1. **Purpose of the Near Miss Grants**
   - To enhance the ability of researchers to compete for funds from external granting bodies and/or to commercialise research.
   - This Scheme offers funding for an unsuccessful application made to an external body (not affiliated with Flinders University) in the year 2013 for utilisation in 2014. Funding body must have provided feedback and/or scores. Evidence needs to be provided that the application was a “near miss” for funding – i.e. the application was favourably reviewed but fell just short of the cut off for funding.
   - Normally the funds awarded will not exceed $20,000.

2. **Eligibility**
   - Chief Investigator A (CIA) on Near Miss application **must** be CIA on the original grant.
   - To be eligible for funding CIA **must**
     - either be an Academic Staff member in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences or hold Academic Status in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Flinders University;
     - if CIA is **not** an Academic Staff member in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences, or holder of Academic Status in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Flinders University but is a Flinders University staff member, they are eligible to apply **only for Flinders Medical Centre Foundation (FMCF) grant** and must comply with all other scheme eligibility requirements including additional FMCF criteria and must select the FMCF check box when the online application is initiated. Additional FMCF criteria are located [here](#).
   - If the application is to be considered for funding by Flinders Fertility (FF) it **must** comply with all other scheme eligibility requirements including additional Flinders Fertility criteria and the FF check box must be selected when the application is initiated. Additional Flinders Fertility criteria is located [here](#).
   - PhD students cannot apply for funds as a CIA and cannot be Investigators on applications seeking funding for Research associated with their PhD project.
   - Requests for additional research student maintenance funds (RSM) (over and above the RSM allocation to each student) should be made as part of the supervisor’s application.
   - A researcher can only apply as CIA for **either** a Top Up, a Seeding or a Near Miss Grant application. This includes applications where the supervisor is requesting additional funds for a postgraduate research student(s).
   - A project can only be funded once.
   - All Flinders University researchers listed on the original application as Chief Investigators **must** be listed on the Near Miss application as Chief Investigators.
   - Applications from groups of collaborating investigators are encouraged. However, to help ensure that the available funds benefit research widely in the Faculty, multiple applications with essentially the same group of Chief Investigators will be given a lower priority for funding.
   - **Projects funded by the DVC(R) Near Miss Grants are ineligible for a Faculty / FMC Foundation Near Miss Grant.**
   - Grants will **not** be available to support teaching per se or assessment of teaching programs.
3. Items considered for funding
   - Direct Research Costs
   - Minor equipment
   - Project-related travel
   - Salary contributions are not normally to be used for cost shifting or backfilling of existing positions.

4. Criteria for the assessment of applications
   - Scientific quality, significance and feasibility of the proposal.
   - The strength and clarity of the budget justification.
   - The track record of all Chief Investigators (past 3 years).
   - Strategic benefit of the research.
   - Consideration will be given to: the existence of funding for other projects; the record of previous external funding; and the likelihood of regaining external funding in the near future.
   - How effectively funds allocated for grants in previous years for all CI’s have led to outcomes.

5. Application and Submission process
   - Applications are to be commenced and completed online by CIA and can be accessed using your standard Flinders University FAN and password to log on at the following link (scheme specific Guidelines are provided here also):
   - User Manual for the online application and submission process is available here.

6. Attachments
   - The external grant application including the background, research plan and original budget, also include a summary of all Investigators on the grant
   - All referees or panel comments and your responses, if available
   - The final advising letter sent to you from the granting body to which you submitted your original grant.
   - The above documents are to be combined as a single pdf document and uploaded as your ‘research plan’ as per the online application process.