



Australian Research Data Commons

Humanities, Arts and Social Science Research Data Commons and Indigenous Research Capability Project Plan Evaluation Criteria

- Project plans for the HASS RDC and indigenous research capabilities program should clearly address the NCRIS principles.
- The project plan will demonstrate that the activity will contribute to a coherent, national HASS RDC that has impactful application for the wider Humanities, Arts, Social Sciences and Indigenous Research community.
- Project plans should display robust proposal planning including the maximisation of the use or re-use of existing research infrastructure, platforms, tools, services, data storage and compute.
- Project plans should display integrated infrastructure layers with other HASS RDC activities, in particular by linking together elements such as data storage, tools, authentication, licensing, networks, cloud and high-performance computing, and access to data resources for reuse.
- Project plans should demonstrate that the HASS RDC will provide the HASS and indigenous research communities with new tools and techniques to improve the quality, timeliness, range and depth of advice able to be provided to the government in the pursuit of data-driven economic, social, and cultural policies.
- Project plans should clearly demonstrate that they enable collaboration and build communities across geographically dispersed research groups through facilitated sharing of high-quality data, particularly for computational analysis; the development of new platforms for collaboration and sharing; and, the encouragement of innovative methodologies through the use of analytic tools.
- Project plans should provide detail on how the proposed development will lower barriers to the uptake of digital research infrastructure and use of best-practice tools, data and analytics by reducing complexity for end-users.
- Project plans must include a demonstrated commitment to ongoing community development to ensure the sustainability of the development is vital. The deliverables will act as ongoing national research infrastructure. They must be broadly usable by more than just the project partners and serve as input to a wide range of research.

- Project plans will include resources to increase Australia's skilled research workforce. Effective and sustainable digital infrastructure requires workforce development programs, supported by sustainable communities, to create an environment that supports and capitalises on the data collections, collaborative platforms and underlying infrastructure.
- Project plans should include development that will enable the ability to demonstrate impact through numbers of users, numbers of groups served, numbers of institutions, infrastructure activity, number of citations, numbers of publications and efficiency savings.
- Project plans should include information pertaining to co-investment contributions from partner organisations at a ratio of 1:1.
- Project plans should include an international collaborator or relationship, connecting Australian researchers and collections with international infrastructures, and/or creating new collaboration opportunities and encouraging global awareness of Australian research and activity.
- Where possible project plans should improve opportunities for Australian researchers working on challenges that impact our region, including the ability for Australian collections and research to work in partnership with our Pacific neighbours.
- Project plans should address the implementation of appropriate governance of indigenous data, making data about and collected by Indigenous communities as open as possible and as closed as necessary.
- Project plans must be robust and contribute to the HASS RDC as a coherent whole that capitalises on existing data collections, adheres to the F.A.I.R. principles, develops collaborative tools, utilises shared underlying infrastructure and has appropriate governance planning.
- Project plans must address each of the F.A.I.R. principles individually and in detail to ensure that data is as high quality as possible, and to situate it as a trusted research input and output.
- Project plans, and project leads in particular, should demonstrate the research leadership that will foster and encourage the uptake and use of the HASS RDC.
- The plan to achieve the project deliverables must be clearly characterised.