The CRN-AESS Research Capacity Building Seeding Grant Scheme has been designed to promote research collaboration [1] within and between CRN-AESS Partner organisations, and [2] with non-CRN-AESS partner organisations where specific expertise or collaborative opportunities will build the research capacity for Bond University. An important goal of this initiative is that the research collaboration provides preliminary results for publication and pilot data to support applications for external funding. Applications must:

- Be based on research questions that will advance exercise and sports science.
- Involve collaboration across at least two CRN-AESS partner organisations.
- Involve a substantially new research project.
- Show evidence that it will lead to an external funding application.

Grants are limited to a maximum of $30,000 and must be expended in full before 3 June 2016. There will be a maximum of 10 grants funded in this round. Applications may be made for funds to cover research-related consumables, small items of equipment (<$3,000), research assistance, or other expenditure that is not covered by existing funds. Teaching buy-outs and conference travel will not be covered.

### Procedure
- Applications are due before 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time (AEST), 30 March 2015.
- Submit via email a completed and signed application along with supporting documentation to CRN-AESS Research Manager (vberkett@bond.edu.au).
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by early May 2015.

### Eligibility Criteria
- Applications are invited from teams only. Each team must consist of researchers from at least two CRN-AESS partner organisations. The Lead researcher must be an employee of a CRN-AESS partner organisation, but cannot be a member of the CRN-AESS Scientific Committee.
- Co-investigators from non-CRN-AESS partner organisations are encouraged where specific expertise or collaborative opportunities will enhance the research capacity building for Bond University.
- All applicants must meet the following criteria:
  - Must be at least 0.5FTE (full time equivalent);
  - Must have an employment contract that continues at least until July 2016 (as a single appointment or several shorter appointments);
  - The primary appointment must not be an adjunct or affiliated appointment.

### Selection Criteria
- Selection will be made by a panel comprising members of the CRN-AESS Scientific Committee and external experts, and will be chaired by the CRN-AESS Director. Criteria include:
  - Excellence of the proposed research
  - Team track record
  - Strategic fit to CRN-AESS
  - Significance and innovation
  - Capacity of project to lead to research capacity building for Bond University
  - Capacity of project to lead to external grant application(s)

Questions regarding eligibility and selection can be made to the CRN-AESS Director, Professor Nuala Byrne (nbyrne@bond.edu.au; 07 5595 2279) or the CRN-AESS Research Manager, Vinese Berkett (vberkett@bond.edu.au; 07 5595 4410).
Conditions of Award

Ethical Clearance
It is the responsibility of the recipient to comply with the ethical clearance requirements for each organisation.

Period of Grant
The grant is only valid until Friday, 3 June 2016. There will be no availability for the carry forward of unspent funds.

Use of Grant
All expenditure for the grant must be approved by the CRN-AESS Director, and ordering and expenditure will be managed by the CRN-AESS Research Manager. Recipients need to contact the CRN-AESS Research Manager as soon as possible to make arrangements to commence expenditure on the grant in accordance with the budget. The funds can be used for any category of approved research expenditure (consumables, salaries) consistent with the application. Funds may not be used to supplement projects already funded by partner organisations or other agencies, nor for teaching buy-out.

Variation to Grant
Request to vary any approved expenditure or activity should be forwarded to the CRN-AESS Director, Professor Nuala Byrne (nbyrne@bond.edu.au) and the CRN-AESS Research Manager, Vinese Berkett (vberkett@bond.edu.au). Variation requests must be justified.

Relinquishment/Termination of Grant
If the recipient is unable to complete the project, they must immediately notify the CRN-AESS Director, Professor Nuala Byrne (nbyrne@bond.edu.au) and the CRN-AESS Research Manager, Vinese Berkett (vberkett@bond.edu.au).

Final Report
A Final Report on the grant is to be completed by Monday 27 June 2016 and is to be sent via email to CRN-AESS Research Manager, Vinese Berkett (vberkett@bond.edu.au). The report should be in the following format:
1. CI Names and affiliations
2. Title of Project
3. Project report
   a) Detail of expenditure of funds
   b) Outline of the scientific objectives achieved and outputs of the project
   c) Outline of how this project has enhance the research capacity building for Bond University
   d) Evidence of progress towards an application for external funding