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Administrative Details

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Eligibility Checklist

Current supervisors of joint PhD candidates funded through the Bonn and Melbourne Research and Graduate School in Immunology are *not* eligible to apply.

University of Melbourne Principal Investigator (PI): *

- ☐ I confirm that I am a University of Melbourne academic staff member (minimum Level B) registered to supervise as per the Graduate Research Training Policy (MPF1321), and contracted beyond the envisaged submission date of the PhD candidate(s) OR have provided a letter of support detailing the arrangements in place to ensure continuity of supervision.
- ☐ I confirm that I am an honorary employee whose primary affiliation is with the University of Melbourne, eligible to supervise as per the Graduate Research Training Policy (MPF1321); and my primary employer has entered into an agreement to fund the Melbourne lump sum component of the Project's collaborative activity.
- ☐ I confirm that I am an honorary employee whose primary affiliation is with the University of Melbourne, eligible to supervise as per the Graduate Research Training Policy (MPF1321); I am otherwise unaffiliated and participating at my own expense.

University of Bonn Principal Investigator: *

- ☐ I confirm that I am a University of Bonn employee authorised to act as primary supervisor for PhD candidates according to the relevant regulations of the respective faculties, and contracted beyond the envisaged submission date of the PhD candidate(s) OR I have provided named co-supervisor at Bonn /a letter of support detailing the arrangements in place to ensure continuity of supervision.

Principal Investigator - University of Melbourne

Applicant *

Title First Name Last Name

Unimelb staff are required to enter their legal first name and last name as recorded in the HR system, not their preferred name.

Primary Email *

Please enter unimelb primary email address. You can check your primary email here - <https://sso.unimelb.edu.au/enduser/settings>

Position *

Faculty/School/ Department *

Please select your home Faculty and School/Department

Role *

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Career stage *

Applicant Gender *

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

Other

If 'other', this is an optional field to add self entered response.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

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

The Early Career Research Fellowships aim to foster an inclusive and equitable research community at the University of Melbourne. 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 any/all of the below researcher background options that you personally identify as:

You may select more than one	You may select more than one.	
☐ 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 ☐ Other: 	☐ My project is interdisciplinary ☐ My project involves cross-faculty collaboration within the university ☐ My project involves Indigenous knowledge or research that has significance or relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities ☐ My project will have a direct impact on cultural diversity, inclusion and/or equity. ☐ None of the above ☐ Other: 	☐ Indigenous researcher (self-identification) ☐ Direct engagement with Indigenous Knowledge ☐ Direct engagement with Indigenous Academics, Organisations or Communities ☐ Other:

Faculty of Arts applicants

If the application involves a Principal Investigator from the Faculty of Arts at Melbourne, the proposed project must first obtain [Faculty pre-approval](#) prior to submission to the

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University. As part of this process, the required approval documentation must include details of how the candidate will meet the [Faculty of Arts PhD coursework requirements](#).

Elements of Bonn's Faculty of Arts' structured PhD program or other graduate course offerings at Bonn may offer useful options. It is recommended that the Bonn and Melbourne PIs consult with each other and contact Melbourne's Associate Dean (Graduate Research) if any further guidance is required.

Principal Investigator - University of Bonn

Bonn Applicant *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Faculty *

Other:

Institute/Department

Institution *

Applicant Role *

Are you an early career researcher? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

Link to Bonn applicant's website/profile *

Details for Co-Supervisors (based at Melbourne, Bonn or another institution)

This section can be left blank, if not applicable.

Co-Supervisor I Institution	Co-Supervisors Name	Co-Supervisor D dept/School	Co-Supervisor E mail	Co-Supervisor Website
Other:				

Previous collaboration

Provide a summary of the previous collaboration between the PIs, if applicable

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

PhD Project Proposals

* indicates a required field

Summary

Please provide an overview of the program design for both projects, as well as each individual project. The projects can be on a similar research topic or theme, but the candidates cannot rely on each other's results or completed thesis work to progress in their candidature.

This overview should include

- Project design and rationale
- Potential impact
- Collaborator complementarity
- Supervision concept
- Capacity for expanded collaboration

STEM applicants: Prepare your overview and project summaries to be accessible to a lay scientific audience, particularly for technical projects.

Please also articulate (either here or in the individual project sections below) a timeline for when and where the different parts of the research will take place at each institution.

The structure of the PhD is flexible according to the project needs, but each joint PhD must spend at least 12 months at both Melbourne and Bonn.

One project is intended for a **Melbourne-home** candidate, and the other for a **Bonn-home** candidate.

The Home institution is where the candidate will conduct the majority of their research, where they receive their scholarship from, and where they are likely to commence and conclude their degree. **The Host institution** is where the candidate travels to complete the remainder of their research.

Overall Program Design *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 1500 words.

Should this application be considered part of a cluster by combining several proposals? *

Individual PhD Projects

Provide two project proposals with no interdependence between them. The projects can be on a similar research topic or theme, but the candidates cannot rely on each other's results or completed thesis work to progress in their candidature.

Project Start Date *

Must be a date.

Project End Date *

Must be a date.

Project 1: University of Melbourne - Project Title *

Project 1: University of Melbourne - Project Abstract. This will be used for candidate recruitment if your proposal is successful. It should be written in lay terms. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Project 1: University of Melbourne - Project Description *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Project 2: University of Bonn - Project Title *

Project 2: University of Bonn - Project Abstract. This will be used for candidate recruitment if your proposal is successful. It should be written in lay terms. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

Project 2: University of Bonn - Project Description *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

GANTT Chart Upload

Please upload a GANTT chart showing the division of time to be spent by the candidates at both institutions.

File Upload *

Attach a file:

Cluster information

These projects have the potential to be organised into clusters, bringing together multiple proposals under a shared research theme. However, this is not a requirement of the Joint PhD Projects.

If your team would like to cluster the suggested projects with other applications, please list them below. You can add more sections using the buttons below.

**Name of the Melbourne PI Name of the Bonn PI on theApplication number
on the clustered applicatio clustered application
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Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Adherence to respective equity, diversity and inclusion (EDI) policies are a core feature of this program to ensure that all participants can do their best work, thrive and succeed. Applicant teams should consider how they can take meaningful steps in their future collaborations to foster an environment that values, supports and respects a diverse range of views, knowledge and experiences. Applicants should consider EDI including as it applies to, e.g., gender, race, ethnicity, indigenous peoples, nationality, (dis)ability, and career stages.

Please discuss how your proposed projects reflects the EDI priorities as outlined in the above statement (this section should not include any personal information that could be used identify team members). *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

CVs of Principal Investigators and Co-Supervisors

* indicates a required field

Provide a short CV for each PI and Co-Supervisor, addressing the following:

- Overview of current position
- Employment history
- Ten career-best publications, awards, and relevant presentations
- List of awarded grants over the past five years, including funded amounts
- Supervision history of graduate research candidates, noting the duration of candidatures and previous supervision of any international candidates.

Please include the CVs of the two Principal Investigators first, followed by any Co-Supervisors. Add sections for each person using the 'Add More' button below as required.

Each CV should be 1-2 pages in length in the final generated PDF (you can generate the PDF at any time to check the number of pages).

Primary Investigator or Co-Supervisor's Name *

Affiliation

Other:

Short CV (roughly 1-2 pages per person in the final generated PDF) *

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Affiliation

Other:

Short CV (roughly 1-2 pages per person in the final generated PDF) *

Compliance and Regulatory Approvals

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Research Project Activity Type

Please select the Research Activity Type(s) that best relate to the proposed projects.

Pure basic research is experimental and theoretical work undertaken to acquire new knowledge without looking for long term benefits other than the advancement of knowledge.

Strategic basic research is experimental and theoretical work undertaken to acquire new knowledge directed into specified broad areas in the expectation of useful discoveries. It provides the broad base of knowledge necessary for the solution of recognised practical problems.

Applied research is original work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge with a specific application in view. It is undertaken either to determine possible uses for the findings of basic research or to determine new ways of achieving some specific and predetermined objectives.

Experimental research is developmental work, drawing on knowledge gained from research and practical experience and producing additional knowledge, which is directed to producing new products or processes or to improving existing products or processes.

Activity Type *

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

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Fields of Research Codes (FoR)

Melbourne applicants can consult a full list of current FoR codes via the [Research Gateway](#). Please select **up to five** FoR codes that best describe the area(s) of research relevant to the proposed projects. Use the 'Add More' button to add a row for each code. Please include a percentage for each code (**totalling 100% for all codes**). For example:

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

FoR Code

Select Code(s) *

FoR Percentage

Percentage *

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

Total FoR Percentage

Total FoR Percentage

This number/amount is calculated.

Socio-Economic Objective Codes (SEO)

Please select **up to five** SEO codes that best describe the objective(s) of research relevant to the proposed research project. Please include code and percentage (**totalling 100% for all codes**). Melbourne applicants can consult a full list of current SEO codes via the [Research Gateway](#).

SEO Code

Select Code(s) *

SEO Percentage %

SEO Percentage *

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

Total SEO Percentage

Total SEO Percentage

This number/amount is calculated.

Ethics, Export Controls and Privacy

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Ethics and Privacy Acknowledgement

All research involving human participants (including human data, tissue and cell lines) or live animals that is conducted by University of Melbourne employees, honoraries and students is subject to the requirements of ethics review as outlined in University Policy

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([Animal Care and Use Policy MPF1383](#), [Human Research Ethics and Safeguards Policy MPF1385](#)). Under the Australian Code for Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes and the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research, Australian ethics approval is required for animal and human research conducted in other countries, even if ethics approval has been granted in the other country or ethics approval is not required under the local laws of that country. All ethics approvals must be obtained prior to the commencement of the research; retrospective ethics approval cannot be granted. More information on research ethics processes and requirements is available on the Ethics and Integrity page of the [Research Gateway](#).

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☐ I acknowledge that I have read, understood and will comply with the University's research ethics requirements.

Review of Export Controls

If your work involves certain technologies, services or controlled goods, export controls legislation may impact you. By Australian law, the export, supply, or transfer of controlled goods, technologies, or services may require a permit issued by the Australian Government in advance of the activity taking place. This may have implications for your everyday research practices and the way you work with international colleagues, collaborators or suppliers.

Melbourne Pls: Please take a moment to visit the Export Controls Research Gateway and review the Decision Tool: <https://gateway.research.unimelb.edu.au/funding-contracts-and-ethics/ethics-and-integrity/international-safeguards/export-controls>

Have you completed the self-assessment decision tool for the Melbourne Home and Bonn Home project? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Privacy Notice

The information in this form is being collected by Melbourne Research and Enterprise (MRE) on behalf of the University of Melbourne and on behalf of the International Office, University of Bonn. The information you provide is being collected in order to record administrative details of the applicant, and for assessment by selection committees from The University of Melbourne and The University of Bonn. The information will be used by authorised staff for the purpose for which it was collected, and will be protected against unauthorised access and use. The names of successful applicants and a summary of their projects may be published. If you do not provide all of the information requested on this form, your application may be deemed ineligible and removed from consideration by the committees.

MRE 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.

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Endorsement of the application

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University of Melbourne

Evidence of approval is required for Melbourne PIs from the Head of School/Department and the Faculty's Associate Dean (Graduate Research)*. This should be provided using the approval forms provided on the [scheme website](#).

***Please note: ADGR sign off is not required for MDHS or FEIT applicants.**

University of Melbourne - HoD/HoS/ADGR evidence of approval from *

Attach a file:

Please use the template Letter of Endorsement available on the website

University of Melbourne - Honorary Declaration Form

Attach a file:

Please use the template Honorary declaration available on the website

University of Bonn

The University of Bonn only requires evidence of approval from the Head of Department/School if the Bonn Principal Investigator does not have a current confirmed contract for the duration of the expected project/s.

Evidence of approval

Attach a file:

Admin Use Only

Please do not complete this section.

This section is Admin Use Only

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Systems Administration

Cost Centre

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Award Number

Proposal 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

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

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

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

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

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
- ☐ No

Currency

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

- ☐ Yes

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☐ No

As per the Procurement Policy (MPF1087)

Costing and Pricing

Attach a file:

Maximum file size limit: 75 MB.

Total Amount Requested

Must be a dollar amount.

What is the total financial support you are requesting in this application?

Total Project Cost

Must be a dollar amount.

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

This research involves