

Notes for referees

Applicants are responsible for sending this document, a copy of their research proposal and information about this early- and mid-career digital grants program to a referee who agrees to provide a supporting letter for the application.

The objective of the Regional Collaborations Programme COVID-19 Digital Grants is to support digital collaboration between Australia and an Asia–Pacific regional partner (or partners) to address shared regional challenges that directly or indirectly relate to the response and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Proposals will be assessed on the:

- scientific merit of the research (including the value of the collaboration)
- demonstrated achievements of the applicant in the context of their career to date
- utilising digital resources to work collaboratively with international partner organisations
- value of the expected outcome of the research project to the COVID-19 pandemic response and recovery efforts in Australia and the Asia–Pacific region.

Referees are asked to address the following points in their report.

- Is your field of research the same as the applicant's?
- Discuss your view of the scientific merit of the proposal.
- Describe the appropriateness of the work being conducted with collaborators in the region, and the value of the expected outcome of the research project to Australian science.
- Describe the demonstrated achievements of the applicant in their career to date.
- Declare your connections with the applicant regarding joint publications.

The signed referee report should be on an institution letterhead and sent electronically to the applicant for inclusion in the grant application.