features upcoming grant opportunities, research development workshops, and other support services. In addition, the research bulletin celebrates the research publications and other outcomes from the Fellows at ANZSIG. All Fellows are invited to share any relevant research items of relevance to the Institute.

The Institute's engagement activities include a broad range of seminars, workshops and conferences on governance themes in partnership with a number of external agencies including

- Australian Public Service Commission
- The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
- Institute of Public Administration Australia, Minter Ellison
- The Research School of Social Sciences at the ANU, and
- Treasury

Talking Heads
Talking Heads is a platform for research engagement at ANZSIG. Significant governance researchers are interviewed by ANZSIG Fellows, and professionally recorded and uploaded on the ANZSIG website, creating an accessible platform for the dissemination of research.

Shoot for the Moon Workshops
The purpose of the Institute’s ‘Shoot for the Moon’ workshops is to provide a forum for scoping new research projects with the aim of providing detailed theoretical and methodological feedback to the researcher. Workshops consist of a brief presentation followed by an extended discussion period. An outline is provided for each of the sessions to be read in advance. Research students and academic staff pursuing governance related research are encouraged to participate in this valuable forum.
Research Funding
Research Funding

ANZSIG is committed to produce high quality research outputs with genuine public value.

A number of internal funding opportunities are available to support ANZSIG Fellows with the view of enhancing the quality of research outputs and expanding the Institute’s capacity to secure external funding. These include:

- Conference Funding Scheme
- Visiting Fellows Scheme
- Flexible Research Funds Scheme

ANZSIG Research Development Office

In addition to financial support, ANZSIG offers extensive administrative support to all ANZSIG Research Fellows.

The ANZSIG Research Development Office has been established from March 2012 and can provide Fellows with support in preparing grant applications, complying with report requirements, and identifying key funding sources that may suit your research interests and expertise.

Mission

"to create and sustain an international world class research institution for the study and practice of governance encompassing public policy and public management themes."
Conference Funding Scheme
Background

These funds provide support to academic staff to participate in well regarded academic conferences. Although attendance at conferences for academic staff is considered an important component for learning about and disseminating new research, ANZSIG does not provide financial support for attendance alone and acceptance and delivery of a paper is a necessary prerequisite for ANZSIG funding.

Financial Support For Conferences

The ANZSIG Conference Funding Scheme offers the following levels of financial support:

National or local conferences: $2000
International conferences: $5000

The financial support available for staff conference attendance is based on the following:

- ANZSIG will endeavour to pay for travel, registration, accommodation and breakfast up to allowed limits.
- It is expected that all these costs will be incurred at the least expensive rate possible e.g. book travel early, obtain early bird registration fee, accommodation less than or equal to the University of Canberra’s allocated amounts and meals at reasonable cost.
- Where there are multiple authors on a paper normally only one will be supported for conference attendance.
- If there are a large number of equally eligible applicants (see eligibility section 3), ANZSIG may find it necessary to make a flat rate allocation of funds.
- Applicants who have access to other funds, e.g., University incentive payments for publications, consultancy, OSP or similar revenues, are expected to draw on such funds to contribute to the additional costs of conference attendance. For second and subsequent applications in a calendar year there is an expectation that such funds will be drawn down in the first instance with ANZSIG support offered as a supplement.
- Successful applicants are required to acknowledge ANZSIG in writing in all presentations prepared for the conference.
- Successful applicants will be required to provide an electronic copy of their presentation within 1 month of return from the conference and offer a seminar in the ANZSOG lunchtime seminar series.
Eligibility For Financial Support

All continuing and fixed-term, full-time and part-time academic staff at ANZSIG and postgraduate students who have a primary supervisor affiliated with ANZSIG are eligible for financial support. Note that this does not include casual or sessional staff members.

Applications will be assessed by an ANZSIG Conference Committee on a regular basis and priority for funding support will be based on the following criteria (in priority order):

1. Applicants presenting papers which are likely to lead to quality publications in high impact relevant research outputs and/or applicants that can demonstrate that the paper presentation/conference attendance will contribute to their growing track record for the purposes of ARC grant applications (or other major external funding scheme);
2. Early Career researchers presenting papers which are likely to lead to quality publications in high impact relevant research outputs and/or applicants that can demonstrate that the paper presentation/conference attendance will contribute to her/him growing track record for the purposes of ARC grant applications (or other major external funding scheme);
3. Postgraduate students who are presenting papers which demonstrably advance their progress towards completion; and
4. Applicants who are invited speakers or chairpersons who receive no to minimal financial support from the conference organisers. Chairpersons who do not present papers will only be funded on rare occasions and subject to available funds.

The Conference Committee will also consider the following:

- Applicants who have received minimal to no financial support in the previous year will be considered as a priority;
- If the applicant is also a member of another research school or faculty, they must clearly demonstrate that the conference travel will be related to their research conducted at ANZSIG;
- The quality and reputation of the conference attended and the relevance of the conference to the applicant’s work.

The Application Process

Application forms

Application forms can be collected from the ANZSIG Research Development Office. Application forms with supporting documentation including a memo addressed to the Director of ANZSIG and should be submitted electronically to the ANZSIG Research Development Office for collation by the advised deadline.

Consideration of application

Five meetings of the Conference Committee will be held per year for allocation of financial support (i.e. early in March, May, July, September and November). Staff will be reminded one month in advance of the deadline date for submission of applications. Applicants who are successful will be informed in writing within one week after the Conference Committee meets.
Claiming financial support (Travel Forms)

Financial support is approved through University Travel Forms (available from the ANZSIG Research Development Office). All staff participating in staff conference activities must complete a Travel Form regardless of where the conference/course is held. Expenses should not be incurred without prior approval and no guarantee is made that they will be paid retrospectively where prior approval has not been obtained.

The claim submitted for financial assistance must reflect any amounts received towards expenses from other sources. It is the responsibility of the receiver of funds to inform the ANZSIG Director in writing if funds are received from other sources following this application.

A conference report detailing progress towards publication outcomes from conference attendance must be submitted within one month of conference attendance. Staff must show evidence to verify their involvement in the professional activity for which they receive funding. A registration receipt (or equivalent) is acceptable and must be forwarded to the ANZSIG Research Development Officer within one month of attendance together with a UC Travel Diary if travel has been for more than six days.
Background Information

The Visiting Fellows Scheme at ANZSOG Institute for Governance at the University of Canberra (UC) is part of the Institute’s mission to produce international leading research in governance which deepens theory, advances knowledge and improves practice. The Visiting Fellows Scheme is specifically aimed at supporting and hosting local and international scholars wishing to undertake research at the ANZSOG Institute for Governance.

The maximum contribution for travel and accommodation is AUD $7,000.

This Fellowship is for a period between two weeks and three months. The grant can be used towards economy airfares and accommodation for the Visiting Fellow. This financial assistance is not a salary replacement.

The Visiting Fellows Scheme is offered to enhance the research capacity of ANZSIG and introduce new ideas. It is not intended to replace central funding sources.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for alternative and/or supplementary funding sources, such as the Distinguished Visitors Program through the Research Services Office at UC.

Research Themes

ANZSIG supports Visiting Fellows with expertise within the Institute’s broad research themes. Applications from scholars interested in these themes are welcome. Please note that while priority is accorded to applications addressing these themes, proposals outside these themes will also be considered.

The Institute’s broad research themes are
- Public Policy
- Management and Delivery
Conditions of Fellowships

If successful, Visiting Fellows must be in residence at ANZSIG throughout the duration of their fellowship.

The Visiting Fellowship offers do not constitute an offer of employment with the University.

Visiting Fellows and scholars are provided with office space and a networked computer providing access to the Internet and email. The Institute also provides some administrative support. In addition, Visiting Fellows and scholars are welcome to make use of the University’s libraries.

The visitor must be currently engaged in academic or applied research. It is expected that they will add value to the research culture of the university by:

- Engaging in collaborative research with ANZSIG fellows leading to publication
- Giving at least one lecture that is advertised to the university research community
- Participating in HDR student and ECR workshops or discussion groups
- Engaging in bids for external funding
- Engaging in joint conference activities; and,
- Other activities that enrich the research and intellectual culture of the URC.

Selection Criteria

Proposals will be assessed by a sub-committee of the ANZSIG Research Committee. Criteria which will be used to make assessments are:

1. The research credentials (CV) of the suggested visitor (50%)
2. The relevance of the visitor to the research program at ANZSIG (20%)  
3. The planned programs in which the visitor will participate and their ability to add value to the research culture of the Institute (10%)
4. Evidence of existing collaborations or the likelihood of new collaborations arising from the visit (10%)
5. The value of the visit to the university research community in terms of promoting UC research activities (5%)
6. Appropriateness of budget justification (5%)

Application forms can be collected from the ANZSIG Research Development Office
Flexible Research Funds Scheme
Background Information

These guidelines set out the requirements and process for requesting discretionary funding from the Director of ANZSIG.

The flexible research funds scheme is established to provide a flexible support structure for small research projects, preparation of large grant applications, support for publication writing, and other forms of assistance that fall outside other categories of support.

The maximum amount of funding available for one application is $5,000.

Application Guide
Requests should be justified in terms of their contribution to research at ANZSIG, covering future funding opportunities, research outputs, including publications and/or creative works, and collaborative links and partnerships.

The Application Process

- Discuss your proposal with the Director of ANZSIG.
- Complete the request for discretionary funding application.
- Request for discretionary funding to be delivered to the Research Development Office.
- The Director will consider applications and normally will make a decision within a fortnight of receipt of requests.

Applications should not exceed 2 pages and must cover:
- Project details (title, short outline)
- Funding requested from ANZSIG
- Funding requested from other sources
- Any funding to be provided by any other organisation
- Justification including reference to outputs, income and personnel

Templates are available from the ANZSIG Research Development Office.

Reporting and Conditions of Award

Future internal funding from any internal research funding scheme is conditional on meeting the reporting obligations associated with any discretionary funding provided by ANZSIG.

A final report must be submitted to the Research Development Officer within six months of completion of the grant term (as specified in the letter of offer). This report must specifically address the outputs as presented in the original application.
Background Information

In order to advance the study and practice of public administration, the Institute of Public Administration Australia and the University of Canberra have jointly established a Research Trust Fund.

A separate brochure provides information about procedures for making tax-deductible donations or bequests to the Fund, which are very welcome and will be gratefully acknowledged. The brochure can be collected from the Research Development Office.

Grants are made annually for the conduct of research studies and other projects in public administration and for the publication of articles in refereed journals or monographs ensuing from such research studies or projects. While publication in such outlets is preferable, the committee would consider other forms of publication. A primary objective is the stimulation of original research in the field.

A Joint Committee has been established to administer the Fund and to approve research studies and other projects to be financed from the Fund. Inquiries may be directed to members of the Committee.

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ANZSIG Membership
Types of Membership

There are three forms of membership of the Institute – academic fellowship, associate member, and professional associate. Membership of the ANZSOG Institute commits a member of staff into a funding arrangement between the Institute and their Faculty, however it does not preclude anybody from joining another University Research Centre or Faculty Research Centre.

Academic Fellowships
Fellowships are awarded to research active faculty members and research students producing ERA ranked research in the following FOR codes:
- 1605 Policy and administration; and
- 1606 Political science.
We would also be delighted to host researchers from related disciplines whose research straddles disciplinary boundaries. For example, researchers in applied economics or public finance.

Associate member status
Associate status is awarded to staff pursuing governance related scholarship who wish to participate in the Institute’s research development activities to support their teaching activities. This will provide them with access to seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences and other events. It will also afford access to other web based research services. It will not provide access to conference or research development funding.

Associate fellows are required to:
- contribute to building the Institute’s research culture through seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences and other events;
- contribute to research training programs where appropriate and desirable; and,
- help to maintain other web based research services provided through the Institute’s website.

Professional associate status
Professional associate status is awarded to non academic Institute members. This will provide them with access to seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences and other events. It will not provide access to conference or research development funding.

Professional associates are required to contribute to:
- building the Institute’s research culture through seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences and other events;
- the development of the Institute’s professional networks where appropriate and desirable;
- the development of professional engagement activities; and,
- the maintenance of other web based professional engagement services provided through the Institute’s website.

Review of membership status
Academic Fellow status will be determined by a panel consisting of the ANZSIG Director, the stakeholder Deans and Associate Deans for Research.

The performance of Academic Fellows in terms of their contribution to the Institute’s research strategy will be monitored annually through normal PDR processes and formally every three years by an Institute panel comprised of the Director, Dean and Program Coordinator.

Associate and Professional Associate member status will be will be determined by a panel consisting of the ANZSIG Director, the ANZSIG Executive Officer and ANZSIG’s professional engagement advisor (currently Professor Meredith Edwards) and reviewed every three years by the same panel.
ANZSIG’s Mission:
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