





Kemdiktisaintek-KONEKSI Joint Call for Expert Peer Reviewer Supporting an Equitable and Just Energy Transition in Indonesia

Expert Peer Reviewer Fact Sheet

Kemdiktisaintek and KONEKSI (The Secretariat) seeks **qualified** and **experienced** individuals across all disciplines and sectors, with a strong emphasis on multi-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary expertise. We are looking for both generalist and specialist expert reviewers who can provide fair, independent, and informed assessments of research proposals.

Reviewer Registration Timeline: 12 March – 15 April 2025

Review Period: 3 – 16 June 2025

Honorarium: The Secretariat will provide an honorarium based on the Australian Research Council standard rate of AUD 90.90/per proposal.

All assessors will be required to:

- (i) Read and familiarise themselves with the Expert Peer Review Guidelines and Assessment Rubric (accessible only after contracting to ensure confidentiality) and attend the Peer Review Briefing session, conducted by the Secretariat in **mid-May 2025**.
- (ii) Comply with the Secretariat's Expert Peer Reviewer Guidelines and Conflict of Interest procedures.
- (iii) Evaluate proposals by assigning scores and providing comments based on the approved and relevant assessment criteria.

Selection of expert peer reviewers will be based on the Secretariat Selection Criteria.

Expert Peer Reviewers must meet the following criteria:

- (i) Hold a PhD with at least 10 years of research experience, or 10 years of industry experience in R&D.
- (ii) Demonstrated expertise in assessing research funding proposals.
- (iii) Not listed as an applicant or team member in the Kemdiktisaintek-KONEKSI Joint Call for Proposals: Supporting an Equitable and Just Energy Transition in Indonesia.

The Secretariat follows the <u>Australian Research Council</u> approach by assigning both a specialist and a generalist peer reviewer to assess each proposal, ensuring a well-rounded evaluation. Each proposal will be reviewed by two expert peer reviewers to provide a balanced assessment of the criteria from multiple perspectives.

- Specialist reviewers have discipline-specific expertise directly relevant to the proposal.
- Generalist reviewers are experts in their fields with relevant knowledge of the proposal's subject matter and can provide a broader assessment.









Review Process

The peer review process is a key component of the overall selection process, which consists of two stages. In the first stage, the Secretariat conducts an initial screening of Expressions of Interest (EOIs) to ensure they meet eligibility criteria and due diligence requirements. Selected applicants are then invited to submit full proposals. In the second stage, independent expert reviewers assess the technical merit of these proposals through a structured peer review process. DFAT and Kemdiktisaintek will then review applications against their policies, determine successful applicants and make the final approval of grant applications.

Overview assessment of grant applications

Expression of Interest (Stage 1)

The Secretariat will undertake the assessment of each organisation that submits an Expression of Interest. The Secretariat will reject or approve project concepts based on the EoI assessment criteria.

Full Proposal (Stage 2)

STEP 1: The Secretariat

Undertakes a general assessment of proposals and budget, due diligence and security checks.

STEP 2: Expert peer review

Peer review of the technical component is conducted by Indonesian and Australian research experts. They will assess the technical proposal and budget against the assessment criteria. Incomplete applications will not be assessed.

STEP 3: Academic Review Committee

Comprising Indonesian academics and Fellows from the Australian Learned Academies. This committee will synthesise grant assessments of shortlisted proposals and produce a list of recommended grant proposals.

Grant Decisions are made

Based on the peer review results, the Secretariat will prepare a list of top-ranked proposals to be presented to the Kemdiktisaintek–DFAT Technical Committee for approval. Upon no-objection, the Government of Indonesia and the Australian Government will then endorse the funding and priority of successful grants.

Applications

Interested experts are invited to apply on https://bit.ly/KemdiktisaintekKONEKSI. For more information about the Kemdiktisaintek-KONEKSI Joint Call on Supporting an Equitable and Just Energy Transition in Indonesia, please visit the KONEKSI website at https://koneksi-kpp.id/en.

