Research Bridging Grants

Introduction

The Research Bridging Grant provides funding for Academic staff to maintain research activities that are critical for the execution of a future funding application. The funds are primarily expected to support the activities of early- and mid-career researchers.

Funding can only be requested if it is necessary to maintain the research capacity that underpins a significant future funding application, so that the proposed research can be prosecuted if the grant is successful. Examples of activities that are necessary to maintain research capacity might include the maintenance of animal colonies, or time-series collection of field or experimental data where a break in collection would result in loss of past research. This loss of research capability is distinct from a delay in research outcomes.

Please ensure that you have read and understood the Grant Scheme Funding Guidelines.

Save as you go

Manually save your work as you progress through the application.

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Applicant details

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Applicant Details

Applicant legal name *

Title | First Name | Last Name

Unimelb staff are required to enter the HR system/legal first name and last name (not preferred name).

Gender *
- ○ Female
- ○ Male
- ○ Non-binary
- ○ Prefer not to disclose
- ○ Other:

Pronouns *
- ○ She/her
- ○ He/him
- ○ They/them
- ○ Prefer not to disclose

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Other:

Faculty and School *

Position *

Primary UoM Email *

Must be an email address.
For Unimelb staff: Please enter your primary Unimelb email address. You can check your primary email here - https://sso.unimelb.edu.au/enduser/settings

ORCID ID

All participants applying for grants are encouraged to have a persistent digital identifier such as an Open Researcher and Contributor Identifier (ORCID ID). You can register for an ORCID ID here: https://orcid.org/

Role

Eligibility

Classification *

Employment Type *
- ○ Continuing
- ○ Fixed-term Full Time
- ○ Fixed-term Part Time

Unsuccessful Grant Application ID *

Unsuccessful Grant Project Title *

Do you have any external funding from current active grants (at the time of submission). *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No

What grants do you intend to apply for as Lead CI within the next 12 months? (please list Scheme and Round date/year) *

Curriculum Vitae and Research Outputs

* indicates a required field

Performance Relative to Opportunity

Do you wish your application to be considered with respect to Performance Relative to Opportunity (PRO)?
- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Please outline your case (max 5000 characters). Consideration of PRO facilitates positive acknowledgement of what has been achieved by academic staff given the opportunities available. Personal circumstances relevant in assessing PRO include care relationships, medical conditions and part-time and flexible working arrangements. Relevant career interruptions include parental leave and extended sick leave. Relevant leave of absence may include leave authorised to enable an academic to undertake an industry secondment or similar career development activity outside the academy. Other circumstances may include natural disasters (such as the Australian bushfires in 2019-2020), global health issues (such as the COVID-19 pandemic) and emergency situations with significant or longer-term impacts.

Word count:
Must be no more than 5000 characters.

Your Research

What is your research about and why is it important?

Word count:
Must be no more than 5000 characters.

Curriculum Vitae and Research Outputs

This section should be brief, use dot points where possible and adhere to the word limits. Where appropriate, all details should be listed in reverse chronological order.

Please focus on the **most recent five years**.

Full details of education, postgraduate training, present and past appointments *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

List of grants and contracts applied for over the last 10 years (include year applied, sponsor/funder, project title, amount requested, successful/unsuccesful, amount received). *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Seminar/conference presentations (details of conference, indicate if invited talk, selected for oral, or poster presentation) *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Details of awards or prizes (include $ amount, where applicable) *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Details of any postgraduate and undergraduate teaching and supervision (including demonstrating, tutor roles or co-supervision of students) *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Administrative responsibilities, including laboratory, departmental, faculty/school and institutional *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Leadership and service activities related to scientific discipline or the University of Melbourne (e.g. membership of societies and committees, peer review experience, administrative responsibilities) *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Community engagement activities *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Statement of career aspirations for the next five years *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

Please ensure you include full academic references for each item listed.

For multi-author outputs, applicants should indicate their contribution to the published work.

Please do not list works submitted, under review or in preparation. Items that have not yet been published should be clearly identified as accepted or in-press and acceptance date provided (month/year).

Please use the following sub headings for your publications:

- Original refereed journal articles (the date of acceptance should be provided for papers not yet published);\
- Reviews;
- Books, chapters and monographs;
- Full published conference proceedings (do not include conference abstracts);
- Patents;

- Other publications, e.g. popular articles, periodicals, submissions to government reviews, policies.

Please list your research outputs, as described above. *

Please provide a brief summary describing the common publishing practices in your field, particularly concerning how your field assesses research and publication quality *

Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Please list your three best research outputs with brief summaries outlining your contribution and the impact they have made in your field *

Project Details

* indicates a required field

Activity type

Please select the activity type below.

Pure basic research is experimental and theoretical work undertaken to acquire new knowledge without looking for long term benefits other than the advancement of knowledge.

Strategic basic research is experimental and theoretical work undertaken to acquire new knowledge directed into specified broad areas in the expectation of useful discoveries. It provides the broad base of knowledge necessary for the solution of recognised practical problems.

Applied research is original work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge with a specific application in view. It is undertaken either to determine possible uses for the findings of basic research or to determine new ways of achieving some specific and predetermined objectives.

Experimental development is systematic work, using existing knowledge gained from research or practical experience, that is directed to producing new materials, products or devices, to installing new processes, systems and services, or to improving substantially those already produced or installed.

Activity Type *
- ○ Pure Basic Research
- ○ Strategic Basic Research
- ○ Applied Research
- ○ Experimental Research

Project Title *

Start Date

Must be a date.

End Date

Must be a date.

Please explain why research capability will be lost in 2026 without bridging funds. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

Please explain how you will use this funding to maintain your research capability until the 2026 grant round announcement. *

Word count:
Must be no more than 200 words.

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

Does this project involve a clinical trial? *
- ○ Yes
- ○ No

This research involves *

You can select more than one option.

If successful, do you give permission for this application to be included in the UoM successful applications library? (This is not a requirement for this grant). *

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Budget

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Financial Details

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

Currency

Budget items (maximum amount $50,000)

Expenditure	$ Amount

Budget Totals

Total Amount Requested (auto-calculated from above)

$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Project Cost (auto-calculated from above)

This number/amount is calculated.

Compliance

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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 - Agriculture, land and farm management - 49%

FoR Code
Select a Code *

FoR Code %
Percentage *

Must be a number and between 1 and 100.

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.

Total Percentage *
This number/amount is calculated.

Submission Declaration

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I certify that all details given on this application are correct. *
○ Yes

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Please upload an email confirmation from the Head of School supporting your application. *
Attach a file:

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○ Yes
○ No

Attachment uploaded
○ Yes
○ No

Award Number

Cost Centre

Project ID