

# SCI-Research Impact Award 2026

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### Part A - Administrative Summary

\* indicates a required field

#### Instructions to Applicants

Applications must articulate and demonstrate the impact of the original research beyond the academy, which may include an effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health and wellbeing, the environment, or quality of life beyond academia. Applications should provide evidence of the impact, and show clear linkages between the original research, the impact, and the specific contribution of the applicant/applicants.

Applicants must be members of staff of the University of Melbourne at the time of their application.

Please closely review the [scheme guidelines](#) for application requirements, including if you are applying with co- or jointly authored publications or as honorary staff.

**NOTE:** Previous recipients of the University of Melbourne Marles Medal for substantially the same work cannot apply.

#### Checklist:

- On the scheme webpage, read the guidelines and check eligibility criteria. Address any queries to [science-research@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:science-research@unimelb.edu.au).
- The applicant(s) must complete the application form and provide all supporting documentation, including fully signed internal and external supporting statements.
- To be eligible for review, all fields must be completed or marked 'not applicable'.

#### Application Details

**Is this submission a team application? \***

Yes  No

#### Team applicant details

List co-applicants for this award.

Please add entries as required. If more than 10 co-contributors, please contact the Faculty Science Research Office team for advice.

For each joint applicant, upload their CV in Part B, and complete the multi-authored publication statement in Part C.

#### Co-applicant 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). For students: Please add (STU) after their last name, separated by a space. For example: John Smith (STU)

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**Faculty**

**Gender**

Other:

**Position**

**Email**

Must be an email address.

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>

**Role**

**If Honorary, is UoM your primary academic affiliation in relation to this research?**

## Applicant Details

**Applicant's Name \***

Title

First Name

Last Name

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**Department/School/Centre \***

**Faculty \***

**Gender \***

- Woman  
 Man  
 Other:

- Prefer not to say  
 Non-binary/gender diverse

**Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? \***

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- Yes
- No
- Other:

### Position \*

Please include academic level e.g. Professor, Level E.

### Primary Phone Number \*

Medalists are notified first by phone

### Primary Email \*

Please enter Unimelb primary email address.

### IA Role

### Have you or any joint applicants been previously awarded a Marles Medal? \*

- Yes
- No

### If yes, I confirm that the present application for the FoS Research Impact Prize is on substantially different work. \*

- Yes
- No

### Do you hold an Honorary position at the University of Melbourne? \*

- Yes
- No

### If you answered 'Yes' to the previous question, is the University of Melbourne your primary academic affiliation in relation to this research?

- Yes
- No

If you are not staff of the University of Melbourne (salaried or honorary) you may not apply for this Medal.

### Please identify the nominated contact for this award.

## 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 selection committees understand whether there are aspects of your work that align with institutional strategic aims to support equity, diversity, and inclusion.

### Please select any/all of the options below that may apply to you. \*

- Indigenous researcher

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- Researcher with a disability
- A researcher who has experienced career disruptions in the last 5 years
- Minority researcher in your discipline (e.g. woman in STEM)
- None of the above
- Prefer not to say
- Other:

**Please select any/all of the options below that apply to your work in relation to this application: \***

- Indigenous knowledge or an inquiry/project that has significance or relevance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and communities
- Interdisciplinary collaboration
- Cross-faculty collaboration within the university
- None of the above

## Internal Support Statement

Applicants must be supported in writing by a colleague with knowledge of the field (internal support statement) and this statement must be signed by the relevant Head of School.

The internal support statement must address each of the following:

- The nature and quality of the original research.
- The pathway, extent, and evidence of the impact of the research.
- The impact of the research with reference to the specific contribution of the individual Award applicant(s).

**Is the statement from a colleague with knowledge in your field? \***

Yes

No

**Name of HoS providing sign off \***

**Signed Internal support Statement \***

Attach a file:

Max. 1 page (not including signatures)

## Part B - Publication Information and CV(s)

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### Original research supporting the research impact

Provide the full bibliographic details of your nominated research publication(s)/research outputs. Note that if you are submitting a suite of works, this should include no more than three publications/research outputs.

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**Publication 1 \***

**Publication 2 (if applicable)**

**Publication 3 (if applicable)**

## Fields of Research (FoR) Codes

A list of FoR codes and their descriptions is available [here](#). 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). For example:

- 3001 - Agricultural biotechnology - 51%
- 3002 - Agricultural, land and farm management - 49%

**FoR Code**

**Relevant FoR Code \***

**FoR Code Percentage**

**FoR Percentage \***

Must be a whole number (no decimal place) and between 1 and 100.

**Total FoR Percentage \***

This number/amount is calculated.

## Socio-Economic Objective (SEO) Codes

A list of SEO codes and their descriptions is available [here](#). You may include up to five SEO 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).

**SEO Code**

**Relevant SEO Code \***

**SEO Code Percentage**

**SEO Percentage \***

Must be a whole number (no decimal place) and between 1 and 100.

**Total SEO Percentage \***

This number/amount is calculated.

## Publication Attachments

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Publications/research outputs for consideration should be provided as a single combined PDF or listed individually by URL.

For journal articles, the committee prefers full-text electronic copies via PDF upload.

For books, the committee prefers electronic copies available via URL in the fields below. If an electronic copy is not available, the candidate must provide a scanned PDF copy of up to one chapter or 10% of the book(s). Please contact the RDS team if you are unable to provide a digital copy of the publication(s).

### Publication Attachments (combined PDF)

Attach a file:

### Publication URL 1

### Publication URL 2

### Publication URL 3

## Supporting Material

You have the option of including supporting material regarding your publication(s)/ research outputs (up to 8 pages, PDF format), e.g. reports from referees/reviewers of the manuscripts, editors' correspondence and publication reviews.

### Optional supporting material

Attach a file:

No more than 8 pages

## Curriculum vitae

Upload a short version of your CV (no more than 2 pages).

If applicable, also upload a CV for each team applicant for this award (no more than 2 pages each). **If more than one CV, please upload as a combined PDF.**

### Applicant CV \*

Attach a file:

No more than 2 pages

### Joint applicant CV(s)

Attach a file:

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No more than 2 pages (each)

### Part C - Applicant Statements

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#### Statement on Research Impact

Provide a statement outlining the impact of the original research beyond the academy, which may include an effect on, change or benefit to the economy, society, culture, public policy or services, health and wellbeing, the environment, or quality of life beyond academia. As part of this, explain the linkage between the original research, the impact, and your specific contribution as the applicant(s). Consider using a Problem-Solution-Impact approach to the narrative. **Max 800 words.** \*

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Word count:

#### Evidence of Research Impact

Wherever feasible, applicants should upload evidence of the research impact. The [Marles Medals: Guidance on Research Impact Evidence](#) document provides further guidance on how the evidence of the impact may be explained or demonstrated.

#### File Upload

Attach a file:

If multiple files, please combine and upload as a single PDF.

#### Team application statement (if applicable)

If the work is by a single author, please write "N/A".

Please complete a brief statement about each co-author's individual contribution to the research, the publication(s), and the research impact. Applications will be viewed less favourably by the relevant Committee if the individual contribution of the co-authors is not explicitly addressed. **Max. 150 words per co-author.**\*

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Word count:

## Part D - External Expert Support Statement

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### External Expert Details

The application **must also include** a written supporting statement ('external support statement') from an independent expert who is external to the University, such as a preeminent researcher in the field or a publisher.

#### Name \*

Title	First Name	Last Name
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#### Position \*

#### Email \*

Must be an email address.

### External Expert Statement

Max. 1 page (not including signature)

#### Signed External Expert Statement \*

Attach a file:

## Part E - Declarations

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### Applicant Declaration

**By submitting this application I declare that the information I have provided for this application is true to the best of my knowledge and I understand that an award may be withdrawn if false or misleading information is provided. \***

Yes

### Privacy

The University of Melbourne is collecting the information in this form to record the administrative details of the applicant, and for the assessment of the application by the

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relevant selection committees and personnel involved in the delivery of this funding program.

For further information about how the University manages personal information, and for details of how to make an enquiry, lodge a complaint, or to contact the University's Privacy and Data Protection Officer, please refer to our Privacy webpage, view the University's Privacy Policy or contact: [privacy-officer@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:privacy-officer@unimelb.edu.au).

## Admin Use Only

### This section is Admin Use Only

- Yes
- No

This question is read only.

### Proposal ID

This question is read only.

### Award Number

This question is read only.

### Attachment uploaded

- Yes
- No

This question is read only.

### Project Title

Must be no more than 250 characters.

### Start Date

Must be a date.

### End Date

Must be a date.

### 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

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- Yes, a management plan is not in place
- No

**Provide the reference number of the Conflict of interest management plan (if applicable)**

**Cost Centre**

**This research involves**

**This project involves a clinical trial**

- Yes
- No

**Approved to be included in the UoM successful applications library**

- Yes
- No

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

- Yes
- No

**Total Amount Requested**

Must be a dollar amount.

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

**Total Project Cost**

This number/amount is calculated.

What is the total budgeted cost (dollars) of your project?

**Currency**

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

- Yes
- No

As per the Procurement Policy (MPF1087)

**If a student is working on the project, will the result of the project form part of their Thesis or Student Project?**

- Yes
- No

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**Is there any aspect of this project or its associated agreement that is or needs to be treated as confidential?**

- Yes
- No

**Activity Type**

- Pure Basic Research
- Strategic Basic Research
- Applied Research
- Experimental Research
- Unknown