

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE DISCOVERY GRANTS (NIDG)

Changes to Grant Guidelines
for funding commencing in 2026

Version 1

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1. Introduction

Research Grants Services (RGS), Australian Research Council (ARC), on behalf of the Office of National Intelligence (ONI), is conducting a Grant Opportunity for the *National Intelligence Discovery Grants (NIDG)* Program for funding commencing in 2026 [EIID26/ID26], focusing on the Intelligence Challenges.

Please note that the NIDG program was formerly known as the *National Intelligence and Security Discovery Research Grants (NISDRG)* program. The updated *NIDG Grant Guidelines* and this document incorporate this name change.

This document provides a summary of changes to the *NIDG Grant Guidelines* (Round 6 EIID26/ID26) from the *NIDG Grant Guidelines* (Round 5 EINI25/NI25).

Relevant information on changes to the Grant Guidelines is provided for grant applicants and/or Administering Organisations for NIDG (ID26). Please note this document is intended to be a high-level summary and may not capture all changes in the Grant Guidelines.

2. Summary Table of Changes

Refer to the table below for a summary of the main changes to the Grant Guidelines for the **NIDG (EIID26/ID26)** grant opportunity:

Topic	NIDG requirement	Grant Guidelines Clause(s)	Grant Agreement Clause(s)
Intelligence Challenges	applications to address at least one and <i>maximum three</i> of the updated <i>Intelligence Challenges</i>	Clause 4.1	<i>refer Intelligence Challenges document</i>
Eligible Organisations	addition Adelaide University to list of eligible organisations	Clause 4.7 and 4.8 (Table 2)	Clause A2.2.7
Eligibility Criteria	Provide ONI details of all professional affiliations, non-Australian sources of funding (past and present)	Clause 4.17 d	Clause A2.2.9 f
Successful Grant Applications	A copy of the approved ethics plan must be provided in the KPI report after the grant commencement date.	Clause 11.7	Clause A2.1.1 a
How we monitor your Grant activity	You must advise ONI of all unnamed personnel working on Your project as soon as they are recruited.	Clause 13.6	Clause A2.2.8 e

3. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Organisations

With the upcoming merger of the University of Adelaide and University of South Australia, we have included Adelaide University as an Eligible Organisation.

4.7 If:

- a. an EOI or full application (or both) was submitted pursuant to these grant guidelines by either the University of Adelaide or the University of South Australia (collectively, 'Previous Universities') during the period that the Adelaide University was being established and becoming operational; and
- b. at the time that We award grants pursuant to these grant guidelines, the Project Leader on the application has transferred from one of the Previous Universities to the Adelaide University,

then We may award the grant to the Adelaide University.

Eligibility Criteria

All participants named in an application must declare all past and present affiliations with international organisations or governments. This includes any funding received and collaborations in publications.

- 4.17 d Provide ONI details of all professional affiliations, non-Australian sources of funding (past and present), and publications.

4. Successful Grant Applications

All successful projects must attach a copy of the Ethics plan to the KPI Report when the project commences. The KPI report will be available to Lead CI's once the Grant has been approved and created in RMS.

Responsible ethical and research practices

- 11.7 An ethics plan must be in place prior to the commencement of the project in line with the Grant Agreement. A copy of the approved ethics plan must be provided in the KPI report after the grant commencement date.

5. How We monitor Your grant activity

All personnel working on an ONI Grant must meet the eligibility criteria of Australian citizens, Australian Permanent Residents or New Zealand Special Category Visa holders. All un-named personnel recruited to the project must provide documentation to ONI showing they meet this criterion.

Keeping Us informed

- 13.6 You must advise ONI of all personnel working on Your project (un-named in the application) as soon as they are recruited with copies of identification documents provided to ONI (NIDG@oni.gov.au). All personnel working on Your project must meet the Grant eligibility requirement.