

Engagement & Impact Assessment

FAQs

Q: What is the Engagement and Impact Assessment?

A: The Australian Research Council conducted the first EI Assessment in 2018. It evaluates the beneficial change which has been realised by external organisations or communities as a result of university research. Impact can be social, cultural, environmental, commercial, or medical.

Q: What does the University submission consist of?

A: Each Field of Research (broad disciplines, e.g. Environmental Sciences or Human Society) needs to supply an **Engagement** narrative and description of their **Approach to Impact** supported by one or more **Impact case studies**. We don't know yet how many Impact case studies will be required, but it's likely to be between one and five per FoR depending on the number of researchers in that field at LTU.

Q: What is the timeline?

A: We hope to identify potential case studies by the end of 2022 and make the selection in mid-2023. At present we anticipate submission in mid-2024.

Q: Is my project suitable?

A: We are looking for research that has realised impact between 2017 and 2022. The underlying research can have taken place as far back as 2008. Eligible projects should have received either external or internal funding – ideally both – and involve one or more partner organisations who are happy to be identified.

Q: I think I have a project that would make a good case study. What do I need to do?

A: Contact the Impact team (impact@latrobe.edu.au). We will draft the case study on your behalf and check in with you regularly about the progress. You may need to provide supporting evidence or follow up with stakeholders, but you won't need to write the case study yourself. (Unless you want to, of course...)

Q: My project is in its early stages and hasn't yet realised impact. Are you still interested in it?

A: Yes, absolutely. We are also developing a pipeline of work in progress that might be suitable for future submissions. We can also help you to build in appropriate engagement activities and evaluation.

Q: How will case studies be selected?

A: The Engagement & Impact Steering Committee, consisting of the Theme Leads and Research & Industry Engagement leadership, will make the selection. Criteria will include reach and significance of impact, strength of supporting evidence, and quality of underlying research.

Q: If my case study might not be submitted for EIA, is it still worth developing one?

A: Yes! EIA is not the only way we want to showcase and celebrate the impact of your research. Impact case studies are an excellent way to develop your track record into a narrative that can be used to publicise your work and attract investment.

Q: Who should I contact for advice?

A: The Impact team are located in the Research Office. We are always happy to help with queries related to EIA or any other aspect of research impact: impact@latrobe.edu.au.