



## **PAIR Sulawesi First Call**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **1. Am I eligible to apply for PAIR Sulawesi?**

Researchers from institutions that are partners in PAIR Sulawesi are eligible to apply.

Eligible Indonesian universities: Hasanuddin University, University of Indonesia, Gadjah Mada University, Airlangga University, Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology, IPB University, Bandung Institute of Technology.

Selected regional universities aligned with PAIR Sulawesi's geographical focus will be invited to participate in PAIR. They include: Gorontalo State University, Halu Oleo University, Tadulako University, West Sulawesi University, Sam Ratulangi University, Mulawarman University, Kalimantan Institute of Technology, Pattimura University, Khairun University.

Eligible Australian universities are: Monash University, The University of Melbourne, The University of Queensland.

#### **2. How can I submit an application?**

To apply to be a researcher in PAIR Sulawesi, you should submit an application via the PAIR Portal at <https://pair.unhas.ac.id/>.

In the PAIR Portal you need to create a profile to log in. When you have logged in, you should fill in your personal information and then attach your completed application template. Then submit your application.

#### **3. What information do I need to include in my application?**

You must complete all sections of the researcher application template for your application to be considered. You must include:

- Personal details including title, name, academic level, institution, faculty, email and WhatsApp number.
- The research area you are applying for
- The project topic you are applying for
- Understanding of the research area and project topic (150 words)
- Understanding of the topic issue: (max 400 words)
- Research expertise and track record (400 words)

- International Research Experience (300 words)
- H-index
- Stakeholder engagement and policy impact (400 words)
- Your CV (max 4 pages)

**4. Where can I find information about the project topics?**

Detailed information about the project topics is available in the [Topic Map document](#). The Topic Map provides information that will inform the development of the projects. Use this to select the project you would like to apply for and write the responses for your application.

These topics are guided by PAIR’s previous work in South Sulawesi and consultations with government stakeholders, university partners, and community groups. This ensures the research is demand-driven and responds to relevant development policies and priorities.

**5. How will my application be assessed?**

Your application will be assessed by your institution, which will select two researchers per project to be shortlisted.

Assessment will use the following criteria:

**Selection criteria for Australian and Indonesian researchers**

Number	Criteria for Lead, Co-lead and Partner Investigators	Marking	Weighting
1.	Understanding of the topic issue (applicants should refer to the PAIR topic map for detail on project topics)	1-4	20%
2.	Research expertise and track record relevant to addressing the chosen topic	1-4	20%
3.	Previous experience in international research projects	1-4	20%
4.	Stakeholder engagement and policy impact	1-4	20%
5.	H-index score	1-4	20%

6.	English proficiency (written and verbal)	Meets standard (Yes/No)
7.	Academic level: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead (Coordinator) and co-lead (co-leader): at least Associate Professor level and at least five years since the doctoral degree was awarded.</li> <li>• Partner Investigator: minimum doctoral degree</li> </ul>	Meets standard (Yes/No)

### Marking assessment for Australian and Indonesian researcher application

Mark	Assessment
1	Does not meet requirements
2	Partially meets requirements
3	Meets requirements
4	Exceeds requirements

Shortlisted researchers will be submitted to PAIR for consideration in team formation.

### 6. How will team formation take place?

Each partner institution will provide shortlists of their best researchers as candidates to PAIR. PAIR will then undertake a matching process to form interdisciplinary teams of high-quality Australian and Indonesian researchers in each project.

Shortlisted applicants are mapped according to projects and expertise, and are compared against researchers from other institutions who have applied for the same project.

The PAIR Panel will select the researchers who will be part of each project team, ensuring that each team includes researchers from Australia and Indonesia with:

- Complementary skill sets.
- Strong understanding and expertise in the topic.
- Interdisciplinary mix.

- Gender balance.
- All participating institutions represented across the projects.

After selection is finalised, PAIR will notify applicants of the outcome.

## **7. What happens next after the successful candidates are notified?**

After successful candidates are notified, PAIR will hold induction meetings for each project team to introduce researchers to each other.

Teams will then work together to co-develop their proposals with Impact Partners.

Read the business process in the technical guidelines for further information about proposal co-development and the following steps.

## **8. Can individuals from non-government organisations be included as team members?**

Individuals based at different organisations such as non-government organisations (NGOs) may participate in a project if they have specific skills that are relevant to the project. They cannot be a project co-lead or partner investigator but can participate as a service provider or consultant to the project team. Any participation is subject to the approval of PAIR.

## **9. What is the deadline for submitting my application?**

The deadline is 5pm WIB/ 8pm AEST Thursday 19 September 2024.

## **10. In what format should my application be submitted?**

Your application must be completed and submitted in Word format via the PAIR portal.

## **11. Do I need to indicate whether I am applying to be a co-lead or partner investigator?**

You don't need to indicate what role you are applying for. The PAIR Panel will assign researchers' roles.

## **12. What is the criteria for co-leads and partner investigators?**

Co-leads are minimum Associate Professor level and at least five years out from when their doctoral degree was awarded.

Partner investigators must hold a doctoral degree.

We discourage applications from those who are pursuing further studies, postdoctoral fellowships, sabbatical leave or are engaged in other significant research projects that could impact their time contribution.

Research assistants can be postgraduate students.

The technical guidelines include full details on the criteria and roles of co-leads and partner investigators. Please refer to these for further information.

**13. Who is the coordinator of the project?**

The Indonesian funds will flow through Universitas Hasanuddin (Unhas). Because of this, each project must have a co-lead from Unhas to act as the project coordinator and manage the administration of Indonesian funding.

**14. Can I submit more than one application?**

No, you cannot submit more than one application.

**15. What is the process if I leave my institution during the project?**

If you leave your institution during the project you must notify PAIR. We will then discuss options for transferring your project responsibilities to another researcher.

**16. How much of the RISPRO budget can be allocated for Indonesian researchers' honoraria?**

The budget allocation must not exceed the maximum amount for honoraria for team members. The maximum total Personnel Direct Costs are 30% (thirty percent) of the total RISPRO funding, with the highest cost unit for the honorarium of the research team.

**17. What are the rates for Indonesian researchers' honoraria?**

A: Honoraria for Indonesian researchers must follow the RISPRO costs as below:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Unit cost (inclusive of tax)</b>
Project coordinator (Ketua)	IDR 3,600,000 per month
Co-lead and Partner Investigator	IDR 2,400,000 per month
Research Assistant	IDR 1,500,000 per month

Administration	IDR 820,000 per month
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**18. Can researchers travel to Sulawesi for fieldwork?**

International travel and domestic travel are allowed but must be justified as essential to the project at the proposal stage.

**19. Is stakeholder engagement mandatory?**

Yes, stakeholder engagement is a key aspect of these projects. Your application should outline your approach to engaging relevant stakeholders throughout the research process. These activities must be included in your budget at the proposal stage later (if selected).

**20. Who are the "Impact Partners" mentioned in the project descriptions?**

Impact Partners are key stakeholders and the end-users of your project findings. They will be involved in shaping the research and implementing its findings. While you don't need to establish relationships with these partners at the researcher application stage, you should demonstrate awareness of their role and how you plan to engage with them.

**21. How and when should my team apply for ethics clearance?**

Project coordinators should begin preparing to apply for ethics clearance during proposal development, and be ready to submit the ethics application when the proposal is finalised. Ethics clearance will be done through Hasanuddin University for the Indonesian partners. Australian partners will use the ethics clearance from Unhas to gain approval from their institution.

**22. If I have technical issues or questions about my application, who can I contact?**

If you encounter any technical issues, please contact [pair@australiaindonesiacentre.org](mailto:pair@australiaindonesiacentre.org) for assistance.