

MDHS EMCR Project Catalyst Grants 2026 - Application Form Preview

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Applicant Details

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Chief Investigator (CIA)

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
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confidence. If you have a preferred name, please include it below and MDHS will endeavour to use that wherever possible in documentation and correspondence regarding this grant scheme.

Preferred First Name

Preferred Last Name

Primary Email *

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

Role

Internal Association *

Academic Level *

**Academic Appointment
% FTE ***

Must be a number.
Peter MacCallum and Bionics Institute applicants, please confirm that you have an honorary appointment within MDHS below.

Contract Type *

- ☐ Continuing
☐ Fixed term

For fixed term appointments, please indicate the contract end date below.

**Fixed Term Appointment
End Date**

Must be a date.

Career Stage *

- ☐ Early career academic
☐ Mid-career academic

PhD Award Date *

Must be a date.

**Do you have any career
interruptions you wish
to be considered for
your eligibility? ***

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

**Peter MacCallum
and Bionics Institute
applicants, please
confirm that you have an**

- ☐ Yes, I currently hold an honorary appointment at MDHS
☐ No, I do not currently hold an honorary appointment at MDHS

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honorary appointment within MDHS:

Note: Peter MacCallum and Bionics Institute applicants who do hold an honorary appointment within MDHS at the time of application are not eligible to apply for this scheme.

Career Interruptions

Please upload a copy of your completed career interruption calculations

Attach a file:

Calculator available on scheme webpage

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 review committees to understand how well your proposal aligns with institutional strategic aims to support equity, diversity and inclusion.

Gender Identity

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Non-binary or gender-diverse
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other:

Do you identify as Indigenous?

- ☐ Yes, I identify as Aboriginal
- ☐ Yes, I identify as Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Yes, I identify as both Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander
- ☐ Neither Aboriginal nor Torres Strait Islander

With regards to Australia, Indigenous refers to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (First Nations) peoples.

Please select the options relevant to your background/experience:

- ☐ Indigenous researcher
- ☐ Researcher with a disability
- ☐ Minority researcher in your discipline (e.g. woman in STEM)
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other:

*'Other' may be used for free text answers.

Please select the options that are relevant to your MDHS Project Catalyst Grant proposal:

- ☐ The project involves Indigenous knowledge or research that has significance or relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities
- ☐ The project involves interdisciplinary collaboration
- ☐ The project involves cross-faculty collaboration within the University

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☐ None of the above

Project Team

* indicates a required field

Senior Mentor

Early Career Academics leading applications must identify a senior mentor to advise on the project

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Title	First Name	Last Name

Primary Email *

Must be a Unimelb email address.

Academic Division *

choose one

Academic Unit *

Academic Level *

- ☐ C
☐ D
☐ E

Academic Appointment % FTE *

Must be a number.

Area of Expertise *

Co-Investigators

Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

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below and MDHS will endeavour to use that wherever possible in documentation and correspondence regarding this grant scheme. For students: Please add (STU) after their last name, separated by a space. For example: John Smith (STU)

Preferred First Name

Preferred Last Name

Primary Email *

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>

IRT Internal Association *

Role *

Academic level *

Other:

Career Stage *

- ☐ Early career academic
- ☐ Mid-career academic
- ☐ Senior academic
- ☐ Other:

For early and mid-career academics, please include PhD award date below

PhD Award Date (ECA + MCA only)

Must be a date.

Appointment FTE% *

Must be a number.

Contract Type *

- ☐ Continuing
- ☐ Fixed term

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Fixed Term Appointment End Date

Must be a date.

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Area of expertise (relevant to proposed project) *

Co-investigators must hold an appointment within MDHS or other University of Melbourne faculty, or at the time of application have a confirmed future appointment within MDHS or other University of Melbourne Faculty commencing no later than 1 January 2025.

Are there any research team members who are not currently a staff/student of University of Melbourne? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Add external research team member

Name

Title

First Name

Last Name

Current Email

Must be an email address.

Current Role

Current External Association

UoM Contract Start Date

Must be a date and no later than 30/1/2026.

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

Co-Investigator CVs

Please attach a single PDF which provides brief CV details of the Chief Investigator and all named collaborator on this project. Max.1 A4 page per investigator. including most relevant publications and a list of current (active) ARC/NHMRC and/or other nationally competitive grants on which the CI is a named investigator.

Attach a file:

1 file must be attached.

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Project Details

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Project Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 20 words.

Provide a short descriptive summary of the project.

Start Date *

Must be a date and no earlier than 1/12/2025.

End Date *

Must be a date and no later than 31/12/2027.

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

Research Activity Type *

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

Project Description

Applicants are encouraged to write their proposals in a style and structure that can be clearly understood by generalist reviewers or educated readers outside of the applicant's speciality area. Speciality terms, concepts or acronyms should be explicitly explained or avoided, where possible.

Aims, Significance and Strategic Alignment *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

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Please describe the knowledge gap in the relevant discipline and outline a relevant research question(s) to address it. Please also indicate how the project aligns with School, Faculty or University strategic priorities, such as those outlined in Advancing Health and Advancing Research including but not limited to: supporting Indigenous research, knowledge and partnerships; interdisciplinary research; cross-faculty collaboration; other research collaboration; diversity and inclusion.

Research Plan, Methods, Techniques and Proposed Timeline *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

The research proposal must be for: (1) pilot data; (2) consumer engagement; or (3) synthesis of evidence (e.g., meta-analysis/systematic review). Please describe the research plan, methods and timeline of the project, outlining any innovative approaches or techniques proposed. Please indicate the roles and relevant expertise of collaborators throughout the project plan and describe how the proposed project will be feasible and is distinct from in the context of existing work or commitments. Where the proposal is led by an ECA, there is evidence of mentorship/support to enable the ECA to lead the proposed external funding proposal. Preference may be given to applications that demonstrate potential for interdisciplinary collaboration, stakeholder engagement, or partnerships that can enhance the impact and promote knowledge translation.

Expected Outcomes, Dissemination and Translation *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Please describe the expected outcomes of the project and how the results of the research will be communicated to enhance impact. Please outline the pathways for further research funding that this Project Catalyst Grant will help leverage.

Previous Funding Applications

(Lead CI Only) Please list any project grants you have applied as lead CI in 2025/26. If outcomes have been announced, please include scores (if applicable) and identify near-miss grants that you intend to apply for in 2027-28.

Funder	Scheme name	Application year	Score	Near Miss?
e.g. UoM, NHMRC, ARC, MRFF		Must be a number.	(if applicable)	
				☐ Yes and intending to re-submit ☐ Yes but not intending to re-submit ☐ No

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				☐ Yes and intending to re-submit ☐ Yes but not intending to re-submit ☐ No
				☐ Yes and intending to re-submit ☐ Yes but not intending to re-submit ☐ No

Future External Funding Applications

Funder	Scheme name	Application year
e.g. NHMRC, ARC, MRFF		Must be a number.

Annual Trust Grants

MDHS holds a number of Annual Trust Grants which will be opening shortly for projects commencing in 2027. Some of these schemes may have significant crossover with projects proposed for this scheme and so you may choose to opt-in for consideration for these schemes (eligibility permitting).

If eligible, would you like your proposal for this scheme to also be considered for upcoming rounds of Annual Trust Grants?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

If opting in, do you consent to being contacted by the Research Support and Evaluation Team using the primary email provided in Section 1 of this application?

Organisations

* indicates a required field

Other External Organisations

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

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Select Other External Organisations

Select Other External Organisations

New External Organisation

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

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

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 - Agricultural, land and farm management - 49%

FoR Code

Select a Code *

FoR Code %

Percentage *

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

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FoR 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.

SEO Total Percentage *

This number/amount is calculated.

Financial Details

* 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)

Total Project Cost *

This number/amount is calculated.

Please complete the project budget table below.

Total Amount Requested from EMCR Project Catalyst Grant *

This number/amount is calculated.

Please complete the project budget table below. Must be a dollar amount, no more than \$40,000

Budget

Item	Total Cost \$	Funds Requested in this Grant	Item Purpose/ Justification
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		Must be a dollar amount.	Please provide a brief explanation of the purpose of each item to your project. Must be no more than 100 words.

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Cost Centre

Award Number

Attachment uploaded

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Proposal Number

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

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

This research involves

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This project involves a clinical trial

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Approved to be included in the UoM successful applications library

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Currency