

# Cumming Global Fellows Program 2026 - Application Form

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### Administrative Summary

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#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE APPLYING

The **Cumming Global Fellows Program** will bring high-performing post-doctoral candidates from relevant disciplines into the [Cumming Global Centre for Pandemic Therapeutics Research Missions](#). Fostering and building the capacity of a new generation of emerging biomedical research leaders into pandemic therapeutics, research and development and building a global leadership pipeline of researchers and institutions focused on therapeutics for pandemic preparedness.

The Cumming Global Fellows Program will support early to mid-career researchers as they transition toward independent research leadership. Each fellowship provides up to **\$100,000 per year for three years**, which can be allocated toward the research proposal and can support salary for staff and consumables. Up to a maximum of 50% of funding can be used to support the Fellow's salary.

Successful applicants will need to demonstrate a well-articulated vision of their research program that clearly aligns with the goals of The Cumming Global Centre and the host institution. Applicants will also be required to demonstrate they are leading the research proposal separate from their supervisor, and are transitioning to research independence.

Research proposals will be judged on scientific merit, feasibility and strategic value to the mission of The Cumming Global Centre, as well as the track record of the applicant. Criteria will include significance, innovation, approach as well as supervision and environment.

*Please note: The fellowship includes provisions to support fellows based in outstanding institutions globally who work on pandemic science and can provide an excellent scientific environment.*

**Please ensure that you have read and understood the 2026 Cumming Global Fellows Program Scheme Guidelines before you begin.**

**All application documents, including the scheme guidelines, FAQ's, templates and certification form, are available on the Cumming Global Centre for Pandemic Therapeutics website. Fellows Program Candidate Information Pack can be found [HERE](#)**

**Please save a copy of the Fellows Program Candidate Information Pack to assist with completion of the application.**

**SAVE AS YOU GO:** Manually save your work as you progress through the application.

#### How to Submit

- 1.Fill in this form in SmartyGrants, with the exception of the certification section.
- 2.Generate a copy of your application and provide it to your **Head of Department** with the **Certification form**.
- 3.**Upload** the signed certification form into this application and submit.

The deadline for applications is **10am Monday 11th May 2026**.

### Privacy Notice

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### **Why we collect your personal information**

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### **How we process your personal information**

We will process your personal information as necessary for our legitimate interests, in accordance with applicable privacy laws, and only under the following circumstances:

- for the purpose for which it was collected; or
- to meet our reporting obligations; or
- a related purpose which you might reasonably expect; or
- where you have consented to the processing; or
- if we are required or permitted to do so by law.

The information in this form is being collected by Research Development & Evaluation in the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, the University of Melbourne and the Cumming Global Centre for Pandemic Therapeutics (CGCPT). The information you provide is being collected in order to record administrative details of the applicant, and for assessment by the CGCPT Review Panel. 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 will be reported to relevant University committees and senior officers. 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.

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### **Consent statement**

*The University of Melbourne is committed to protecting your privacy by fully meeting its responsibilities under applicable privacy laws. By submitting any personal information in this form I consent to it being collected by the University of Melbourne. If the information relates to someone other than me, I am authorised to give this consent for that person.*

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**I have read and agree to the collection notice (required) \***

Yes

## SECTION 1: Eligibility

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### Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must confirm they meet the following eligibility before they can complete the application form. Please refer to the guidelines in the Candidate Information Pack, which can be found [HERE](#)

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. Applicants must be an Early to Mid-Career Researcher (EMCR), which is defined as:
  - Holding a PhD or equivalent higher degree (up to 10 years post doc)
2. Proposed research must align with the strategic mission and priorities of the Cumming Global Centre and the host institution.
3. Demonstrated excellence in research with a strong record of publications, grants and/or translation and commercialisation, coupled with proven leadership potential.
4. Demonstrate a clear trajectory toward establishing an independent research career, including capacity for future independent funding.
5. Nominate a supervisor committed to supporting career development and with a strong track record in research leadership and mentoring early career researchers.
6. Strong interpersonal and communication skills, with an ability to build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders (internal and external) and work collaboratively.
7. Demonstrated ability to work independently and collaboratively in a team to meet agreed deadlines and achieve project goals.
8. Evidence of salary and employment for the duration of the fellowship.

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**Do you confirm that you meet all of the Eligibility Criteria listed above? \***

Yes

No

If you have any questions regarding eligibility, please contact the program administrators at [cgcpt-fellows@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:cgcpt-fellows@unimelb.edu.au).

## SECTION 2: Applicant Details

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### What is your Primary Affiliation?

Primary Affiliation refers to the organisation where you currently hold a staff appointment. If you are employed by multiple organisations, please indicate the organisation where the majority of your FTE is held.

#### What is your Primary Affiliation? \*

- University of Melbourne
- Other

#### Country of Organisation \*

#### Applicant \*

Title      First Name      Last Name

  

Unimelb staff are required to enter the HR system/legal first name and last name. For students: Please add (STU) after their last name, separated by a space. For example: John Smith (STU)

#### Primary Email

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

#### Mobile Phone Number

#### How do you describe your gender?

- Woman of female
- Man or male
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say
- I use a different term

#### Do you identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

#### Department \*

Please select your University of Melbourne Department. Start by typing your University of Melbourne Department name and select it from the menu.

#### Laboratory/Group \*

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### Role/Position

### Applicant \*

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

### Mobile Phone Number

### How do you describe your gender?

- Woman or female
- Man or male
- Non-binary
- Prefer not to say
- I use a different term

### Do you identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person?

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

### Primary Email \*

Must be an email address.

### Organisation Name

### Department/Unit \*

### Laboratory/Group (if applicable)

### Role/Position

**Provide contact name, a link to the organisation website or other identifying information such as ABN or address**

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### Current Employment Level and Time Fraction

**Academic Level \***

Applicants must hold a PhD or equivalent degree (up to 10 years post doc), to be eligible

**FTE \***

1.0FTE is equivalent to Full Time employment.

**End date of current appointment (if applicable).**

Must be a date.

## SECTION 3: Research Proposal

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**Project Title \***

Must be no more than 250 characters.

**Short Project Summary \***

**Word count:**

Must be no more than 100 words.

Provide a descriptive, but succinct summary of your research project. Include a brief summary of what you will do (i.e. the activities you will perform), and what you expect will result from your activities (outcomes).

## PART A: Career Summary

**Instructions:**

- Please refer to the **Scheme Guidelines** for instructions and advice on how to answer this section.
- **Applicants should use the Word Templates**, from the Candidate Information Pack, which can be found [HERE](#)
- Upload a final **PDF copy only**.

**QUESTION 1: Statement of your goals and career plans (1-page limit) \***

Attach a file:

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File format: PDF only.

### **QUESTION 2: Relative to Opportunity statement, if applicable (1-page limit)**

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

### **QUESTION 3: Top five career publications with justification of impact (1-page limit). \***

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

### **CV and Full List of Publications**

- Applicants **must use the CV Template** provided. **Maximum 5 pages.**
- The *Full List of Career Publications Example* template contains suggested headings and formatting.
- Upload a final **PDF copy only.**

### **Current Academic CV: \***

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

### **Full list of career publications: \***

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

## **PART B: Research Plan**

### **Instructions:**

- Please refer to the **Scheme Guidelines** for instructions and advice on how to answer this section.
- The research plan is limited to **four pages** and must be completed on the **Research Proposal Template** provided, which can be downloaded from the Candidate Information Pack, found [HERE](#)
- Upload a final **PDF copy only.**

### **Research Plan (maximum 4 pages) \***

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

## **PART C: Letters of Support**

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Applicants must provide:

### 1. Letters of Support from three referees:

- One supervisor,
- Two external referees, such as a collaborator.

### 2. CV - Supervisor completed on template provided (maximum 5 pages)

#### Letter of Support: Supervisor/Internal Referee \*

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

#### Letter of Support: External Referee \*

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

#### Letter of Support: External Referee \*

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

#### CV from supervisor \*

Attach a file:

## SECTION 4: Project Budget Details

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### Proposed start/end date

Please nominate the preferred Start and End date of the Cumming Global Fellows Program.

Funding is available to commence from August 2026 and must be fully expended by the end of the 3-year project period.

#### Start Date \*

Must be a date and no earlier than 1/6/2026.

#### End Date \*

Must be a date within 3 years from the Start Date.

### Budget Details:

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Applicants are asked to provide a simple budget indicating how the fellowship will be used.

- Please use the **Budget Template** provided.
- **Maximum 1 page.**

### Simple Budget: \*

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

## SECTION 5: Research Classification

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### Research Activity Type

**Please select which Research Activity Type best reflects your research:**

**Pure basic research** is basic research carried out for the advancement of knowledge, without seeking long-term economic or social benefits or making any effort to apply the results to practical problems or to transfer the results to sectors responsible for their application.

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

**Applied research** is original investigation undertaken in order to acquire new knowledge. It is, however, directed primarily towards a specific, practical aim or objective.

**Experimental development** is systematic 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

### CGCPT Mission Alignment

Please indicate which aspect of the CGCPT mission your project aligns with. Information on CGCPT research missions can be found [HERE](#).

No more than **1 choice** may be selected.

### CGCPT Mission focus: \*

- Development of platform technologies that will develop therapeutics for pathogens of pandemic potential at speed.

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- Fundamental virology, bacteriology or immunology that will identify novel targets for therapeutics for pathogens of pandemic potential.
- Development of therapeutics that have activity across viral or relevant bacterial families e.g.therapeutics that have activity against all sarbecoviruses not just SARS-CoV-2.
- Enabling capabilities such as animal models, organoid systems, assay development, bioinformatics, genomics or biomarkers or other capabilities that can support therapeutic development.

### Field of Research Code (FoR)

To assist with identifying suitable assessors, please include up to two Field of Research (FoR) codes most relevant to this application. Information regarding FoR codes is available via [the ABS](#).

**FoR Code \***

**FoR Percentage \***

Must be a whole number (no decimal place) and between 1 and 100.

### Total FoR Percentage

This number/amount is calculated.

### Socio-Economic Objective (SEO)

To assist with identifying suitable assessors, please select the SEO codes that best describe your research (maximum of 5).

Information regarding SEO codes is available via [the ABS](#).

The total percentage must equal 100%.

**SEO Code \***

**SEO Percentage \***

Must be a whole number (no decimal place) and between 1 and 100.

### Total SEO Percentage

This number/amount is calculated.

## SECTION 6: Certification

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### PART A: Head of Department Support

**Step 1:** Save a PDF copy of your application

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**Step 2: Download** a copy of the **Certification Form** from the Candidate Information Pack found [HERE](#)

**Step 3: Forward** your Application PDF copy and Certification Form to your **Head of Department for certification** (this should be the Department/unit of your Primary Appointment).

**Step 4: Upload** the signed Certification form before you submit your application by the application deadline.

**Completed Certification form: \***

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

## PART B: Applicant Certification

*I, the CIA, certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct, and I understand that if this application is approved for this grant, I will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the grant as outlined in the letter of approval.*

**Response required \***

Yes

**I have my salary fully funded for the duration of the program (including up to 50% of the grant if required) \***

Yes

No

## Admin Use Only

**This section is Admin Use Only**

Yes

No

This question is read only.

**Cost Centre**

This question is read only.

**Award Number**

This question is read only.

**Proposal Number**

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This question is read only.

### Attachments uploaded

- Yes
- No

This question is read only.

### This project involves a clinical trial

- Yes
- No

### Approved to be included in the UoM successful applications library

- 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
- Not applicable

### This research involves

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

- Yes
- No

### Currency

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

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

As per the Procurement Policy (MPF1087)

### 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
- No

Respond on behalf of all members of the research team.

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

**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?