

ECA Collaborations Award 2027

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Early Career Researcher Global Collaborations Award

Introduction

The Faculty of Science Early Career Academic (ECA) Collaboration Awards provide an opportunity for the career development of Australian Early Career Researchers to build national and international research collaborations and strengthen their research network. There are two schemes for this award:

- **ECA International Collaborations Award** – Worldwide fund and USA fund (up to \$20,000 each) - applicant travelling overseas
- **ECA National Collaborations Award** – National fund (up to \$20,000 each) - applicant travelling within Australia or invited collaborator travelling to/within Australia

We wish to acknowledge the generosity of our donors as the awards are supported by philanthropic donations to the Faculty.

Please ensure that you have read and understood the [Grant Scheme Funding Guidelines](#).

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Applicant details

* indicates a required field

The Award

Select the award scheme you wish to be considered for. Note, only one award per applicant. *

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- ☐ ECA International Collaborations Award - Worldwide and USA
- ☐ ECA National Collaborations Award - Australia
- ☐ Both awards

Applicant Details

Applicant *

Title First Name Last Name

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Unimelb staff are required to enter the HR system/legal first name and last name (not preferred name).

Gender *

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| ☐ Woman | ☐ Non-binary/gender diverse |
| ☐ Man | ☐ Other: <input type="text"/> |
| ☐ Prefer not to say | |

Pronouns *

- | | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| ☐ She/her | ☐ They/them |
| ☐ He/him | ☐ Prefer not to disclose |

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Other:

Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

For Unimelb staff: Please enter your primary Unimelb email address. For students: Please enter the student's email address. You can check your primary email here - <https://sso.unimelb.edu.au/enduser/settings>

Applicant Position *

Faculty and School *

At The University of Melbourne, 'Internal Association' refers to Faculties and Graduate Schools.

Supervisor *

Title First Name Last Name

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Employment Category *

Other:

Employment Type *

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Classification *

FTE commitment for your current role *

Must be a number.

(Full-time=1.0, part-time= above 0.5). To be eligible for this award, you must hold a minimum of a 0.5 FTE Teaching and Research (T&R) or Research Only (RO) appointment.

Please specify contract end date if you have a fixed-term contract

Must be a date.

Must be a date

For those applicants whose contract expires before 31 December 2027, evidence from the Head of School confirming the contract will be extended can be included to demonstrate eligibility.

Attach a file:

Please upload email verification.

Applicant PhD Award Date *

Must be a date in dd/mm/yy format. This is the conferral date (the date of the official notification that you have passed).

ORCID ID

All participants applying for grants are encouraged to have a persistent digital identifier such as an Open Researcher and Contributor Identifier (ORCID ID). You can register for an ORCID ID here: <https://orcid.org>

Role

Collaborator(s) Details

* indicates a required field

Collaborator details - add more as needed

----- Collaborator details - add more as needed (1)

Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Email *

Must be an email address.

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Role *

Organisation Name *

Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

----- Collaborator details - add more as needed (2)

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Email *

Must be an email address.

Role *

Organisation Name *

Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

----- Collaborator details - add more as needed (3)

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Email *

Must be an email address.

Role *

Organisation Name *

Address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

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

Organisations

* indicates a required field

Other External Organisations

Does this research involve any other external organisations not already named in the Research Team? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Select Other External Organisations

Select Other External Organisations

New External Organisation

-----New External Organisation (1)

Organisation Name

Organisation Name

Address

Address

-----New External Organisation (2)

Organisation Name

Organisation Name

Address

Address

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Selection Criteria Responses

* indicates a required field

Justify the proposed activity in response to each criterion

Evidence of a new or emerging research collaboration with national or international researchers or industry, taking into consideration track record. [30%] *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Explanation of the research experience, including networking and collaboration, and/or new skills that will be developed and potential of the proposed visit and/or connection to contribute to the career development of the applicant. [30%] *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Please upload a Letter of Support from the collaborator(s), demonstrating capability of the collaborator(s) to contribute to the proposed research activity. [20%] *

Attach a file:

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A good letter of support is detailed and personalised for the applicant.

Letter of Support from additional collaborators (if relevant)

Attach a file:

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Explanation of future communication and promotion of the project activities, overseas and/or in Australia. [10%] *

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Word count:

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Must be no more than 200 words.

Curriculum Vitae & Research Outputs

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Performance Relative to Opportunity

Do you wish your application to be considered with respect to Performance Relative to Opportunity (PRO)?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Please outline your case (max 5000 characters). Consideration of PRO facilitates positive acknowledgement of what has been achieved by academic staff given the opportunities available. Personal circumstances relevant in assessing PRO include care relationships, medical conditions and part-time and flexible working arrangements. Relevant career interruptions include parental leave and extended sick leave. Relevant leave of absence may include leave authorised to enable an academic to undertake an industry secondment or similar career development activity outside the academy. Other circumstances may include natural disasters (such as the Australian bushfires in 2019-2020), global health issues (such as the COVID-19 pandemic) and emergency situations with significant or longer-term impacts.

Word count:

Must be no more than 5000 characters.

Your Research

What is your research about and why is it important? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 5000 characters.

Curriculum Vitae and Research Outputs

This section should be brief, use dot points where possible and adhere to the word limits. Where appropriate, all details should be listed in reverse chronological order.

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Please focus on the **most recent five years**.

Full details of education, postgraduate training, present and past appointments *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Seminar/conference presentations (details of conference, indicate if invited talk, selected for oral, or poster presentation) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Details of awards or prizes (include \$ amount where applicable) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Details of any postgraduate and undergraduate teaching and supervision (including demonstrating, tutor roles or co-supervision of students) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Administrative responsibilities, including laboratory, departmental, faculty/school and institutional *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Leadership and service activities related to scientific discipline or the University of Melbourne (e.g. membership of societies and committees, peer review experience, administrative responsibilities) *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Community engagement activities *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Statement of career aspirations for the next five years *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Please ensure you include full academic references for each item listed.

For multi-author outputs, applicants should indicate their contribution to the published work.

Please do not list works submitted, under review or in preparation. Items that have not yet been published should be clearly identified as accepted or in-press and acceptance date provided (month/year).

Please use the following sub headings for your publications:

- Original refereed journal articles (the date of acceptance should be provided for papers not yet published);\
- Reviews;
- Books, chapters and monographs;
- Full published conference proceedings (do not include conference abstracts);
- Patents;
- Other publications, e.g. popular articles, periodicals, submissions to government reviews, policies.

Please list your research outputs, with a focus on the last five years, as described above. *

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Please provide a brief summary describing the common publishing practices in your field, particularly concerning how your field assesses research and publication quality *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Please list your three career-best research outputs with brief summaries outlining your contribution and the impact they have made in your field *

Project Details

* indicates a required field

Activity type

Please select the activity type below.

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 development is systematic work, using existing knowledge gained from research or practical experience, that is directed to producing new materials, products or devices, to installing new processes, systems and services, or to improving substantially those already produced or installed.

Activity Type *

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

Project Title *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 10 words.

Start Date

End Date

Project Objectives: Briefly describe the objectives of the proposed project activity. The project objectives must align with the aims of the scheme as defined in the Funding Guidelines: to build national and/or international research collaborations and strengthen research networks. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Provide a short description of your project - what are you out to do?

Project Impact: Outline, in plain English, the expected impact of this project. Impact may include activities or outcomes of benefit to your discipline and/or broader society, as well as benefits to your career progression and prospects. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Describe three things you want the project to achieve in terms of benefits for participants and/or others .

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

This research involves *

This project involves a clinical trial *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Approved to be included in the UoM successful applications library *

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Budget

* indicates a required field

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

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

As per the Procurement Policy (MPF1087)

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

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Total Project Cost (cost of any in-kind contributions, if relevant) *

Must be a dollar amount.

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

Currency

Direct Costs (max \$15,000)

Up to \$15,000 for general budget items/non-salary budget items.

Budget items might include (but are not restricted to): co-funding arrangements with external partners or funders; publication support (e.g. proof-reading, indexing, translation, payment of Gold Open Access fees); research translation involving editing or specialist writing work; project support through casual research assistance (for data collection, literature review, communication, project management, etc.) or external consultancy; reasonable and justifiable travel and accommodation costs.

Item Description

\$ Amount

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Total Direct Costs (max \$15,000)

Total Amount Requested (Auto-calculated from above). NOTE: If any of the individual budget components are exceeded, the application will be deemed ineligible.

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Indirect Costs (max \$5,000)

Up to \$5,000 of the total budget can be used for salary.

This may be used in Australia to employ an RA to indirectly support the applicant, allowing them time to pursue the Award research activities).

Description	\$ Amount

Total Indirect Costs (max \$5,000)

Total Amount Requested (Auto-calculated from above). NOTE: If any of the individual budget components are exceeded, the application will be deemed ineligible.

This number/amount is calculated.

Budget Justification

A well presented and justified budget within the grant limits with appropriate costing for salary, travel and accommodation and other components. [10%]

Outline and justify the proposed budget up to **AU\$20,000**. A maximum of \$20,000 per application will be awarded (comprising of **up to \$15,000 for general budget items/non-salary budget items** and **up to \$5,000 for indirect salary**).

Please include details of any applicant or collaborator cash or in-kind contributions.

When justifying items for travel, please include:

- specific destinations and actual cost of flights. For example, MEL-PARIS, return flight, \$1,968 (Webjet);

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- cost per night/month for accommodation and number of nights. For example, Paris \$200 per day x 15 days = \$3,000 Expedia);
- cost per diem, using [ATO rates](#) or percentage of ATO rates. For example, \$100 per day (40% of ATO rates) x 15 days = \$1,500.

When justifying items for RAs, please include:

- RA Level, hourly rate and number of hours. For example Level, RA.1, \$47.61 x 10 hours = \$476.10 for graphic design assistance for journal paper. Use the most up to date salary calculator found on the Staff Hub.

When justifying items for project costs, please include:

- purpose of expense. For example, laboratory consumables - DNA extraction kits and bacteria growth media for biochemical tests. 5 kits @ \$491 each = \$2,455.

Budget justification *

Compliance

* indicates a required field

Compliance and Regulatory Approvals

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

<https://policy.unimelb.edu.au/MPF1366/> Respond on behalf of all members of the research team.

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

Fields of Research Codes (FoR)

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

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

FoR Code

Select a Code *

FoR Code %

Percentage *

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Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

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 the proposed research project. Please include code, description, and percentage (totalling 100% for all codes).

SEO Code

Select a Code *

SEO Code %

Percentage *

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

Total Percentage *

This number/amount is calculated.

Declaration and Approval

* indicates a required field

Declaration

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

I confirm that I have the capacity to undertake the proposed research in my School *

☐ Yes

I am committed to communicate my experience and outcomes from my research collaboration to external audiences at the end of the funding period. *

☐ Yes

I will submit a brief final report to the Science Research Office six weeks after the project end date. *

☐ Yes

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Approval

Please upload an email or letter from your Supervisor and Head of School to show their support for the application and FTE commitment to this research. *

Attach a file:

Please upload email confirmation.

Admin Use Only

This section is Admin Use Only

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Proposal ID

Attachment uploaded

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Cost Centre

Award Number