

# UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION PRINCIPLES

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## PURPOSE

*These principles provide a practical framework for Valhalla's collaborations with universities, research institutions and other technical partners.*

## PUBLIC COMMITMENT

- Material collaborations should have clear roles, scope, funding and decision rights.
- Data, intellectual property, publication and student arrangements should be agreed before material reliance or expenditure.
- Governance may be simple for low-risk projects and more formal where the project warrants it.

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## 1. Project setup

Valhalla is an Australian-based private company. This document is applied in a practical and adaptable manner, with controls suited to the nature and risk of the activity. The Managing Director may set or adjust implementation arrangements, subject to law, contracts and matters reserved to the Valhalla Board. Ordinary operations may proceed within approved budgets and delegations. A significant departure from ordinary operations, material change, unusual commitment, new jurisdiction or matter outside approved authority must be documented and approved before implementation, including by the Valhalla Board where required.

Before material work begins, the parties should have a shared understanding of the project objective, deliverables, responsibilities, timeline and decision-makers. This may be recorded in a proposal, letter, statement of work, funding agreement or collaborative research agreement.

## 2. Governance and decisions

Each project should identify a Valhalla lead and a partner lead. Routine decisions may be made by those leads. A steering committee is optional and should be used only where the project's value, number of parties, duration, public interest or complexity justifies it.

Material changes to scope, budget, deliverables, data rights, IP, publication or risk should be documented and approved by the persons with authority.

## 3. Funding and resources

Cash and in-kind contributions, invoicing, eligible costs, indirect costs, equipment, reporting and acquittal arrangements should be clear. The Financial Sponsorship and Funding Policy applies where relevant, including its payment, indirect-cost and Board-approval requirements.

## 4. Data, technology and intellectual property

The parties should identify relevant background IP and agree how new IP, software, models, weights, datasets and derived information may be used. Data access, permitted AI training, security, privacy, hosting, retention and deletion should be addressed to the extent material to the project.

## 5. Publication, students and ethics

Publication review should be time-limited and directed to confidentiality, IP protection and factual accuracy. Authorship should reflect contribution. Student rights, supervision, thesis requirements and access to independent institutional advice should be respected. Required ethics approvals and cultural permissions must be obtained before the relevant work begins.

## 6. Delivery, disputes and exit

The project leads should monitor progress through the normal project cadence. Issues should be escalated promptly and addressed in a practical manner. Agreements should provide reasonable rights to pause, change or end the project, while protecting confidential information, data, IP, students, safety and accrued obligations.

### Related documents

- Research Integrity and Academic Independence Policy
- Financial Sponsorship and Funding Policy
- Research Data Governance Principles
- IP, Publication, Authorship and Student Rights Principles

### Document control and approval

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