

Outside Studies Program 2023

Information Session

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Possible purposes of Outside Studies Program

The Outside Studies Program (OSP) provides academic staff with a period free from normal academic responsibilities (while receiving substantive salary) for the purpose of:

- Developing a research collaboration with a research centre in CBGL (AITI, CSI, JBC)
- pursuing sustained research and scholarly enrichment in another institution or research organisation
- upgrading professional expertise by placement with a government agency, professional organisation or private industry
- gaining experience in teaching and supervision, or course and curriculum development
- enhancing artistic performance and creative growth
- re-training for new roles within the University
- keeping abreast of recent developments and improvements in research techniques
- undertaking studies for the completion of a higher degree.

University's expectations of OSP

The program you undertake should reflect your level of academic appointment.

For example:

- Level A and B academics are expected to undertake programs that enable them to continue to develop within their discipline or profession
- Level C academics are expected to undertake programs that extend their discipline or profession
- Level D and E academics are expected to undertake programs that bring distinction to the University and their discipline or profession.

After a first period of OSP and subsequently, the University expects **evidence of your professional growth** such as a steady output of publications, research funding, teaching achievements, or other relevant material.

Successful OSP applications

Granting of OSP is dependent on:

- Strength of the application
- Ranking of the application, relative to other applications
- Availability of resources to cover applicant's absence
- Operational needs

Strong application → outcomes consistent with College priorities

College priorities

“The OSP is a significant strategic investment by the University and the College, enabling release from regular duties to pursue key areas of academic activity that contribute to and align with the College’s strategic direction and Mission Statement: *We embrace innovative knowledge and practice to tackle the challenges of our time, with a strategic focus on technology, health and social impact.*”

- *Concentration and focus in research*
- *Building links between disciplines and research centres in CBGL*
- *Excellence in teaching*

OSP Application form

Section A: Personal details

A1-A2: applicant details; proposed period of absence

A3: Objectives of program (expected outcomes)

A4: Expected outputs

A5: Outline of program (how objectives will be achieved) – include details of any proposed collaboration with CBGL research centres and say who you talked to.

A7 – A9: previous OSP achievements; publications; CV

A10: financial assistance (including any that you are requesting from CBGL – see [University OSP Policy](#))

A11: Duties that will require covering – You **must** discuss with TPD, HDR coordinator, and other relevant staff

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Sections B & C: Compliance

B1: Dean (Research) or (Education) evaluation

C1: Cover arrangements (checked by Dean P&R)

Processing of applications

Closing date: Friday 15 July 2022
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