

Guidelines – SIEF Medium Equipment Program

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Table 1 – Eligibility Criteria

Eligibility Criteria	Definition
1. Lead Applicant must be CSIRO	
2. Proposed equipment must be located at a CSIRO site	The asset must be owned by CSIRO and located on an approved CSIRO site
3. Equipment must be for 'scientific Research'	Funding will only be available for equipment that facilitates activities that fall under the definition of 'Research' (refer Frascati Manual) Includes all monies outlined in the Funding Agreement (including co-investment)
4. Application must be endorsed by the designated delegate of CSIRO; Application must also be endorsed by any other Collaborating Organisations	The designated CSIRO delegate for matters relating to SIEF is Hazel Bennett. CSIRO will undertake a rigorous internal review process prior to endorsement by the designated CSIRO delegate. Endorsement by any Collaborating Organisation must be by a delegate with an appropriate level of authority to commit any co-investment outlined should the Application be successful.

Table 2 – Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria	Definition
1. Alignment with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. SIEF Primary Purpose and justification for SIEF support b. National Science and Research Priority areas 	Why publically funded support? Why is it not being funded by industry? National benefit? Refer Webpage and/or Factsheet
2. Demonstration of high benefit and impact	Capacity to enable ground breaking or cutting-edge new science. Degree of projected positive impact on enhancing capacity and capability.
3. Demonstration of effective use of resources	Extent to which the proposed equipment complements existing facilities within and across: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CSIRO Business Units • CSIRO sites • the NIS ie added capacity/capability rather than straight duplication

Assessment Criteria	Definition
<p>4. Evidence of the level of collaboration the equipment will engender</p> <p>Why is the equipment important for industry?</p> <p>Description and evidence of availability for use by other players in the research system (including non-collaborators)</p>	<p>Description and evidence (preferably including co-application) of the level of collaboration the equipment will engender.</p> <p>How will this help industry (either directly or through research collaboration)?</p> <p>Subject to appropriate safety and other operational requirements.</p> <p>This may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • operating model/accessibility • governance such as accountability and reporting
<p>5. Finances</p> <p>Co-investment</p> <p>Ongoing additional support for operating and maintenance</p>	<p>SIEF request must be between \$250,000 and \$2,000,000</p> <p>Purchase and commissioning to be completed within 24 months of Funding Agreement execution.</p> <p>Minimal 1:1 ratio of SIEF to Applicant(s) cash investment for purchase of equipment.</p> <p>The request outlined in the application will be the maximum SIEF will provide, however, Applicants are encourage to negotiate best price should they be successful. If a better price is negotiated then the Applicants are permitted to come back and SIEF may consider additional items to extend the equipment requested (noting ratio of SIEF: co-investment must remain at least 1:1).</p> <p>Operating and maintenance (including labour) are <u>not</u> eligible as co-investment in the MEP.</p> <p>Evidence of ongoing additional support for operating and maintenance – this may include, for example, commitment to 3 years of in-kind support and/or maintenance contracts.</p>