



Additional Research Case Study

Professor

You are the professor of a research group, and you have been requested to carry out research for a ministry, which is also prepared to pay. However, they are stipulating that the research must be completed within six months. You simply do not have the time to carry out the research yourself. Neither is the payment that the ministry has promised sufficient to recruit someone for the task. You nonetheless want to have the research carried out, because it would be good for the research group to make a name for itself in the research area concerned, and you would welcome the opportunity to keep the contact with the ministry warm, if not even to extend it.

An international congress that you would like to attend is scheduled for three months' time in Australia, and you could well use the (provisional) research findings for a paper and presentation.

You have asked one of your Postdocs whether they would be willing to carry out the research. It is an interesting research topic and it would be an opportunity for the trainee research assistant to do something outside the rigidly defined doctoral thesis subject. If necessary, it would be possible for the trainee research assistant to be given more time for the thesis.