Commonwealth of Australia

*Higher Education Support Act 2003*

**OTHER GRANTS GUIDELINES**

Making of Guidelines pursuant to section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*

I, JULIE BISHOP, Minister for Education, Science and Training, pursuant to section 238-10 of the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*, make the attached amendment to the Other Grants Guidelines for the purposes of Part 2-3 of the Act.

Dated this 9th day of May 2006.

JULIE BISHOP
Minister for Education, Science and Training
Amendments to Other Grants Guidelines

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GUIDELINES FOR OTHER GRANTS

Amendment Number 7

(i) CITATION

These guidelines may be cited as Amendment Number 7 to the Other Grants Guidelines.

(ii) AUTHORITY

These guidelines are made under section 238-10 of the Higher Education Support Act 2003.

(iii) DATE OF EFFECT

These guidelines shall take effect the day after registration on the Federal Register of Legislative Instruments.
PURPOSE

- The purpose of these guidelines is to amend the Other Grants Guidelines made on 13 August 2004.
- The Other Grants Guidelines are amended as follows:

Delete Chapter 9 entitled “Grants to Foster Collaboration and Reform in Higher Education” and insert the following text:

CHAPTER 9 GRANTS TO FOSTER COLLABORATION AND REFORM IN HIGHER EDUCATION

9.1 Purpose

9.1.1 The purpose of this chapter is to specify the Collaboration and Structural Reform Fund (“CASR”) as a programme, beginning in 2005, from which grants to foster collaboration and reform in higher education may be paid, in accordance with subsection 41-15(1) of the Act, and to specify some of the matters listed in paragraphs 41-15(2)(a) to (f) of the Act.

9.5 Program Objectives

9.5.1 The objective of CASR is to achieve better higher education outcomes in teaching, learning, research and innovation by promoting structural reform and collaboration in the sector.

9.5.5 Structural reform involves large scale change that aims to significantly improve performance and the achievement of outcomes at the level of individual institutions or the higher education system as a whole.

9.5.10 Collaboration can occur for a range of purposes and in a variety of ways including:

(a) among universities;
(b) between universities and other education and training providers;
(c) between universities and business and industry;
(d) between universities and their regional or local communities, and other organisations including local and state or territory governments.

9.10 Total Programme Funds and Allocation

9.10.1 In this chapter, the total amount of funds available for allocation under CASR in any particular year is referred to as the “Allocation”, calculated in accordance with paragraph 9.10.2.

9.10.5 The Allocation will be $18.920 million in 2006 and $11.143 million in 2007, plus:

(a) some or all of the Allocation for the immediately preceding year that was not used in that year, subject to the Act and any relevant approvals of the Minister and the Prime Minister; and

(b) indexation calculated in accordance with Part 5-6 of the Act.
9.15 Allocation of Grants

9.15.1 In each year the Allocation will be available for:

(a) meeting existing CASR funding commitments for the year;
(b) grants in response to proposals invited by the Department (a maximum of two rounds will be conducted per year); and
(c) grants in response to proposals outside the submission-based rounds referred to in 9.15.1(b) that address specific priorities set by the Minister from time to time.

9.15.5 Grants will be made only in response to proposals that are consistent with the objectives of the programme and strategically address the programme priorities.

9.15.10 CASR grants may be made in respect of a project or in respect of a year.

9.15.15 All CASR Grants will be subject to the Minister’s approval (under section 41-20 of the Act), and the Minister's determination in writing of:

(a) the amount of the grant (under sub-section 41-30(b) of the Act); and
(b) the conditions of the grant (under sub-paragraph 41-25(b)(i) of the Act).

9.20 Organisations that are eligible for CASR Grants

9.20.1 Table A Providers and the following bodies corporate are eligible for CASR grants:

(i) Australian Vice-Chancellors’ Committee;
(ii) Business/Higher Education Round Table Limited;
(iii) General Sir John Monash Foundation;
(iv) Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia;
(v) Australian Academy of the Humanities;
(vi) Australian Universities Quality Agency Limited;
(vii) The Australian Council for Educational Research Limited;
(viii) Australian Chamber of Commerce and Industry;
(ix) Business Council of Australia;
(x) Australian Industry Group;
(xi) Council for the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences;
(xii) Gippsland Education Precinct Inc; and
(xiii) TRISH MS Company Limited

9.20.5 Other bodies corporate may apply for funding. If successful, payment of a grant will be subject to amendment of these Guidelines in accordance with the Act to include them in the list of eligible bodies corporate.

9.25 Application Process

9.25.1 Applications must be submitted on the CASR application form available through the Department’s website at www.dest.gov.au/casr