

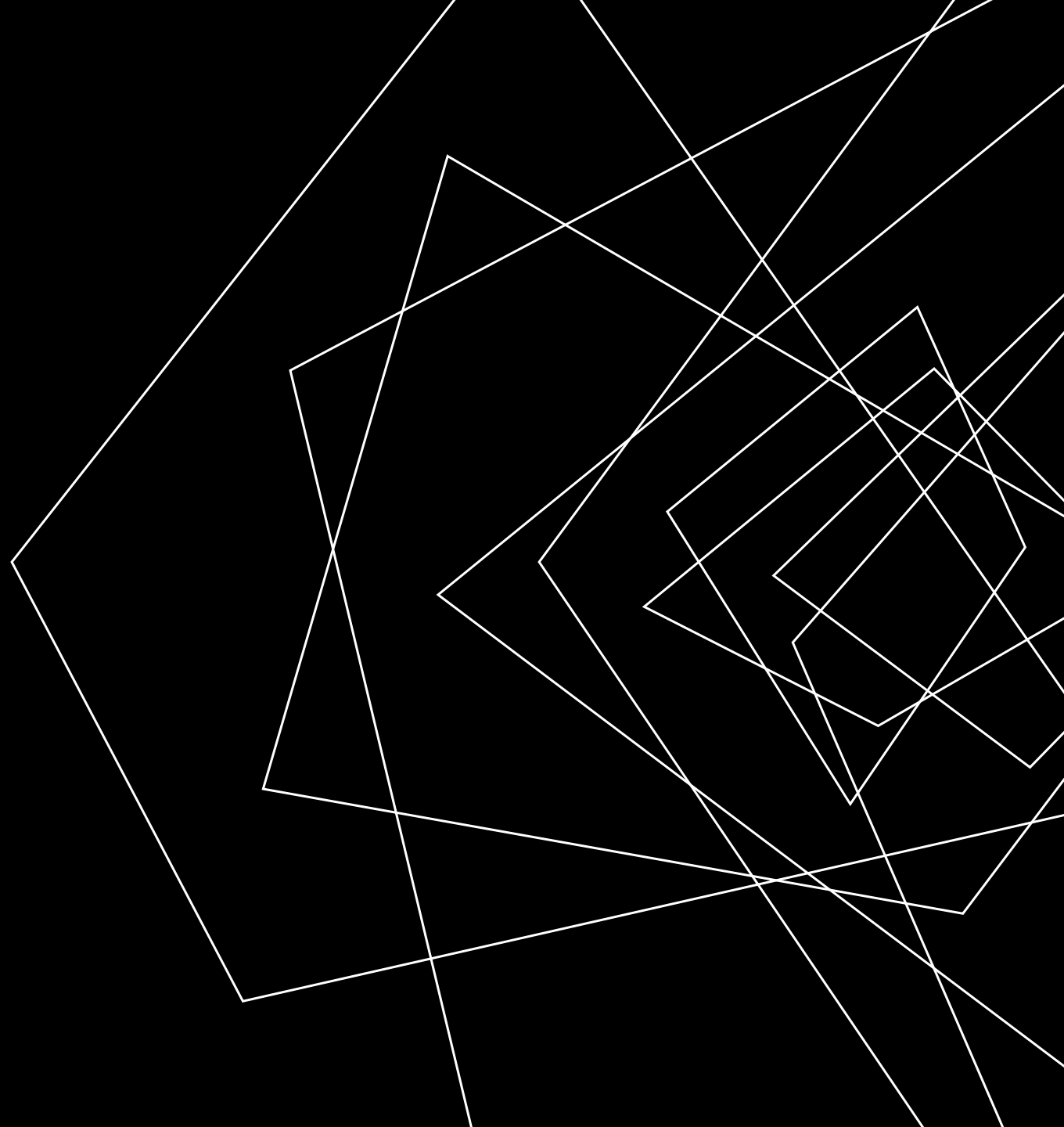
INTELLECTUAL CLIMATE FUND (ICF)

MARCH 2024 | RED team, Graduate Research School

ABOUT THE SCHEME

“this scheme is to encourage graduate researchers to lead a range of academic, social and cultural activities – online or in person - that will seed or enhance a stimulating intellectual climate and supportive network within their local graduate research community”

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?





ELEMENTS OF A (POSITIVE) INTELLECTUAL CLIMATE

COLLEGIALITY AND COMMUNITY

The intellectual climate enables researchers to feel they belong.

INCLUSIVENESS

The intellectual climate encompasses all its researchers and does not marginalise or exclude.

SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT

The intellectual climate fosters trust and sharing with colleagues.

ENHANCING RESEARCH

The intellectual climate supports researchers to realise their potential and excel in their work.

COLLEGIALITY /
COMMUNITY

Starting or growing grad researcher societies/associations, networking events (speed networking, conferences and symposiums, seminar programs)

INCLUSIVENESS

Regionally-focused initiatives, developing cultural community researcher cohorts, women in science, parents doing PhDs

SUPPORT /
ENCOURAGEMENT

Mental health workshops and programs, reading groups (within and across disciplines), careers events, writing retreats

ENHANCING
RESEARCH

Specific development for a researcher cohort (e.g. particular method or techniques), creating a research network or reading/discussion group, communicating research more broadly

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS

ICF JUDGING CRITERIA

THE STRENGTH OF THE PROPOSAL

Feasibility / innovation / sustainability

IMPACT ON INTELLECTUAL CLIMATE

Will it make a difference, and how?

DESIRABLE

- Whether it enhances inclusion.
- Whether additional funding was sought.

EXAMPLE: MEDIA TRAINING FOR GRADUATE RESEARCHERS



<http://redalert.blogs.latrobe.edu.au/2016/02/media-training-for-graduate-researchers.html>

EXAMPLE:
PANDEMIC PHDS: STARTING A DOCTORATE IN 2020



<http://redalert.blogs.latrobe.edu.au/2021/03/pandemic-phds-starting-doctorate-in.html>

EXAMPLE: WHY JOURNAL CLUBS MATTER



<http://redalert.blogs.latrobe.edu.au/2020/03/why-journal-clubs-matter-corina.html>



THANK YOU / QUESTIONS?

- [Intellectual Climate Fund webpage](#)
- [RED Alert posts about previous projects](#)

ICF KEY DATES:

Scheme opens: Wednesday, 13 March 2024

Scheme closes: Monday, 8 April 2024, 12:00 PM (AEST)

Successful applicants notified: By Tuesday, 30 April 2024