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Research Agreement

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Research Agreement

Effective from August 2023, ACIAR has a new approach for contracting all new Research Projects (>\$500,000) and Small Research Activities (<\$500,000) with its Commissioned Organisations.

The existing Letter of Agreement, which attached our Standard Conditions and Project Documents, has been replaced with a new Research Agreement. The new Research Agreement contains a set of Base Terms for use for commissioning Small Research Activities and a set of Additional Terms, which augment the Base Terms, and are used when commissioning Research Projects.

The Additional Terms include a Collaboration Services Agreement template, a new contracting instrument template to be used as the agreement between the Commissioned Organisation and any in-country Collaborating Institution(s).

New 'Research Agreement' Template

The table below sets out how the new agreement templates replace our existing instrument templates.

Existing Instrument	New Instrument	Contracted Parties
Letter of Agreement	Research Agreement	ACIAR and the Commissioned Organisation
Standard Conditions	Research Agreement Annex B (Additional Terms)	ACIAR and the Commissioned Organisation
Project Arrangement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annex 1 of Subsidiary Arrangement 	Research Agreement Annex B Schedule 1 (Collaboration Services Agreement)	Commissioned Organisation and Collaborating Institution(s)
Deed of Agreement	Research Agreement Annex B Schedule 1 (Collaboration Services Agreement)	Commissioned Organisation and Collaborating Institution(s)
Project Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attachment A of Project Arrangement Attachment B of Letter of Agreement 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Agreement Annex A (Project Documents) Subsidiary Arrangement Annex A (Project Documents) 	N/A
Subsidiary arrangement	Subsidiary arrangement (without Project Arrangement)	ACIAR and Country Partner

Table 1 – New instruments replacing existing instruments

New Research Agreement and Collaboration Services Agreement

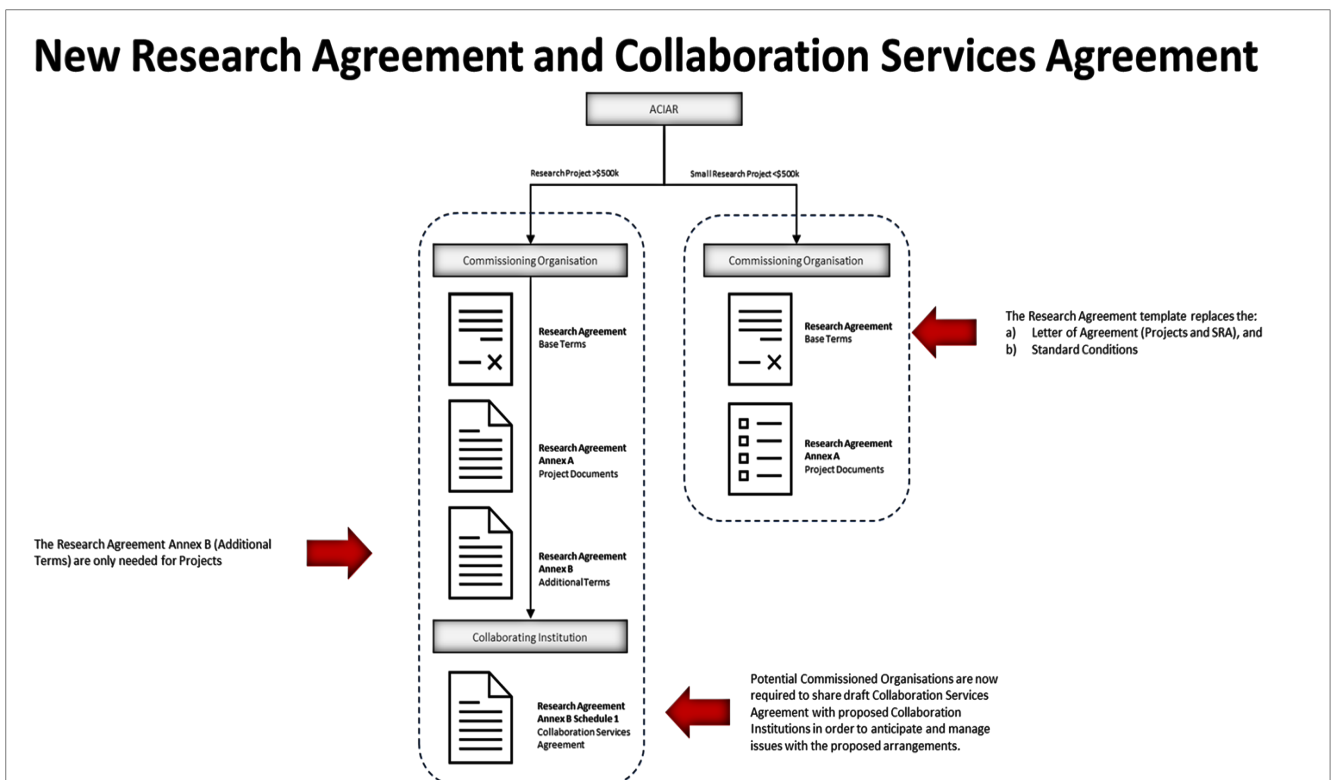


Figure 1 – Diagram of New Research Agreement and Collaboration Services Agreement structure

New 'Collaboration Services Agreement' Template

The new **Collaboration Services Agreement** creates a formal agreement between the Commissioned Organisation and the in-country Collaborating Institution(s). It replaces the need for Commissioned Organisation to prepare and enter a separate subcontract with the Collaborating Institution(s).

The Commissioned Organisation and its Collaborating Institution(s) can propose Special Conditions to amend existing terms or propose new terms and conditions. Commissioned Organisations will be expected to independently negotiate the acceptance of any proposed Special Conditions or other changes to the Collaboration Services Agreement with the Collaborating Institution(s).

ACIAR is not a party to the Collaboration Services Agreement and will not negotiate on behalf of Commissioned Organisations, nor the Collaborating Institution(s). However, ACIAR is still a key stakeholder and will conduct a review and approval any Special Conditions or other changes to the Collaboration Services Agreement, ensure they align with ACIAR's policies, practices and the terms of any relevant international arrangements.

For Research Projects with multiple Collaborating Institutions, the Commissioned Organisation will need enter into a separate Collaborating Services Agreement, with each Collaborating Institution.

If you have any questions about these new arrangements, please contact the Program Support Officer or Research Program Manager for your Research Project or the contact below.

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