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The 2001 Central Research Allocation budget request has been restructured to include the
Postgraduate Research School and the Institute of Advanced Studies, as well as the usual Research
Support Schemes which now includes the allocation of the former ARC Small Grants Scheme.

1. Research Support Schemes

a. Internal Small Grants Scheme

Funding previously allocated from the Research Quantum and the ARC Small Grants Scheme will
now be allocated to institutions via the Institutional Grants Scheme proposed under the Government
White Paper reforms. The University is committed to continuing an internal small grants scheme and
the Planning and Budget Committee agreed at its June 2000 meeting to set aside $1.2 million for such
a scheme in the 2001 budget.

Recommendation: that $1.2 million be provided in 2001 to support an internal Small Grants Scheme
at UWA.

b. University Postdoctoral Research Fellowships (UPRFs)

UPRF rates are equivalent to the top three points of the level A academic staff salary scale, and in
September 2000 will be in the range $45,030-$48,335 pa, plus 28.68% on-costs. The 2001 budget is
therefore costs at $68,000 pa per fellowship, which includes a $6,000 fellowship support grant and
an allowance for relocation costs of between $3,000-$7,000 for up to three people moving from
interstate or overseas.

In 2000 six UPRFs were awarded from a combination of a University Initiatives Fund (UIF) grant and
CRA reserves, but this was conditional upon the ‘normal’ base of three three-year fellowships being
supported, which is an amount of $612,000.

Recommendation: to fund the ‘normal’ base of three three-year fellowships in 2001 at a cost of
$612,000

c. Re-Entry Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

Re-Entry Postdoctoral Research Fellowships are costing as for the UPRFs at an average rate of $68,000
pa per fellowship.

Recommendation: to fund the current number of two two-year Re-Entry Postdoctoral Research
Fellowships to be supported at any one time in 2001 at a cost of $136,000.

d. Travel for New Staff

In 2000 a total of 20 Supplementary Travel Grants for New Academic Staff were awarded amounting
to $15,000.

Recommendation: that $15,000 be provided in 2001 for Supplementary Travel Grants for New
Academic Staff.

e. UWA Research Awards for Academic Staff

Although the rate of the UWA Research Awards for Academic Staff in the 2001 budget was set at
$13,500 per full-time semester, the Research Committee approved an increase in the amount of the

awards to $14,500 in 2000 in lieu of the increase in academic staff salaries through enterprise agreements.

Recommendation: that $58,000 be provided in 2001 for UWA Research Awards for Academic Staff, based on four semesters full-time release.

f. Fellowship Supplement

The shortfall in funding of ARC and NHMRC Fellow salary levels and UWA salary levels was $128,056 in 1999 and is $128,363 in 2000 (Attachment A). The estimate in 2001 is expected to be higher in previous years because of the award of 13 new ARC Fellowships and 5 new UPRFs in the 2000 round (12 more than average).

Recommendation: that $166,000 be provided in 2001 to fund the salary shortfall of ARC and NHMRC Fellows.

g. Committee Support

Recommendation: that $15,000 be provided in 2001 for committee support, including $5,000 for attendance at Cooperative Research Centre Board meetings.

h. Publications

Recommendation: that $15,000 be provided in 2001 for research publications, including major stories in UniView.

2. Postgraduate Research School

The attached (Attachment B) proposal for the establishment of the Postgraduate Research School includes a 2001 budget which consolidates all associated office and programme expenses. The detailed justification is set out below but at the outset it needs to be highlighted that the request for the recurrent Postgraduate Research and Scholarships Office level 4 staff member of $43,694 is not included in this CRA request; this will be the subject of a separate request to the General Services Resources Committee through the Registrar.

a. Office of the Deen

Recommendation: that $210,746 be provided in 2001 to support the full-time salary of the Dean of $140,552 including on-costs and 20% leading, the full-time salary of a level 3 secretary of $43,694 including on-costs and salary progression, travel and office expenses of $12,000, and subscription costs to the JASON website and the Supervision Development Consortium of $14,000.

b. Postgraduate Education

Recommendation: that $88,556 be provided in 2001 to fund the full-time salary of a lecturer level B Postgraduate Education Officer of $67,666 including on-costs, a postgraduate induction ceremony at a cost of $2,500, and that an additional $20,000 be provided to continue the initiative of a statistics clinic as part of postgraduate student generic skills acquisition.

c. UPAs

The Board of the Postgraduate Research School approved the attached (Attachment C) provisional budget for University Postgraduate Awards (UPAs) in 2001, which maintains the current level of 49 new UPAs per year. The UPAs are costed on an average stipend of $17,000, which represents a living allowance of $16,700 pa plus provision of $300 per UPA for a thesis allowance (this will provide for
approximately 30 theses at an average cost of $830 each). The suggested UPA living allowance is expected to be within $1,000 of the Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) rate.

It should be noted that in 1999 the UPA account was overdrawn by $82,025 and in 2000 there is also expected to be a deficit in this account. In view of this, the budget formulae has been adjusted in 2001 resulting in a significant increase on last year's request:

The Board of the Postgraduate Research School noted concerns about the impact of the Mouse Hepatitis Virus (MHV) on student research projects and has requested consideration of additional funding in future budget requests to assist students whose research has been severely disrupted by MHV.

**Recommendation:** to maintain the current minimum number of 40 new UPAs in 2001 at a rate of $17,000 pa. per award and at a total cost of $2,607,455, with provision of additional funding in future budget proposals to assist students whose research has been severely disrupted by MHV.

d. **Travel Awards**

The Board of the Postgraduate Research School recommended in 1998 that the allocation for Travel Awards for Postgraduate Research Students be set by the formulae of $165 for each PhD enrolment.

Advice from the Student Travel Association (STA) is that domestic airfares will increase by 9% as a result of the GST and the recommendation from the Board is that a 5% increase per PhD enrolment would be appropriate to cater for the increase in the price of domestic travel. A further 5% per PhD enrolment is suggested to cater for the declining Australian dollar for international travel with the recommendation that the Travel Awards be set by the formulae of $181.50 per student. The value of the awards would be increased appropriately to $495 per student for domestic travel and $1,485 for international travel.

**Recommendation:** that $210,177 be provided in 2001 for Travel Awards for Postgraduate Research Students, based on the formulae of $181.50 per PhD student enrolment at 31 March 2000 of 1,153 students at UWA.

e. **Wintthrop Scholarships**

**Recommendation:** that $75,000 be provided in 2001 to support 10 Wintthrop Scholarships @ $7,500 per top-up scholarship aimed at attracting high quality interstate postgraduate students to UWA.

f. **Graduates Association Travel Awards**

**Recommendation:** that $7,500 be provided as matching funds to supplement the number of UWA Graduates Association Postgraduate Research Travel Awards supported in 2001.

3. **Institute of Advanced Studies**

a. **Office of Executive Officer**

**Recommendation:** that $94,173 be provided to support the full-time level B lecturer salary of the Executive Officer of the Institute of Advanced Studies (IAS) of $75,294 including on-costs, plus a half time level 3 secretary at $18,879 including on-costs.

b. **Programme Support**

In 1999 and 2000 $70,000 pa. was allocated for IAS programmes as well as the equivalent of a 50% professorial appointment in 2000 of $58,612 to support a Professor-at-Large scheme.
**Recommendation:** that $132,200 be provided in 2001 for IAS programme support, including $62,200 estimated at 50% of a professorial appointment for a Professor-at-Large scheme.

c. **Office/Board Expenses**

**Recommendation:** that $15,000 be provided in 2001 for office and board expenses.