

Steps for project proposals – submission, evaluation, approval	Open call for proposals for AWI	Targeted call for National Wool RDE Strategy
Identifying strategy areas	AWI Strategic Plan	Themes set May/June each year by Steering Committee and Working Group to address project gaps within the Wool RD&E Strategy
Documents	AWI proposal template from AWI website	2 page concept proposal template emailed by Steering Committee June each year to Working Group for distribution to researchers and to the database of previous Forum attendees
Submission of proposals	To AWI from November to beginning February each year	To Steering Committee late July/ early August each year
Peer review	Review by AWI (internal or external on case by case basis)	At National Wool RDE Strategy researcher Forum September each year to collaboratively improve concept proposals and identify collaboration partners and nominate Technical Groups to develop full proposals if concepts are endorsed by the wool strategy Working Group
		Working Group endorse concept proposals to progress to full proposals and provide feedback on concept proposals to Forum participants by end of September each year
		Steering Committee receive and address any concerns from concept proposal proponent October each year
		Technical Groups submit full proposals to Steering Committee beginning of December
		Steering Committee provide feedback to Technical Groups before Christmas
		Technical Groups submit full proposals to AWI call for proposals which closes early February
AWI evaluation	February to March each year	February to March each year
		AWI send evaluation feedback to Steering Committee each February

		Steering Committee provides draft recommendations for funding of proposals to Working Group February each year
		Working Group makes recommendations to AWI on funding of proposals February to March each year
AWI Board budget approval for recommended projects	March to April each year	March to April each year
AWI Board or CEO individual project approval	April to June each year	April to June each year using evidence from Working Group
Final negotiations and contracting	April to June each year	April to June each year