

Types of research contracts

Collaborative Research Agreement (CRA) and Multi-Institutional Agreement (MIA)

CRA's and MIA's are for research projects involving collaborations (MIA's generally for NHMRC and ARC funded projects). The parties may include, for example, other research institutions, government and industry partners collaborating on, or otherwise supporting, the project.

These types of agreements usually deal with things such as:

- Roles and responsibilities of each party
- Key project dates, deliverables, and outcomes
- Publications rights
- Insurance requirements
- Intellectual property
- Research budget and distribution if applicable

Contract Research and Consultancy Research Agreements

These agreements are used when tendering for a project and/or where a university staff member is providing expertise to a third party on commercial terms and rates.

Please refer to the [research consultancy policy](#). This policy will highlight additional restrictions on consultancy research and requirements for university overheads.

Confidentiality Agreement

Confidentiality Agreements are used where a party will be disclosing confidential information to another party. A confidentiality agreement sets out what the confidential information is, what it can be used for, and who it can be released to.

If the parties are already working together on a research project, confidentiality is covered in the CRA agreement.

A Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA), Deed of Confidentiality, and Confidential Disclosure Agreement (CDA) are all examples of confidentiality agreements.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

An MoU is often relied on to show the intentions of both parties where enforceable agreements are subsequently put in place. Some or all of the MoU may not be legally enforceable.

Bond University's preference is to not utilise MOU's.

Material Transfer Agreements (MTA) and Data Transfer Agreements (DTA)

MTA's and DTA's are used to transfer material and/or data between parties. The agreements will determine how the material/data will be transported, stored, and handled at the end of the agreement.