

2026 Researcher Development Grants

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Researcher Development Grant

Introduction

The **Faculty of Science Researcher Development Grant** supports a continuing Level B or C academic for two years, building their research capacity and boosting their competitiveness in applying for or obtaining external funding opportunities. Selection criteria is based on the candidate's plan to build research capacity, and potential development of an application for an externally funded grant or industry contract. This funding is conditional on the candidate's School providing a co-contribution of at least \$25,000 per annum for two years.

Please ensure that you have read and understood the [Grant Scheme Funding Guidelines](#).

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Applicant details

* indicates a required field

Applicant Details

Applicant legal name *

Title First Name Last Name

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

Gender *

- Male Prefer not to disclose
 Female Other:

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Non-binary
Please provide pronouns if 'Other'.

Pronouns *

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

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? *

- Yes
 No

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>

Supervisor name *

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

Employment Category *

Classification *

Employment Type *

FTE commitment for your current role *

Must be a number.

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

This question is read only.

Curriculum Vitae & Research Outputs

* indicates a required field

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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 [20%]

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.

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List of grants and contracts applied for over the last 10 years (include year applied, sponsor/funder, project title, amount requested, successful/unsuccessful, amount received). Preference will be given to applicants who have demonstrated previous efforts towards winning external funding (including competitive grants and industry contracts). [20%] *

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) *

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Word count:
Must be no more than 300 words.

Community engagement activities *

Word count:
Must be no more than 500 words.

What is your career plan 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.

List your research outputs, as described above. *

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

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

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 *

Word count:

Must be no more than 10 words.

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Start Date

This question is read only.

End Date

This question is read only.

Research proposal summary - include aims, significance and expected outcomes. This may be used for public release. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

Provide a short description (200 words recommended) of your project - what are you out to do?

What is the potential of the project to increase your independent research capacity towards development of an application for an external funding opportunity or industry contract? [50%] *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Describe the impact of your proposed research. [30%] *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 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
- Not applicable

This project involves a clinical trial *

- Yes
- No

This research involves *

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Approved to be included in the UoM successful applications library *

- Yes
- No

Budget

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Financial Details

Are there any additional support arrangements that would assist in your ability to take up the award if successful (e.g. provisions for caring, additional travel costs)? *

- Yes
- No

Please note if you answer 'Yes' to this question, and you are successful, a member of the Science Research Office will reach out for further discussion. While all reasonable requests for support will be considered, please note that this question does not constitute a guarantee of support from the Faculty of Science.

Will this project require the procurement of new equipment valued over \$200K AUD? *

- Yes
- No
- Not applicable

As per the Procurement Policy (MPF1087)

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

- Yes
- No

Currency

Budget items

Expenditure	\$ Amount

Budget Totals

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Total Amount Requested (auto-calculated from above)

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Total Project Cost (cost of any in-kind support) *

Must be a dollar amount.

Budget Justification

Provide a clear justification for your budget, demonstrating that the funding requested is essential to the research project. *

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 - Agriculture, 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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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

* indicates a required field

Certification

I certify that all details given on this application are correct. I understand that any offer of funding may be withdrawn if false information is given. *

Yes

My application and FTE commitment to this research is supported by my supervisor and Head of School *

Yes

Upload a letter or email from your Supervisor supporting your proposal. *

Attach a file:

Upload a letter from your Head of School supporting the proposal and committing at least \$25,000 per annum to the project for two years. *

Attach a file:

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- Yes
- No

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Attachment uploaded

- Yes
- No

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Award Number

This question is read only.

Cost Centre

This question is read only.

Project ID

This question is read only.