

# FBE-Research Laboratory Fund (2026 for 2027)

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### Administrative Summary

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#### Before you begin

Please ensure that you have read and understood the [Research Laboratory Fund Guidelines](#).

**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 [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

**The lead applicant must have Head of Department/Centre/Institute endorsement to apply in the round \***

Yes, the lead applicant has received/will receive endorsement

**Do any of the applicants currently hold outstanding grant acquittals for any internal 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

### Applicant/s Details

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#### Lead Applicant Details

**Name \***

Title      First Name      Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Internal applicants are required to enter the HR system/legal first name and last name (not preferred name).

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### Role

You are automatically the Chief Investigator.

### Lead Applicant Primary Email \*

Must be an email address.

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

### Department \*

### Find an Expert Profile Link of Lead Researcher \*

<https://findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/profile/>

Must be at least 48 characters.

Must be a URL and at least 48 characters. Add your Find an Expert Profile URL

## UoM Research Team

Proposed Research Laboratories must have a minimum of **two** FBE academics, with one being the lead applicant.

To add all members to the team, click the "+" button located on the right side of the page.

### Name \*

Title      First Name      Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Internal applicants are required to enter the HR system/legal first name and last name (not preferred name).

### Email \*

Must be an email address.

Please enter unimelb primary email address.

### Department \*

### Role \*

### Find an Expert Profile \*

<https://findanexpert.unimelb.edu.au/profile/>

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### Are there any external applicants?

- Yes
- No

### External Research Team

To add all members to the team, click the "+" button located on the right side of the page.

### External Applicant \*

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

### Email \*

Must be an email address.

### Role \*

### Organisation \*

### Organisation Name \*

### ABN

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	<a href="#">More information</a>
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

Applicable for Australian organisation only.

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### Address

Address

  

## Project Details

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### Research Laboratory title \*

Must be no more than 10 words.

### Start Date \*

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

Up to 5 years

### End Date \*

Must be a date and no later than 31/12/2030.

Up to 5 years

## Project Summary

**Research Laboratory Summary. Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of your idea - what are you out to do? \***

Must be no more than 100 words.

## Alignment with Scheme Objectives

Please refer to [Section 4 in Research Laboratory Fund Guidelines.](#)

### Collaboration \*

Guidance:

4.1.1. The extent to which the research project establishes/strengthens and/or will establish/strengthen collaboration within the faculty, the University, and broader academic communities.

4.1.2. A clear plan for 'upscaling' to an extended collaboration, and/or multidisciplinary, and/or multi-institutional, and/or global in scale must be submitted with an application.

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Word count:

Must be between 400 and 800 words.

### **Research Quality \***

Guidance:

4.2.1. Significance of the project, including consideration of the alignment with University and FBE strategies.

4.2.2. The extent to which the project is soundly conceived and planned, including method and schedule.

Word count:

Must be between 400 and 800 words.

### **Research Ambitions \***

Guidance:

4.3.1. The extent to which the project demonstrates high-level research aspirations that push the boundaries of research fields (foundational knowledge, applied research), and/or research methodological innovation, and/or positive research impact.

4.3.2. The development of a clear and considered pathway to a major externally funded research collaboration—such as an ARC Centre of Excellence, and ARC Discovery or Linkage, an NHMRC grant scheme, a major overseas or industry grant fund. The FBE Professional Services Unit is available to discuss possibilities.

Word count:

Must be between 400 and 800 words.

### **Track Record \***

Guidance:

4.4.1. Demonstrated evidence of the lead applicant having experience leading a research team.

4.4.2. Demonstrated evidence of mentoring by established academic members of the team of Early Career Researchers (ECR) / Mid Career Researcher (MCR) academics.

4.4.3. Demonstrated track record of the lead applicant in applying for and securing research funding, and the successful implementation of funded team-based research project/s (on-time, on-budget, achieving or exceeding expected research outcomes).

Word count:

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### **Likelihood for Success \***

Guidance:

4.5.1. The extent to which the project is likely to result in sustained, externally funded activity.

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4.5.2. The extent to which the team capability is appropriate to the proposed research goals and outcomes.

Word count:

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## Project Proposal

Optional:

If you have any figures, links, or other relevant materials to support the sections above that cannot be displayed in plain text, please compile the questions and answers into a PDF and upload it here.

### Project Proposal Upload

Attach a file:

Maximum file size limit: 75 MB. Please upload a PDF that contains the information also provided in this application form with the following headings: Research Laboratory Title, Research Laboratory Summary, Collaboration, Research Quality, Research Ambitions, Track Record, Likelihood for Success

## Activity Type

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 research 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.

[Source](#) - Please refer to Data Download

### Activity Type \*

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

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Unknown

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

## Alignment to Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability Principles

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### 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)

At least 1 choice must be selected.

#### Please describe the alignment to Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability principles ticked above \*

Word count:

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Must be no more than 500 words

### Budget

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#### Budget

The Research Laboratory Fund is focused on developing strong, sustainable, and connected research teams who are leading state-of-the-art research that showcases our world class business and economics researchers, and profiles the faculty as a world-renown nexus of research excellence.

Please provide a detailed project budget. **Refer to the Research Laboratory Fund [Guidelines](#) to determine eligible expenditure. Instructions:**

- Please add an additional row for each new budget category.
- List individual budget items for each category in the central column, with their individual costs.
- Enter the overall cost for that category in the fourth column.
- List items and their relevant details and costs.
- All costs should be listed excluding GST.

**Budget items not supported** Funds will not be provided for the following;

- Funding will not be provided for standard items of office equipment (e.g. computers) or operational costs for any team member or their organisation.
- Support for travel will not be given for attendances at conferences.
- Grants will be awarded for the symposium and not for deficit financing of existing research.

Budget Category	Items requested (include individual costs)	Justification of the Budget	Amount Requested for Category	Year
Other:				
		Explain why each item listed is essential for the project; do not simply restate information that is already provided in the budget. Refer to section 5 of the Research Laboratory Fund Guidelines.	Must be a dollar amount.	

#### Budget Totals

**Total Amount Requested \***

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This number/amount is calculated.

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

## Compliance and Regulatory Approvals

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### 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)**

### 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.:

- 123456 - Atlantean Spearfishing (excl. mammals) - 51%;
- 654321 - Atlantean Poetry - 49%

FoR Code

Select a Code \*

FoR Code %

Percentage \*

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

**Total FoR 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 \*

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Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

### Total SEO Percentage

This number/amount is calculated.

## Declarations and Certification

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### Head of Department Certification

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](#))

#### Please upload the signed certification page \*

Attach a file:

### 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 for my application to be assessed. \***

I agree

## Admin Use Only

### This section is Admin Use Only

Yes

No

This question is read only.

### Admin Use Only

#### Cost Centre

#### Award Number

#### Project Number

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### Attachment uploaded

- 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

### 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

Must be a dollar amount.

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

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

- Yes
- No