Sponsorships Funded by Curtin Procedures

1. STRATEGIC PLAN THEME AND COMPLIANCE OBLIGATION SUPPORTED

   Brand Communications Policy

   Strategic Plan Theme: Sustainable Future

2. IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

   Maximise the value of Curtin’s sponsorship expenditure by providing a framework to assess, leverage and record sponsorship opportunities.

3. PROCEDURAL DETAILS

   These procedures cover the assessment of sponsorship proposals, including the value and appropriateness of sponsorships, and the process of establishing a record of sponsorships funded by Curtin.

   3.1 Legal advice for sponsorships

       If a proposed sponsorship is:

       (a) of more than 12 months duration; or

       (b) has a total cost of more than $10,000,

       staff assessing the sponsorships will seek the advice of the General Counsel, Commercial (Legal Services) before the sponsorship agreement is signed.

   3.2 Sponsorships funded by faculties or areas

       3.2.1 If a sponsorship has a total cost of $10,000 or more, the Sponsorship Application form will be completed by the organisation seeking sponsorship. If the total cost is under $10,000, the form need not be completed, the organisation can submit a proposal in their chosen format instead.

       3.3.2 Sponsorship applications will be assessed by the relevant area, and/or the Sponsorship Review Panel and a response will be provided to the applicant within 2 months.

       The Administration Officer, University Marketing will forward sponsorship applications received to the most relevant area of the University, and/or the Sponsorship Review Committee for consideration.

       3.2.2 Staff in the funding area, and/or the Sponsorship Review Panel will assess the value and appropriateness of sponsorship opportunities using the information in the Sponsorship Application Form, Sponsorship Assessment Form and the Sponsorship Overview document. These documents are available upon request by emailing sponsorships@curtin.edu.au.

       3.2.3 Based on this recommendation, the relevant Pro Vice-Chancellor or Vice-President will consider and may approve the sponsorship.

   3.3 Sponsorships requiring central funds

       3.3.1 Where commercially advantageous sponsorships cannot be funded from faculty or area budgets, funding may be available from the relevant Deputy Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor.

       3.3.3 To seek such funding, staff in the relevant faculty or area will send a completed Sponsorship Application Form to the Administration Officer, University Marketing who will then forward this to the Sponsorship Review Panel for their assessment. The Sponsorship Review Panel will forward this assessment and any recommendation to the head of the area seeking funding and the relevant Deputy Vice-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor to inform funding and approval decisions.

       3.3.4 Based on this recommendation, the Vice-Chancellor or the relevant Deputy Vice-Chancellor will consider and may approve the sponsorship.
3.4 Post-sponsorship feedback

At the conclusion of any sponsorship, staff in the area of the University most closely involved will complete the Sponsorship Feedback Form, and forward a copy of this and the final proposal/agreement to the Administration Officer, University Marketing.

4. RESPONSIBILITIES

In addition to any responsibilities set out in section 3,

The Administration Officer, University Marketing will maintain a record of known sponsorships funded by Curtin University. This information will be used by University Marketing, faculties and areas to inform future sponsorship decisions.

5. SCOPE OF PROCEDURES

These procedures apply to all staff at Curtin University’s Western Australian campuses.

These procedures will not apply to:
(a) formal research partnerships entered into by the University and subject to a formal partnership agreement or contract;
(b) formal education partnerships entered into by the University and subject to a formal partnership agreement or contract;
(c) sponsorships of Curtin by external bodies;
(d) arrangements whereby students are sponsored to study;
(e) staff at all other campuses, however these procedures may be used at those campuses as guidelines.

6. DEFINITIONS

(Note: Commonly defined terms are located in the Curtin Common Definitions. Any defined terms below are specific to this document.)

Sponsorship
A business relationship between Curtin University and an individual, event or organisation which offers Curtin rights and association that may be used for commercial advantage in return for the sponsorship investment.

7. SCHEDULES

Nil

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