

Delegation Schedule 4 – Research and Innovation (R&I)

- (1) Irrespective of the delegated authority set out below, any high-risk research contracts must be referred to DVC R&I for approval and signature following review by the RMIT Risk Management Team. A high risk contract is a contract with high rated risks in accordance with the RMIT Risk Matrix that, if they eventuated would have the potential to cause serious harm to RMIT, its staff and students, the public, the relevant research community or RMIT's property including intellectual property and includes financial, operational, reputational, safety and legal risks.
- (2) Where a Research and Innovation contract is required to be entered in by an RMIT international controlled entity under relevant country law, the delegations for approval as set out in this Schedule 4 apply. For RMIT Vietnam, the DVC International and Engagement signs approved research and innovation contracts.
- (3) *National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) and Australian Research Council (ARC) funding agreements with non-negotiable, generic terms and conditions with an annual review of the funding agreements by Legal Services Group.

| DOA | VC | DVC R&I | Executive Director Research Strategy Services | Director, Research Services | Executive Director Research Partnerships and Translation | Director, Research Training Services/ ADVC Research Training and Development |
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| Approve and sign competitive grant agreements, deeds and variations | >\$5m and ≤10 years | \$5m and ≤5 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | - | - |
| Approve and sign research agreements, deeds and variations | >\$5m and ≤10 years | \$5m and ≤5 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | \$100k and ≤3 years | - | - |
| Accept and sign ARC and NHMRC grant agreements* | \$10m and ≤10 years | <\$10m and ≤5 years | \$1m and ≤3 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | - | - |
| Approve tender submissions by RMIT for R&I activities | >\$5m and ≤10 years | \$5m and ≤5 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | \$250k and ≤3 years | - | - |
| Approve the provision or receipt of materials (not IP) | >\$5m and ≤10 years | \$5m and ≤5 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | - | - |
| Approve and sign other research contracts not covered elsewhere | >\$5m and ≤10 years | \$5m and ≤5 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | - | - |
| Approve and sign Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) agreements or deeds | >\$5m and ≤10 years | \$5m and ≤5 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | - | - |

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| Approve and sign research related IP agreements including assignments, data transfer, registration licencing or commercialisation | >\$5m and ≤10 years | \$5m and ≤5 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | \$500k and ≤3 year | - |
| Approve and sign the grant of scholarships (via agreements or deeds) | >\$5m and ≤10 years | \$5m and ≤5 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | \$500k and ≤3 years | - | - |
| Approve and sign HDR student participation agreements, collaborative training agreements & internships | - | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |