

Research Impetus Grants Application

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Information Before Completing the Grant Application

The Research Impetus Grants scheme aims to support promising early- and mid-career researchers who have experienced significant career disruption to regain their research momentum.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Please ensure you have read and understood the Research Impetus Grants Scheme Guidelines and Supporting Documents on the scheme web page.
- You must have the prior support of the School(s) or Department(s) you are applying to via the Authority to Submit (*Faculty Confirmation*) form template available on the scheme website.
- You will be required to upload the signed Authority to Submit form to this application before submitting.
- A Cayuse proposal is not required.
- Incomplete applications will not be progressed for further assessment.
- Honorary staff are not eligible for this scheme.

Save as you go: Manually save your work as you progress through the application.

Part A1. Administrative Summary

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Gender *

Woman Man Prefer not to say Non-binary/
gender diverse
Other

There is an optional field to add self entered response.

Applicant age range *

15-24 years 25-34 years 35-44 years 45-54 years 55-64 years 65+ Prefer not to say

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Host Faculty *

At the University of Melbourne, 'Faculty' refers to Faculties and Graduate Schools.

Do you have current caring responsibilities for the following? *

- Child(ren) Person(s) with disability/mental health condition/chronic health condition Frail or aged person(s) None of the above Prefer not to say

Other

Award Start Date

This date is for administrative purposes only and may not reflect your proposed award commencement date.

Award End Date

This date is for administrative purposes only and may not reflect your proposed award end date.

Applicant Role

Strategic Considerations

The University of Melbourne is interested in supporting research and researchers equitably and inclusively. The following questions will assist the various selection committees in understanding how well your proposal aligns with institutional strategic aims to support equity, diversity, and inclusion.

To this end, we invite applicants to identify relevant aspects of their project and self-identity. Faculty representatives will verify these during shortlisting.

Please select strategic considerations as appropriate to your research:

- My research is interdisciplinary
- My research involves cross-faculty collaboration within the university
- My research involves Indigenous knowledge or research that has significance or relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities
- My research involves or has significance or relevance to International First Peoples or communities.
- My research will have a direct impact on cultural diversity, inclusion and/or equity.
- None of the above
- Other:

Please select any/all personal identification options:

- Indigenous researcher (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)
- Indigenous researcher (International)
- Researcher with a disability
- Minority researcher in your discipline (e.g. woman in STEM)
- A researcher who has experienced career disruptions in the last five years
- A person who identifies as LGBTIQ+
- None of the above
- Prefer not to say

Eligibility

Are you currently employed to the University of Melbourne?

- Yes, I am a current continuing employee of the University of Melbourne at 0.4FTE or higher
- Yes, I am a current fixed-term employee of the University of Melbourne at 0.4FTE or higher
- Yes, I am a current continuing research contingent employee of the University of Melbourne at 0.4 FTE or higher

Have you been an employee of the University of Melbourne for at least 6 months?

- Yes
- No

Please provide a summary explanation of the duration and type of employment you have had at the University of Melbourne to confirm that you have met the minimum of six months employment

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Please refer to Frequently Asked Questions for more explanation.

If you are a current fixed term or continuing research contingent employee, when does your contract end?

Must be a date.

Where applicable, if you are currently discussing a contract extension with your supervisor, please provide a brief update below. In these cases, your supervisor must sign the relevant section of the Authority to Submit (Faculty Confirmation Form).

What is your current academic appointment level?

- A
- B
- C

Academic Levels D & E are ineligible for this scheme.

What is your work focus category?

- Education and Research
- Academic Specialist
- Research Focussed

I currently hold or have applied for (select all that apply):

- Early Career Researcher Grant
- Early Career Researcher Fellowship

Have you previously held a Research Impetus Grant (RIG)?

- Yes
- No

Prior Research Impetus Grant Confirmation

If yes, please confirm the appropriate options below:

- Yes, previous funding has been fully expended.
- Yes, all required Progress and Final Reports have been submitted.
- No, previous funding has not been fully expended.
- No, I have an outstanding Progress or Final Report.

If you answered 'No' to any of the above questions, please confirm the year(s) of award, explain the status of funding received and, required reports

Please upload a copy of your career disruptions calculator calculation here:

Attach a file:

A3. Authority to Submit (Faculty Confirmation)

Applicants must attach a fully signed Authority to Submit form via the following template (**form available for download [here](#)**). The form should be signed by both the applicant and the nominated Faculty delegate.

Authority to Submit *

Attach a file:

Part B: Education and Appointment Details

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B1. Applicant PhD award and employment status

Date PhD awarded? *

The PhD award date is the date of the official letter or communication confirming that the thesis has passed examination and all degree requirements have been met. It is not the date of graduation/ conferral or the date the testamur is received.

During the proposed duration of the grant

- I will have a minimum research allocation of 40% of my employment fraction. Persons with less than 40% research allocation are ineligible.

Appointment Details

If you currently have multiple appointments, please add additional rows.

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Current/ confirmed/ supervisor/lab head	Start of current appointment	End of current appointment (if not continuing)	Appointment level	Current FTE (must be 0.4 FTE minimum)
	For multiple appointments, please use the start date of the first	Must be a date.	Level A, B, C, etc.	Full time=100%; 4 days=80%; etc.

Workload allocation split

Please indicate the % split of your workload allocation.

(e.g. you may be 0.8 FTE with 100% research, so you would write 0% teaching, 100% research, 0% service within 0.8 FTE,)

Current percentage of Teaching time/allocation	Current percentage of research allocation	Current percentage of Service allocation
Must be a number.	must be 40% or more of workload allocation Must be a number.	Must be a number.

Workload allocation

-----_Workload allocation (1)

Please briefly indicate how you will allocate time to the research activity outlined in this application, with consideration of your current workload and conditions of employment

Must be no more than 100 words

If you are already employed on a research project, please summarise the project and explain the source of funding, your role in the project, and any funding you can access through this role (such as travel funds).

Must be not more than 200 words

-----_Workload allocation (2)

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Fields of Research Codes (FoR)

You may include up to five FoR codes that best describe your area(s) of research, as relevant to your work. Please include code, description, and percentage (totalling 100% for all codes), e.g.:

- 3001 - Agricultural biotechnology - 51%
- 3002 - Agricultural, land and farm management - 49%

FoR Code

Select a Code *

FoR Code%

FoR Percentage *

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

Total FoR Percentage

Total Percentage *

This number/amount is calculated.

Socio-Economic Objective Codes (SEO)

You may include up to five SEO codes that best describe your area(s) of research, as relevant to your work. Please include the code, description, and percentage (totalling 100% for all codes).

SEO Code

Select your SEO Code(s) *

SEO Code %

Percentage *

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

Total Percentage

Total Percentage *

This number/amount is calculated.

Part C: Researcher Profile and Case for Support

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C1. Researcher Focus

Please provide an overview of your independent research program. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

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Summary of Disruption/s

Applicants must provide a timeline of their working periods and disruptions on the Authority to **Submit/Faculty** Confirmation form in discussion with the RIG Delegate.

* **Use the career disruption calculator on our website ([HERE](#)) to calculate the total disruption days.**

Disruption type (refer to section 4.6 scheme guidelines)	Disruption reason in brief (can leave blank)	Eligible Disruption Days Claimed
Career interruption/s as outlined in section 4 of the Scheme Guidelines.		Must be a number.

Disruption Status

Regarding your most recent disruption to research opportunity, is it still ongoing?

Yes

No

Date it ended, if applicable

Must be a date.

Prior Grants

Please provide details of all research grants, project funding for research, researcher supports, or other grants of support (external or internal) during the scheme disruption eligibility period (i.e., between 25 June 2021 and 25 June 2026).

The figure does not need to include any currently requested (not yet awarded) grants.

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Funding Type	Funding Description	Start Date (MM/YYYY)	End date (MM/YYYY)	\$ Awarded (total)
	e.g. Dr A Example, Proposal Title, UOM, ECR, #Grant ID, CIA 0.4FTE	e.g. May 2020 Must be a date.	e.g. December 2024 Must be a date.	Enter amount in Australian dollars Must be a dollar amount.
Other:				\$

According to the information you have supplied in the table above, the total dollar amount of research funding you received is calculated here. Please review this figure and adjust the above table if necessary, to ensure the correct number is shown.

Research funding relevant to eligibility window

\$

This number/amount is calculated.
Calculated sum

C3. Applicant Curriculum Vitae

Please upload your academic curriculum vitae (CV) (**4-pages maximum, PDF format only**).

As a guide, your CV may include:

- Full details of education, postgraduate training, and present and past appointments.
- Full details of current and previous employment (Time period (Month/Year-Month/Year), length of employment (Month/Year) Employment Description, Employer, employment type (e.g., fixed-term; ongoing; casual etc) and Fractional Full time equivalent (FTE))
- Details of awards or prizes (include \$ amount where applicable).*
- Summary of total publication metrics, including total number of publications, total citation counts, h-index, proportion in tier 1 journals, etc.
- Up to top 10 research publications
- Seminar/conference presentations (details of conference, indicate if invited talk, selected for oral or poster presentation).*
- Details of any postgraduate and undergraduate teaching and supervision (including demonstrating, tutor roles or co-supervision of students).
- Leadership, administration and service activities relating to laboratory, departmental, faculty/school or institutional functions (including membership of societies and committees, peer review, conference organisation, school admin roles, or other activities).
- Community engagement activities.

Please upload your CV here *

Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached in PDF format. No additional supporting documents (references, etc) will be considered as part of the assessment process. If any further information is needed you will be contacted.

Part D: Track Record and Research Trajectory

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Track Record Before and After Disruption/s

Please summarise your top achievements and contributions to the academic field and research career trajectory **prior to disruptions**, in the context of your opportunities and experiences at that time (your summary should refer to your CV).

NEXT

Please describe your academic record and achievements (relative to opportunity), **after the disruption/s**, and explain how the disruption/s impeded your research outputs and career trajectory.

Summary of achievements before disruptions *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Academic record after disruptions *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Applicants are not required to explain and discuss the details of the interruption in the Application Form, but to describe how the disruption/s changed or impacted their career momentum. Minimum personal details (as necessary to convey the circumstances) are required.

Research Plan and Expected Impact

In this section, please describe how the funds will positively impact or re-establish your research track record and career trajectory, and how the funds will contribute to research excellence in your discipline.

As part of this, you can refer to how your Department or School will support you to undertake the proposed funded activities and/or provide workload adjustments, as confirmed in the Authority to Submit (Faculty Confirmation) form.

Please describe your research plan outlining the likely contribution to disciplinary knowledge and/or relevance to institutional or faculty research priorities.

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Please describe the expected transformative impact of this grant to assist your future career path and profile.

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Part E: Proposed Budget Components

Budget Components

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- To complete this section, refer to the Guidelines and consult the table in section 6, 'GRANT CATEGORIES'.
- Applicants can apply for relevant grant components to a maximum of \$50,000 grant per application (including fringe benefits tax where necessary).
- Use the drop-down option in the first column to indicate each category you apply for.
- Provide additional details for each category in the 'Description' column, with their individual costs.
- Only list items and their relevant details and costs. You can leave justifications to your project description.
- Indicate the proposed expenditure end date, which is the expected date by which you will have used the funds.
- Please note that **teaching relief is limited to one subject and requires HoD/ School Approval**

Component budget requests for research support	Description	Total amount Requested for Category	Expenditure end date
		\$	
		\$	
		e.g. \$2220	When you expect to have used the funds Must be a date.

Fringe Benefits

Fringe Benefit Tax Requests

If requesting childcare support above (categories 'a' and 'd' in the grant component guide), fringe benefits tax must also be included in your budgeted requests.

Fringe Benefit Tax Components	Description of Fringe Benefits Tax	Fringe Benefits Tax Request
		Must be a dollar amount.

Fringe Benefit Tax sum (estimated)

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Please attach a copy of the FBT Estimator form via the following template ([Basic FBT calculator](#)).

Fringe Benefit Tax Sum Calculation

Attach a file:

Auto Calculated Budget

Total Fringe Benefit Tax Calculation

This number/amount is calculated.

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Amount Requested including Fringe Benefits Taxes (max \$50,000)

This number/amount is calculated.

The total financial support you are requesting in this application must not exceed \$50,000

Declaration

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Applicant Declaration

By submitting this application, I declare that the information I have given in this application is true to the best of my knowledge, and I understand that any offer of funding may be withdrawn if false information is given. *

I agree

Privacy Collection Notice

Research, Innovation and Commercialisation is collecting the information in this form to record administrative details of the applicant, and for assessment of the grant proposal by the relevant selection committees and personnel involved in the delivery of this funding program.

For further information about how the University manages personal information, and for details of how to make an enquiry, lodge a complaint, or to contact the University's Privacy and Data Protection Officer, please refer to our [Privacy webpage](#), view the [University's Privacy Policy](#) or contact privacy-officer@unimelb.edu.au.

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- Yes
- No

Project Title

2026_7 Research Impetus Grants

Activity Type

- Pure Basic Research
- Strategic Basic Research
- Applied Research
- Experimental Research

Cost Centre

Is there any aspect of this project or its associated agreement that is or needs to be treated as confidential?

- Yes
- No

If a student is working on the project, will the result of the project form part of their Thesis or Student Project?

- Yes
- No

Currency

Will this project require the procurement of new equipment valued over \$200K AUD?

- Yes
- No

As per the Procurement Policy (MPF1087)

Total Project Cost

This number/amount is calculated.

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

Is there any UOM in-kind contribution captured in this award/agreement?

- Yes
- No

Have you identified any actual, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest in undertaking this project in accordance with Managing Conflicts of Interest Policy (MPF1366)?

- Yes, a management plan is in place
- Yes, a management plan is not in place

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No

Respond on behalf of all members of the research team.

Provide the reference number of the Conflict of interest management plan (if applicable)

Award Number

Project Number

Attachment uploaded

Yes

No

This project involves a clinical trial

Yes

No

Approved to be included in the UoM successful applications library

Yes

No

This research involves