



# Guidelines for navigating the collaboration process with CSIRO

**Working with CSIRO might take longer than expected reflecting an emphasis on scientific rigour and clearly defined outcomes. Here's how to ensure your expectations align with project deliverables:**

## Understanding project scope

Clearly define what you expect from the project. The project scope outlines what we aim to deliver and the timeline. It's crucial to have a shared understanding of the final outcome when developing the project scope. Collaborate closely with your research team to align your expectations.

## Defining project deliverables

Project deliverables are the specific outputs expected at the end of the project. These may be presented in stages, especially for complex, long-term engagements. Regular check ins during these stages help ensure the project remains on track and meet expectations.

## Structuring project stages

Understand how the project stages fit together. Each stage may have decision points that influence subsequent stages. Regular meetings with us will help track progress and align expectations, ensuring each phase builds successfully on the previous one.

## Clarifying start and end points

Be clear about where you are now and where you expect to be at the project's end. This clarity helps establish well-defined deliverables and a precise scope of work, essential for guiding the project effectively from start to finish.

## Adapting to scope changes

Project scopes may change as we progress and refine the work with you. If we mutually decide to alter the scope or deliverables, be aware that project costs may also change. Clear communication about these changes is vital to effectively managing expectations and resources.

## Using deliverables effectively

Define how you intend to use the deliverables in your research contract. This scope of use may include specific applications, industry domains or geographic regions, so that you don't bear the burden and cost of scope that you don't need, and we can maximise the impact from its science in separate fields. This clarity ensures both parties have a mutual understanding of deliverable applications and can focus the project on the 'sweet spot' that maximises mutual benefit and reduces cost.

## Maintaining good communication

Most projects have stable scopes and deliverables. Regular communication with your dedicated research contact ensures mutual understanding and alignment on final outcomes, facilitating a successful collaboration.

By following these guidelines, you can navigate your collaboration with us effectively, ensuring that your project meets your expectations and delivers valuable outcomes.

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