

2027 ERS-VRS Application Form for 2027 visits

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Visiting Research Scholar (VRS) and Eminent Research Scholar (ERS) Scheme Application

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Before you begin

Please ensure that you have read and understood the [Eminent Research Scholar Scheme](#) and [Visiting Research Scholar Scheme](#) Funding Rules.

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 submit to your Head of Department with the [Statement and Certification page](#).
3. Upload the signed certification page into this application and submit.
4. Upon submission you will automatically be sent a copy of the final application. It cannot be changed once it is submitted.

Eligibility Questions

Does the applicant (the Host) hold a continuous or fixed-term academic appointment (Level A-E) at the Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Melbourne, at the time of the award and for the duration of the project? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Honorary and casual appointments are not eligible as lead applicants, with the exception of Enterprise Professors.

Has the applicant (the Host) or any members of the host team already held or been awarded a Visiting/Eminent Research Scholar grant for a visit in 2027 calendar year? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

All applicants are entitled to only ONE successful Visiting/Eminent Research Scholar grant per calendar year. You must not currently hold a grant for a visit in the same calendar year as your proposed visit.

Does the applicant (the Host) currently hold outstanding grant acquittals for any internal or external research funding? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

All applicants must not at the time of application have outstanding grant acquittals for any internal or external research funding.

You are not eligible to apply for this grant.

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Please exit the form.

If you have any questions, please contact: fbe-research@unimelb.edu.au

Please submit the final report

Please submit the final report on all previous internal grant schemes.

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Applicant Details

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Scheme

Please indicate which scheme you would like to apply for: *

- ☐ Visiting Research Scholar
- ☐ Eminent Research Scholar

Please provide a short statement on why an Eminent Research Scholar (ERS) visit is more suitable than a Visiting Research Scholar (VRS) visit for your proposed visitor. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Academic Host Details

Name (Legal Name) *

Title First Name Last Name

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Please enter the HR system/legal first name and last name (not preferred name).

Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Please enter unimelb primary email address.

Home Department *

Applicants from MI and centres, please select "CCH_H1_5_27"

Role *

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Please only select Lead UoM Chief Investigator.

Host Find an Expert Profile (CV) website *

Must be a URL and at least 38 characters.

Select and enter your profile from Find an Expert <https://findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/>. Assessment of Host Tack Record will be done on all university registered research activity, including publishing, grants and contract activity, as listed on your university Find an Expert page. If activity is missing, you should ensure it is up to date by contacting the Research Outputs team on research-outputs@unimelb.edu.au

Centres and Institutes

Please provide the full name of your Institute or Centre (please provide the group name if you are from Melbourne Institute) *

Visiting Research Scholar Details

Name of Visiting Scholar *

Title First Name Last Name

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Visitor Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Department of Visiting Scholar *

University/Institution Name

Scholar Profile Website *

Must be a URL.

This may be their staff or research profile page on website

Visiting Research Scholar Role

Please select Co-Investigator.

Please attach a brief CV (max. 5 pages) of the scholar *

Attach a file:

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University/Institution Name *

ERS Visit Mode and Duration

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In what mode will the visit be undertaken?

Select the visit mode that you are applying for *

- ☐ Face to Face visits: the length of visits must be no shorter than two weeks (14 days) in duration
- ☐ Virtual visits: the length of visits should be four (4) weeks up to twelve (12) weeks' duration

Arrival date *

Must be a date and between 31/1/2027 and 26/11/2027.

Departure Date *

Must be a date and between 31/1/2027 and 26/11/2027.

Face to Face Visit Duration

Visiting Duration (days) *

Must be a number and at least 14.

Please calculate and enter the total number of days between the start and end dates. Example: 1 June 2027 to 16 June 2027 = 16 days.

Virtual Visit Duration

Visiting Duration (weeks) *

Must be a number and between 4 and 12.

VRS Visit Mode and Duration

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In what mode will the visit be undertaken?

Select the visit mode that you are applying for *

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Virtual Visit Duration

Visiting Duration (weeks) *

Must be a number and at least 4.

Project Details

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Project Details

Project title (Please follow this format: 'Visiting OR Eminent Scholar Professor Joe Smith - University of California') *

Have you hosted the proposed visitor under an FBE VRS or ERS grant in previous years? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Provide brief description about the relationship between Host and Visitor, and project to be taken *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Describe the program of activities that the Scholar will undertake *

Example:

1. A faculty/department level seminar/workshop/masterclass for TARGET AUDIENCE

on TOPIC of....

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

This should include all faculty level, department level and PhD program activities and how these will be undertaken in terms of visit mode and amount of time dedicated to each activity. Include details such as how many staff and/or students will benefit. Where scholars will attend other universities, provide details of co-funding arrangements as per Funding Rules.

Describe the collaboration and likelihood for future outcomes *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Include how the expertise of the Scholar complements the research strengths of the Host, and how the strength of the collaboration will contribute to further and ongoing outcomes.

Identify how the proposed activities and collaboration will enhance the research activity and profile of the faculty *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Include details about the benefits to both academic staff, faculty profile and PhD programs or cohorts. You may also address the relationship between institutions.

List the expected high quality research outputs (publications) and outcomes that can be achieved because of the visit *

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Include specific details and timeframes. List only outputs and outcomes that can be specifically linked to this proposed visit and funding. The answer should address outcomes beyond the planned co-authorship of research articles alone.

Alignment to Ethics Responsibility and Sustainability Principles

Which of the following ERS themes apply to the work? Please tick all that apply. *

- ☐ Ethics (e.g. values, trust, virtues, decision making)
- ☐ Governance (e.g. corporate governance, institutions, and markets)
- ☐ Leadership (e.g. responsible leadership, ethical leadership, stewardship, leadership development)
- ☐ Corporate Responsibility (e.g. accountability, CSR, integrity management, supply chain, procurement)
- ☐ Diversity and Inclusion (e.g. age, gender, mental health, race/ethnicity, sexuality)
- ☐ Indigeneity (e.g. engagement, reconciliation, well-being, leadership in business)
- ☐ Environmental Sustainability (e.g. climate change, climate futures, risk, fair trade)
- ☐ Sustainable Innovation and Entrepreneurship (e.g. responsible innovation, social innovation, social entrepreneurship)
- ☐ Digital (e.g. digital business ethics, privacy, algorithms, blockchain technology, tokenisation)
- ☐ Partnerships and Collaboration (e.g. stakeholder engagement, conflicts, activism, community)
- ☐ Ethical Finance and Investing (e.g. impact investment, ERS investment)
- ☐ Global responsibility (e.g. ethics of globalisation, development, and multinationals)
- ☐ International Principles and systems (e.g. integration of supra-national standards and principles e.g. PRME, SDGs, GRI)

Please describe how the proposed research activities aligned to the ticked Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability principles above *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

OREI Question

Activity Type *

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

Definitions: 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.

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This research involves *

This project involves a clinical trial *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If Approved, do you wish this application to be included in the UoM successful applications library? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Grants application library: https://staff.unimelb.edu.au/research/grants/successful-applications-library?f.Faculty%7Cfaculty=Business+and+Economics&start_rank=1

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

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

ERS Budget Justification

*** indicates a required field**

Eminent Research Scholar Award

Face to Face Visit: The Scheme awards a maximum Faculty contribution of \$22,500, and Host Departments provide matching or greater funds. Funds awarded may be used for Accommodation, Flights and Incidentals associated with the travel costs of the Scholar travelling to The University of Melbourne, including:

- Return airfare for the Scholar (business class travel allowable)
- Accommodation (maximum \$350 per night)
- Other expenses associated with the visit, such as promoting and delivering lectures and seminars
- Department negotiated terms for the Scholar for service(s) provided, commensurate with the length of the visit and the contribution made by the Scholar **and/or**
- Limited daily subsistence costs: Per diems can be calculated as 50% of the amounts shown when using the [Travel Allowance Calculator](#) or ATO [Taxation Determination 2025/4](#)
- The Faculty supports per diems at **50%** of the [University's official travel allowance calculator](#)
- The scheme will not pay for dinners that are social events so do not include such an item within the budget.

Travel arrangements and expenditure for all Visitors must be in accordance with the [University Travel Policy](#) and Frameworks.

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Sabbaticals: For visitors who are coming on sabbaticals from other institutions, full documentation must be provided in the application of the funding and purpose of funding that they have received elsewhere as the Eminent Research Scholar scheme is intended to create new opportunities for visitors and will not fund sabbatical expenditures that will be funded elsewhere.

Virtual Visit: The Scheme awards a maximum Faculty contribution of \$5,000, and Host Departments provide matching or greater funds- a standard award of \$10,000. The Virtual Eminent Research Scholar Scheme offers funding for negotiated remuneration to attract Eminent Scholars to the Faculty and enable them to dedicate time to their virtual visit.

Visit lengths are:

- **For Face to Face visits:** the length of visits must be no shorter than two weeks (14 days) in duration
- **For Virtual visits:** the length of visits should be four (4) weeks up to twelve (12) weeks' duration

Accommodation

Accommodation	Cost per night	Number of nights	Total
e.g. Proposed Hotel name	Must be a dollar amount and no more than 350.	Must be a number.	This number/amount is calculated.
			\$

Flights

Flight Details	Total
	\$
e.g. Manchester-Melbourne (Return Business Class)	Unitravel quote

Subsistence costs

Limited daily subsistence costs: Per diems can be calculated as 50% of the amounts shown when using the [Travel Allowance Calculator](#) or ATO [Taxation Determination 2025/4 - page 4-6](#)

Reasonable 50% of cost per day for domestic travel expenses in Melbourne:

Employee's annual salary \$143,650 or less: \$82.5

Employee's annual salary \$143,651 to \$255,670: \$100.675

Employee's annual salary \$255,671 or more: \$110.1

Meals/Incidentals	Cost per day	Number of days	Total
Please see ERS guideline section 7.2.5		Must be a number.	This number/amount is calculated.
Meals/Incidentals	\$		\$

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Other

Provide details of other expected budget items. In this section you should include any agreed remuneration for the Eminent Scholar and a short description of the activity(ies) remunerated in the details section e.g. "Provision of masterclass and workshop". Remuneration will not be paid for activities expected of a visiting academic such as meeting staff and PhD students or giving a standard seminar or panel session in their own research. An honorarium will be commensurate with the length of the visit and the contribution made by the Scholar: it should be based on the fees outlined in the [Budget Book](#) for staff when engaging in executive education) The overall cost remunerated should appear as one line item.

Details	Total
	\$

Total Amount Requested *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Amount requested from Faculty (ERS Face to Face Visit) *

\$

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 22500.

This will be 50% or less of the Total Amount Requested

Amount requested from Faculty (ERS Virtual Visit) *

\$

Must be a number and no more than 5000.

This will be 50% or less of the Total Amount Requested

VRS Budget Justification

* indicates a required field

Visiting Research Scholar Award

Face to Face Visit: The Scheme awards a maximum Faculty contribution of \$15,000, and Host Departments provide matching or greater funds. Funds awarded may be used for Accommodation, Flights and Incidentals associated with the travel costs of the Scholar travelling to The University of Melbourne, including:

- Return economy airfare for the Scholar
- Accommodation (maximum \$250 per night)
- Limited daily subsistence costs: Per diems can be calculated as 50% of the amounts shown when using the [Travel Allowance Calculator](#) or ATO [Taxation Determination 2025/4](#)

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- Consideration can be made for other expenses associated with the visit, such as promoting and delivering lectures and seminars if a case is presented in the application.
- Payments or honoraria to the Scholar, workshops, conferences and conference related dinners, including transportation costs to other universities **will not be** funded.
- The scheme will not pay for dinners that are social events so do not include such an item within the budget.

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- **For Virtual visits:** the length of visits should be four (4) weeks up to twelve (12) weeks' duration

Accommodation

Accommodation	Cost per night	Number of nights	Total
e.g. Hotel name	Must be a dollar amount and no more than 250.	Must be a number.	This number/amount is calculated.
	\$		\$

Flights

Flight Details	Total
e.g. Manchester-Melbourne (Return Economy Class) *Return economy airfare for the VRS	Unitravel quote
	\$

Subsistence Costs

Limited daily subsistence costs: Per diems can be calculated as 50% of the amounts shown when using the [Travel Allowance Calculator](#) or ATO [Taxation Determination 2024/3 - page 4-6](#)

Reasonable 50% of cost per day for domestic travel expenses in Melbourne:

Employee's annual salary \$148,250 or less: \$82.5

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Employee's annual salary \$148,251 to \$263,850: \$100.675

Employee's annual salary \$263,851 or more: \$110.1

Meals/Incidentals	Cost per day	Number of days	Total
Please see VRS guideline section 7.2.5		Must be a number.	This number/amount is calculated.
Meals/Incidentals	\$		\$

Other

Details	Total
	\$

Total Amount Requested *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Amount requested from Faculty (VRS Face to Face Visit) *

\$

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 15000.

This will be 50% or less of the Total Amount Requested

Amount requested from Faculty (VRS Virtual Visit) *

\$

Must be a dollar amount and no more than 3500.

This will be 50% or less of the Total Amount Requested

Compliance & Regulatory Approvals

* indicates a required field

Select FoR Codes

You can find guidance to select your relevant FoR Codes [here](#).

FoR Code

Code

Please refer to 'AUNZ Codes' for further details

FoR Code %

Percentage %

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

FoR codes % Total

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Total FoR %

This number/amount is calculated.
Must be exactly 100%

Select SEO Codes

You can find guidance to select your relevant SEO Codes (Area of Impact) [here](#).

SEO Code

Code

Please refer to 'AUNZ Codes' for further details

SEO Code %

Percentage %

SEO Codes % Total

Total SEO %

This number/amount is calculated.
Must be exactly 100%

Compliance & 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

Respond on behalf of all members of the research team.

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

Additional Documentation

* indicates a required field

Statement and Certification from Head of Department

Please provide your Head of Department with a PDF copy of your application and request that they authorise it via the following certification page ([available for download here](#)).

For Visiting Scholar Schemes, Heads of Departments are required to provide a Statement alongside certification. The Statement should:

- For Eminent Research Scholars, set out a case as to the international standing and eminence of the Scholar, alongside the benefit of the Scholar visiting the Faculty

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- For Visiting Research Scholars, set out a case as to the benefit of the Scholar visiting the Faculty
- Confirm the Department support, including financial support, to the Scholar's visit
- Be provided irrespective of visit mode (virtual or face to face)

Applicants should contact their Heads of Department at least 1 week prior to the deadline.

Certification from Head of Department *

Attach a file:

Budget Total

Total Contribution from Faculty and Department

An Eminent Scholar application cannot exceed \$45,000. A Visiting Scholar application cannot exceed \$30,000. Please review your budget if your total exceeds this amount.

Total Project Cost

This number/amount is calculated.

This is the total budgeted cost of your project.

Applicant Declaration

By submitting this application, I declare that the information I have given in this application is correct and true, and I hereby give my consent to the Faculty Research and Industry Committee to administrate and assess my application. *

☐ I agree

Admin Use Only

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Cost Centre

Award Number

Project Number

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Currency

AUD

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 Amount Requested

\$

This number/amount is calculated.