

2025 EOI McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellowships

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McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellowships scheme, Expression of Interest (EOI)

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Information Before Completing the Expression of Interest (Eoi)

The McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellowships scheme is the University of Melbourne's flagship postdoctoral development program that contributes to research excellence and builds the capability of high calibre scholars at the early career stage.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Please ensure you have read and understood the [McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellowships Scheme Guidelines](#) and [Frequently Asked Questions](#).
- The application process consist of two stages. If you are successful in the Expression of Interest stage, you will be invited to submit a full application.
- Your application must be supported by the school or department you are applying to. Two levels of support are required:
 - Academic contact's support
 - Head of Department (HOD) and/or Head of School (HOS) approval.
- You must have the prior support of the School(s) or Department(s) you are applying to. For the McKenzie Fellowship, this should be in the form of a confirmed Academic Contact/Supervisor in your field who is willing to declare support for your proposed research project using the [Endorsement Declaration](#) template available on the scheme website.
- You may use the University's [Find an Expert](#) tool to help you locate an Academic Contact/Supervisor in your field who will declare support for your proposed research project using **the Endorsement Declaration** template available on the scheme website.
- Eligibility exemption requests must be made as part of this EOI. Exemption requests made outside the EOI form will not be considered.
- Incomplete applications or declined eligibility exemptions will not be progressed for further assessment.

Part A: Administrative Summary

Applicant Details *

Title	First Name	Last Name
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Applicant Primary Email *

Applicant Phone Number *

Must be a number.

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Citizenship	Do you identify as Indigenous?	Applicant Gender
If 'other', please indicate your country of citizenship	With regards to Australia, Indigenous refers to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander (First Nations) peoples. Otherwise, refer to the following United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues paper on criteria of self-identification drawn from a number of international human rights documents: https://www.un.org/esa/socdev/unpfi/documents/5session_factsheet1.pdf	If 'Other', please let us know your pronouns

Host Faculty

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

Schools, Departments and Centres sit within these Faculties. You will need to select both the Faculty and School, Department, or Centre that you are applying to work in. Ask your local contacts if you are unsure.

You may select more than one department only if this project is to be shared between departments. If so, you will need the permission of both department heads.

Which Faculty are you applying to work in?

Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences (MDHS) applicants

For applicants seeking a fellowship position in the Faculty of MDHS, do you agree to being simultaneously considered for the 2025 [Puzey Fellowship](#)?

- Yes - I would like to be considered for the 2025 Puzey Fellowship
- No - I do not wish to be considered for the 2025 Puzey Fellowship

Please describe how your project will provide for the health and wellbeing of residents of Australia *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Part B: Education and Appointment Details

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Applicant Academic Career

Date of PhD Award

- I was awarded my PhD between 1 February 2021 and EOI due date (8 March 2024).
- I was awarded my PhD prior to 31 January 2021 and there have been demonstrable interruptions or exceptional circumstances that have limited the scholarly research opportunity post-PhD to be effectively less than three years

Scholarly research opportunity post-PhD' is taken as holding a salaried appointment after the completion of a PhD degree that enabled the applicant to spend a minimum of 40% of their workload allocation on research. Applicants whose employment enabled them to spend 40% or more of their workload allocation on research at 1 FTE for three years or more, will not be considered for an Eligibility Exemption Request, unless other exceptional circumstances are present

Date PhD awarded? *

Must be a date.

This is the date of the official notification letter that the thesis has passed examination and all degree requirements have been met (not the date of being provided the official testamur).'

PhD Awarding Institution name *

Have you previously held a McKenzie or Melbourne Postdoctoral Fellowship? *

- No
- Yes

Part B-1: Eligibility Exemption Request

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Exemption Request

This section is only applicable to applicants who would like to request exemption from one or more eligibility criteria referred to in section 4 of the scheme guidelines.

You should be able to clearly demonstrate that your research career has been significantly constrained or interrupted, and/or make a compelling argument as to why the exemption should be approved.

You should note that acceptance of your eligibility and demonstrated career interruption will be subject to the decision of an Eligibility Exemption Request Sub-Committee.

Please tick all the relevant boxes

- I was awarded my PhD prior to 31 January 2021
- I do not meet one of the other eligibility criteria, but can demonstrate exceptional circumstances that justify my eligibility.

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You must provide full details of each type of exemption being requested, i.e. the details of exactly what you are requesting an exemption for. If discussing periods of employment or interruption, all dates must be supplied as well as the FTE (full-time equivalent).

*** Use the EER calculator Excel spreadsheet on our website ([2025 McKenzie Career interruption calculator](#)) to help calculate the total interruption days.**

Type of interruption	Date commenced	Date concluded	Total days	FTE of interruption (e.g. 0.5, 0.75, 1.0)	Total FTE days	Details of interruption if applicable
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Career interruption/s as outlined in section 4 of the Scheme Guidelines If you have had a salaried research position where less than 40% of your time was allocated to research, then select the "Research employment with less than 40% of time allocated to research" in the career interruption type drop down list. Provide details of the interruption and the date of that employment. Then, subtract the fraction of time allocated to research (as a fraction) from 0.4. For example, if you worked 10% (0.1) on research in a Lecturer position, then subtract 0.1 from 0.4 = 0.3. Enter this	Must be a date.	Must be a date.	Must be a number.	Must be a number.	Must be a number.	
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number into the 'FTE of interruption' column.						

Referring to the calculated interruptions above, please demonstrate how the total duration of the interruptions you experienced brings your 'effective years of scholarly research opportunity post-PhD' to within three years. Alternatively, please demonstrate exceptional circumstances that justify your eligibility.

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Optional supporting documents

Attach a file:

Part C-1: Project Summary

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Proposed Project Details

Please use plain language, as your assessors may not be specialists in your specific research area.

Does your proposed research engage with Indigenous knowledge or pertain to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander (or other Indigenous) communities? *

Yes

No

Project Title (10 words) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 10 words.

In the following box, please briefly indicate:

- Your approach to enabling collaboration with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities (for example, dialogue/collaboration with an Indigenous cultural mentor);

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- Any existing or developing, supportive and high-quality relationships you have with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities;
- Any personal affiliations with local Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities that can facilitate the proposed research.

Please ensure your responses briefly address how the proposed research project aligns with the advice provided by the [AIATSIS Code of Ethics for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research](#) and the University of Melbourne's [Charter for Research with Indigenous Knowledge Holders](#).

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Expression of Interest Project Summary

Please refer to the instructions in the EOI Project Summary Template, downloadable from the scheme webpage ([Form available for download here](#)).

You will have an opportunity to provide further details in the full application.

Attach your EOI Project Summary here *

Attach a file:

Please use the EOI Project summary template on the website. A maximum of 1 file of up to 2 A4 pages, uploaded as pdf

Are there specific biosecurity or ethics requirements for your project? *

Yes

No

Briefly state the nature of any specific biosecurity or ethics requirements. *

Must be no more than 300 characters.

Proposed Project Details - Faculty of Science applicants

Infrastructure

Laboratory, office or infrastructure requirements. Note that these requirements must be discussed with your proposed academic mentor before submission.

Must be no more than 500 characters.

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Proposed Project Details - Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology applicants

Special equipment / infrastructure

Following discussion with your academic contact at FEIT, please specify any discipline-specific infrastructure / laboratory / special equipment that your project may require. This can include use of existing Faculty infrastructure

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

Part D-1: Proposed Budget

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Please briefly describe how you plan to spend the \$25,000 project budget. Applicants invited for thesecond stage will have an opportunity to provide further details in the full application. Please note thatyou can request up to \$25,000, and only the approved amount requested will be allocated.

Please do not include detailed breakdowns *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Part E-1: Track Record and Strategic Alignment

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In this section you are required to describe your research track record, relative to opportunity, i.e., relative to the percentage of your workload available for research, or other relevant circumstances or career interruptions. (This is distinct from the description and calculation of research interruptions as part of an EER request).

Note: You are not required to provide evidence of your research outputs.

Please outline your research experience and achievements relative to opportunity, your capability to deliver the research project, and your capacity to become a future research leader. Please prepare your response in line with the selection criteria in the scheme guidelines. In your response, please outline how

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your research achievements may have been impacted by your opportunities and experiences, including career interruptions (where relevant). *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Please describe how your project will align with institutional and faculty research priorities, your capacity for research supervision, and extent to which the project will foster broader collaboration and linkages faculties or external/global partners. Please prepare your response in line with the selection criteria in the scheme guidelines *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Publications record

Please list up to 10 publications with a brief summary of each publication's significance and impact, as well as your role in the publication.

Publication	For each publication, describe the publication's impact, significance, and your role in the publication.
Max 10 publications	Must be no more than 50 words.

Applicant Curriculum Vitae

This section should not include information provided elsewhere in the application.

Please upload your curriculum vitae (CV) (2-pages maximum).

As a guide, your CV may focus on the most recent five years, and include:

- Full details of education, postgraduate training, present and past appointments.
- Seminar/conference presentations (details of conference, indicate if invited talk, selected for oral or poster presentation).*
- Details of awards or prizes (include \$ amount where applicable).*
- Details of any postgraduate and undergraduate teaching and supervision (including demonstrating, tutor roles or co-supervision of students).
- Administrative responsibilities, including laboratory, departmental, faculty/school or institutional.

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- Leadership and service activities related to your research discipline or the University of Melbourne (e.g. membership of societies and committees, peer review experience, administrative responsibilities).
- Community engagement activities.
- Summary of total publication metrics, including total number of publications, total citation counts, h-index, proportion in tier 1 journals, etc.

Attach your CV here *

Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached. in .docx, .doc, or .pdf format. No additional supporting documents (references, etc) will be considered as part of the assessment process. If any further information is needed you will be contacted.

Part F-1: Support of Academic Contact and Head of Department/School

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Academic Contact

You must nominate an Academic Contact at the University of Melbourne and the Academic Contact must be listed in the Application Form.

Academic Contacts nominated in the application are expected to be a regular point of contact at the University of Melbourne and to either provide informal mentoring to the successful Fellow throughout their Fellowships or to nominate an appropriate mentor.

You may use the University's [Find an Expert](#) search tool to find academics in your field.

Please ensure that you have supplied your contact the [Endorsement Declaration](#) template to be emailed to RIC by the Academic Contact.

Name and Title of Academic Contact at The University of Melbourne *

Academic Contact Email *

Must be an email address.

I confirm that I have read and understood that my fellowship application will not be considered eligible without a signed Endorsement Declaration that is submitted by my Academic Contact by the EOI due date *

I confirm

Please use the template Endorsement declaration available in the link above

Applicant Declaration and Next Steps

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Applicant Declaration

By submitting this application, 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

Next Steps

Please carefully review the information you have provided, make sure you have answered all the questions, attached all requested documents and that your academic contact is aware of their responsibility to ensure the Endorsement Declaration (with HoD/HoS) is submitted on time before submitting this form.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of the EOI process, and shortlisted applicants will be invited to submit a full application.

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