

2027 Faculty Research Grants Application Form

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Administrative Summary

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Before you begin

Please ensure that you have read and understood the [Faculty Research Grant 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 [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

Please contact fbe-research@unimelb.edu.au to check your eligibility if you are not sure about any of the following questions.

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

HoD Approval is required

Do any of the applicants currently hold outstanding grant acquittals for any internal or external research funding? *

☐ Yes (If Yes, you are not eligible to apply for the 2027 Faculty Research Grant, please check with FBE research PSU if you are unsure)

☐ No

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

Is the proposed project already supported by another source of funding (e.g., ARC funding, external research contracts, or other grants)? *

☐ Yes (If Yes, you are not eligible to apply for the 2027 Faculty Research Grant.)

☐ No

If Yes, please note this scheme cannot be used to supplement projects already funded elsewhere.

Have you already held a Faculty Research Grant as lead applicant within the past five years? *

☐ Yes (If Yes, you are not eligible to apply as lead applicant for the 2026 round.)

☐ No

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Consecutive FRGs

Have you held two consecutive Faculty Research Grants (as lead or non-lead) prior to this application? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

External funding application

If your answer is Yes in previous section, please confirm that you have also applied for external funding aligned with your previous FRG-funded research. *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No (If No, you are not eligible to apply for the FRG 2026 round.)

External funding application supported by your previous FRG

Please provide details demonstrated a submitted external funding application directly linked to at least one of any two prior received consecutive Faculty Research Grants.

External Funding Scheme Name *

Project Title *

Application ID / Reference (if available):

Year of Submission *

Evidence of External Submission *

Attach a file:

Applicant/s Details

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Lead Applicant Details

Name (Please provide your legal name) *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Internal applicants are required to enter the HR system/legal first name and last name (not preferred name), otherwise will delay the outcome.

Primary Email *

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

Role

Please select Lead UoM Chief Investigator only.

Academic Level *

- ☐ A
☐ B
☐ C
☐ D
☐ E

Find an Expert Profile Link *

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

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

Department *

Please select your home department.

Institute and Centre

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

Additional applicants

Are there any other applicants? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Which of the following best describes the other applicants?

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- ☐ Affiliated with the University of Melbourne
☐ Affiliated with another organisation
☐ Affiliated with both the University of Melbourne and another organisation

Internal Research Team

Please select 'Add More' for multiple additional applicants.

Name (Legal Name) *

Title

First Name

Last Name

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

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Primary Email *

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

Faculty/Department *

Role *

Find an Expert Profile Link *

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

Has this team member previously been named (as lead or team member) on two consecutive Faculty Research Grants? *

- ☐ No
☐ Yes - and they have submitted an external funding application linked to one of those projects
☐ Yes - but no linked external funding application
(This team member is not eligible to be included in your application)

External Research Team

Please select 'Add More' for multiple additional applicants.

External Applicant Name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Role *

Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Organisation *

Organisation Name

Organisation Name *

Organisation Name

Address

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

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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	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main Business Location	

Must be an ABN.

Project Details

* indicates a required field

Project Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 10 words.

Funding Start Date

Awards can be made for up to \$15,000 per project, for projects of a maximum 12-months duration, to be completed within the 2027 calendar year.

Funding End Date

Awards can be made for up to \$15,000 per project, for projects of a maximum 12-months duration, to be completed within the 2027 calendar year.

Project Summary *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of your project- what are you out to do?

Research Quality *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

This field should show the significance of the project, including consideration of the alignment with University strategy (as outlined in Advancing Melbourne 2030), FBE Research Strategy and FBE priorities such as building industry engagement and partnerships, undertaking impactful research, generating high quality research output and inquiry into socially and economically important topics. The extent to which the project is soundly conceived and planned.

Likelihood for Success ***Word count:**

Must be no more than 400 words.

Items that might be included are a clear indication of the feasibility and value for money of the proposed, a timetable showing the achievement of key stages in the project and where appropriate, the experimental design. This section should include the extent to which the team capability is appropriate to the proposed research goals and outcomes. The extent to which the project is likely to result in future, competitive funding applications and/or funded contract research.

Funding Track Record ***Word count:**

Must be no more than 400 words.

This section might include evidence of the lead applicant having experience leading a research team; and demonstrated track record of the applicants either singularly or together.

Research 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.

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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
- ☐ Unknown

OREI Question

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

Applicant/s Funding Track Record and Future Funding

* indicates a required field

Previous Funding Secured

Please list all applicants included in **Section 2 (Applicant/s Details)**, starting with yourself. For each team member, provide a statement outlining any research grants or income they have applied for, secured, and managed.

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Please click *Add More* to include them.

Applicant Name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Please provide a statement outlining any evidence of research grants and income that you have applied for, secured, and managed. *

Future Funding

Grants will be awarded for projects of a maximum of 12-months duration with the goal of applying for further external funding.

One objective of the Faculty Research Grant (FRG) has been to provide financial support to facilitate research that will result in the production of high-quality and competitive external grant applications, particularly Australian Research Council scheme submissions (or equivalent national and international schemes). They also support the development of contract-based research funding that can be classified as Higher Education Research Data Collection income. Contract research may include one off or repeat engagements with external organisations, where activities are contracted through the university through formal research or collaboration agreements. Hence, alongside research outcomes, a plan for future external funding must be submitted with an application.

Please detail your plan for using the project to form the basis of future external funding. If you plan to apply for grants, to which scheme and round will you apply? How will this project enhance your chance of a successful application outcome? If you plan to have future contract-based research, with which organisation(s) do you plan to collaborate? How will this project enhance your chance of successful future collaborations? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Alignment to Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability Principles

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ERS 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)

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- ☐ 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 the alignment to Ethics, Responsibility and Sustainability principles *

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words. Describe the extent to which the proposed research activities align with ethics, responsibility and sustainability principles.

Budget

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Budget

Please provide a brief project budget. **Refer to Section 5 of the [Faculty Research Grant Funding Rules](#) 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 third 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.

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- Grants will be awarded for new research only and not for deficit financing of existing research.

Budgeting Tools

When using the budget calculator to determine the cost of hiring RAs, **please note:**

- RA Grades **1.1, 1.2 and 1.3** have a Bachelor degree entry point.
- Research Assistants can also be employed at Academic Levels **A1-A8**.
- RAs with a PhD enter at **A6**.

All salary items must include the relevant University on-cost rates. These can be calculated using the [Research Costing and Pricing Tool](#) (excluding GST).

Meals and incidental expenses must be costed at up to 50% of the ATO Travel Rates. These can be calculated as 50% of the amounts shown when using the [Travel Allowance Calculator](#) or [ATO Taxation Determination 2025/4](#).

For more information, please contact fbe-research@unimelb.edu.au

Budget Category **Items requested** **Justification of t** **Amount Requested for Category** **Year**
y **(include individual budget** **ted for Category**
ual costs)

				2026
		Explain why each item listed is essential for the project; do not simply restate information that is already provided in the budget. For example, it is not enough to say in the justification that a senior research assistant costs \$X per annum, as this should already be shown in the budget. Justification of the claim should state why an item is required. The same level of explanation is required for all items. For example, if a full-time senior research assistant is requested: •	Must be a dollar amount.	

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		Why can't this work be done without a research assistant? • Why are they needed full-time as opposed to part-time or casual appointments? • Why is the experience of a senior research assistant, rather than a more junior assistant required?		
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Budget Totals

Total Amount Requested

This number/amount is calculated.

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

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

Compliance & Regulatory Approvals

* indicates a required field

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%

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

Select relevant FoR Codes

Percentage %

Must be a number and between 0 and 100.

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FoR Codes % Total

Total FoR %

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

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).

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

Select the relevant Socio-Economic Objective (SEO) Codes

Percentage %

Must be a number.

SEO Codes % Total

Total SEO %

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

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)

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 *

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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 to the Faculty Research and Industry Committee to administrate and assess my application. *

☐ I agree

Admin Use Only

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This section is Admin Use Only

☐ Yes

☐ No

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Cost Centre

Project Number

Attachment uploaded

☐ Yes

☐ No

Award Number

Currency

Total Project Cost

This number/amount is calculated.
Maximum is \$15,000