



# APREF

## 2022

### Research Application

Deadline: August 31, 2022

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# APREF Research Grants

The API Australian Property Research and Education Fund (APREF) has released a call for applications to undertake funded research within one of five defined research topics. The APREF Research Fund's objective is to facilitate the undertaking of scientific research in the property industry, specifically in the fields of valuation and land economy.

This defined call has been identified as priorities for the Australian property industry, after taking feedback from the API Membership, the APREF Research Committee (which has representatives from Universities engaged in property research and teaching), and the wider property academic profession.

## Defined Call Research Topics

The defined calls are:

- 1. *The property industry workforce - a workforce for the future.***  
This may include data and technology, inspectionless valuations, skills of the future valuer, property education or How prop-tech could change the property profession.
- 2. *Affordable Housing and Valuation***  
This may include metro or regional housing affordability or pathways to increasing affordable housing availability or build to rent model and valuation guidance.
- 3. *Impacts of pandemic and post-pandemic shifts in consumer behaviour on retailing and retail property***
- 4. *Is the profession accurately valuing sustainability?***  
This may include factors which play a role in valuation in accordance with ESG principles.

# Funding Criteria

1. The chief investigator must be affiliated with one of the API accredited Universities
2. The research aims must include an outcome to benefit the Australian property industry
3. Successful applicants will be required to present outcomes to the API membership (via a presentation, webinar and/or publication)
4. The APREF funding support must be acknowledged in any publication arising from the research
5. The successful applicants will provide periodic updates to APREF as outlined in the application form
6. Funding will be made available for a maximum period of 12 months commencing no later than January 2023
7. The maximum funding amount to any one application is capped at \$20,000 (recipient is responsible for including any GST in the \$20,000)
8. The APREF Board of Directors reserve the right not to award any Research Grants should no applications satisfy the criteria.

# Funding Timelines

- Applications open on 12 May 2022
- Applications close on 31 August 2022
- Applications will be shortlisted by a panel of experts and APREF Research Committee members, the Chief Executive Officer, APREF Board Chair and the Professional Development Manager. No Committee member with a perceived or actual conflict will be on the Review Committee.
- Successful applicants will be advised following the APREF Board meeting in November 2022
- All applications and topics will be kept in the strictest confidence.

# Part 1: Summary of Proposal

| 1. Applicant details  |  |
|---|--|
| Name of Chief Investigator  |  |
| Name/s of Co-investigator (if applicable)                                   |  |
| Designation of institution or organisation where the work will be conducted |  |
| Address   |  |
| Address Line 2  |  |
| Town/City   |  |
| County/Region   |  |
| Postcode/Area Code  |  |
| Country   |  |
| Telephone   |  |
| E-mail correspondence   |  |
| Academic and professional qualifications<br>Chief Investigator              |  |
| 2) Co-investigator 1  |  |

|   |  |
|---|--|
| Previous academic and professional experience including the delivery of research projects |  |
|   |  |
| 1) Chief Investigator   |  |
|   |  |
| 2) Co-investigator 1  |  |
| Previous Relevant Publications  |  |
|   |  |
| 1) Chief Investigator   |  |
|   |  |
| 2) Co-investigator 1  |  |

Please provide details of additional co-investigators on a single separate page and attach with the application form.

## 2. Proposed Project

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Title of project   |  |
| List the selected defined research topic   |  |
| What is the intended industry benefit or impact?   |  |
| Does your research involve any business partnership or industry collaboration?                                       |  |
| Summary of proposed work and outline methodology<br>(Max. 500 words)   |  |
| Total cost of project with a brief financial breakdown (in AUD)  |  |
| Total funding amount requested from APREF  |  |
| Provide details of other confirmed funding sources to support the project<br><br>Please provide the amount confirmed |  |
| Proposed project start date  |  |
| Proposed completion date   |  |

# Part 2: Proposed Research

| 3. Research details  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <p>What is the aim of the research and/or the research question?</p> <p>(Max. 50 words)</p>  |                                      |
| <p>What is the importance of the research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Contribution to knowledge</li><li>b) To practice/industry</li><li>c) To policymaking</li><li>d) To community wellbeing</li></ul> <p>(Max. 400 words)</p> | <p>Please explain your response:</p> |
| <p>If applicable, what relevant previous work has been carried out to date (by you or others) and how will this proposal build on it?</p> <p>(Max. 150 words)</p>  |                                      |



| Please tick the research methods you proposed to use (Please tick all that are relevant) |                          |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Qualitative  |                          | Quantitative                                   |                          |
| Interviews   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Questionnaire/Online Survey                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Literature review  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Published data/Databank e.g. IPD, ONS, RP Data | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Policy analysis  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Software analysis e.g. GIS, NVivo              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Roundtable discussions   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Market surveys                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Site visit and observations  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If other, please state   |                          |  |                          |
| Please outline your justification of your chosen research method(s)<br>(Max. 300 words)  |                          |  |                          |

Please provide a work plan, which includes a breakdown of the research stages, e.g. literature review, data collection, data analysis, industry collaboration, report writing and delivery.

(Max. 300 words)

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>How might the results of the work have practical application to address the issue(s) being considered?</p> <p>Where research projects are being undertaken in one specific country, or using one case study, this should include an assessment as to how the outcomes might be generalisable to other countries or locations.</p> |  |
| (Max. 300 words)   |  |
|  |  |
|  |  |

## 4. Budget details

Please give a budget breakdown of the research in the table below, including how you intend to spend any research fund granted whether its staff, travel, equipment or data analysis costs.

When providing details of staff costs, this should provide details of:

- The names of all persons to be employed on the research
- The number of days input per person
- Costs per person, at daily rates

| <b>Payment Type – provide details of requirements in each category</b> | <b>Justification</b> | <b>Total Amount</b> | <b>Amount Requested from APREF</b> |
|--|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|
| Equipment<br>Research Materials and Supplies                           |                      |                     |                                    |
| Data analysis<br>Professional service/ consultancy                     |                      |                     |                                    |
| Staff<br>Research assistant  |                      |                     |                                    |
| Other expenses<br>Attending local and international conference         |                      |                     |                                    |
|  | <b>TOTAL</b>         |                     |                                    |

## 5. Research communications

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <p>Who are the expected target audience/s for the research?</p>   |  |
| <p>How does the proposed research benefit the API membership and the Australian property industry?<br/>(Max. 200 words)</p>   |  |
| <p>The research will be disseminated by APREF *</p> <p>What avenues for dissemination would you propose?<br/>e.g. professional journal, academic journal, video/social media<br/>(Max. 100 words)</p> |  |

\*APREF have an expectation that your research findings will be publicly available. API will provide the recipient(s) the opportunity to present their findings at an API hosted event, seminar or webinar, as well as publish the content on the API website, giving all members and the Australian public access to the research.

## Part 3: Expected periodic output

| Regular reports on research progress are required. Please reflect on your working style and provide an outline of milestones in which you hope to achieve. |  |      |  |
|--|--|------|--|
| NB: If successful, this information will provide a map with which we endeavor to work with you.  |  |      |  |
| Milestone 1  |  |      |  |
| Proposed Outcome   |  | Date |  |
| Milestone 2  |  |      |  |
| Proposed Outcome   |  | Date |  |
| Milestone 3  |  |      |  |
| Proposed Outcome   |  | Date |  |
| Milestone 4  |  |      |  |
| Proposed Outcome   |  | Date |  |

## Part 4: Declarations

| Declarations  |  |      |  |
|---|--|------|--|
| I confirm that I have read the guidelines and checklist for applications and this application has been completed in accordance with them. |  |      |  |
| Signed by applicant   |  |      |  |
| Position in organisation  |  | Date |  |

The University endorses this application and, should it be successful, will make the necessary resources available for the project.

|  |  |      |  |
|--|--|------|--|
| Signed by authorised University employee |  |      |  |
| Position in organisation                 |  | Date |  |

# Checklist

Please check you have covered the below items:

1. Read APREF funding criteria
2. Completed Part 1
3. Completed Part 2
4. Part 3 signed by yourself and dated
5. Part 4 signed by your employer and dated
6. Checked word count
7. Submitted application to [apref@api.org.au](mailto:apref@api.org.au)

The application will not be considered unless all items above are checked and addressed.