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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 which can 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

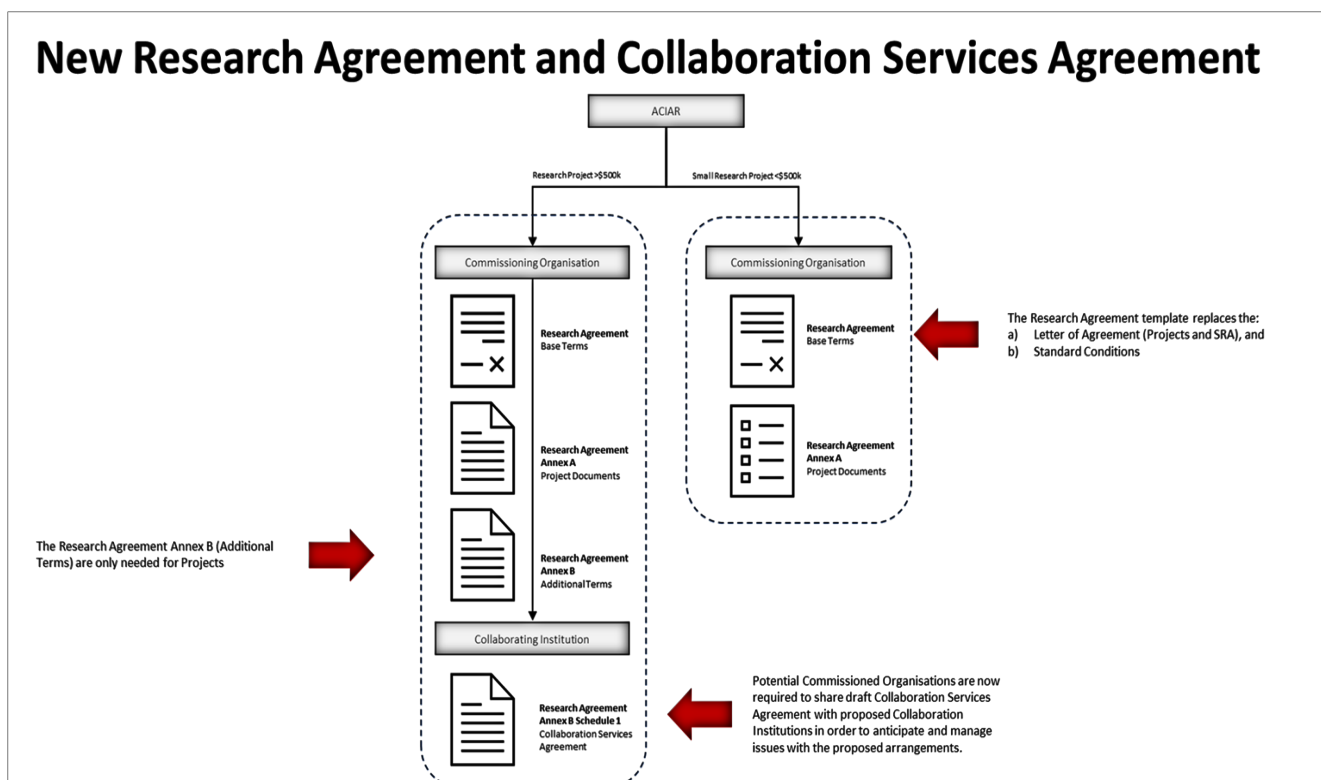


Figure 1 – Diagram of New Research Agreement and Collaboration Services Agreement structure

New 'Collaboration Services Agreement' Template

ACIAR has prepared the new **Collaboration Services Agreement** as a template Commissioned Organisations may wish to use to enter into agreements with in-country Collaborating Institution(s).

Should the Commissioned Organisation have an alternative template or a pre-existing agreement with Collaborating Institution(s), those agreements can be used as long as those agreements are:

- a) not inconsistent with the Research Agreement or otherwise place the Commissioned Organisation in breach of the Research Agreement, or
- b) substantially on the terms set out in the Collaboration Services Agreement template.

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

Commissioned Organisations are expected to:

- a) have executed or at a minimum received approval of the Collaboration Services Agreement or alternative agreement prior to entering into the Research Agreement, and
- b) provide copies of those signed Collaboration Services Agreement or alternative agreements within 1 month of ACIAR executing the Research Agreement.

This is important to ACIAR as we require confirmation that Collaborating Institution(s) have agreed to take part in the Research Project and that they will perform the services in a manner which allows the Commissioned Organisation meet their obligations to ACIAR.

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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