

# 2026 Women in Science Academic Award (WISA)

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### Introduction

The Women in Science Academic (WISA) Award is for outstanding research and education contributions in the maths and physical sciences, or environmental and health sciences in addition to emerging leadership and outreach contributions.

The Faculty of Science aspires to be a leader for gender equity in the higher education sector. One of the most significant challenges for gender equity in this sector is significant attrition of women within the early career stages, leading to low participation of women in senior levels of academia. The Women in Science Academic (WISA) Award aims to address this issue by highlighting two amazing early (ECA) or mid-career (MCA) academics each year and providing them with resources to further their career. The Faculty of Science WISA Award is a targeted award for women who have excelled in their chosen research and education activities but have also given back to their communities through outreach, educational and leadership activities. There will be two awards each year, one for academics working in Maths and Physical Sciences and the other for academics in the Environmental and Health Sciences. Trans women are eligible and encouraged to apply.

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

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**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 \***

Other:

Please provide pronouns if 'Other'.

**Pronouns \***

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

- Yes  
 No  
 Other:

**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>

**Faculty and School \***

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

**Position \***

**Supervisor name \***

Title First Name Last Name

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**Employment Category \***

Other:

**Classification \***

**Employment Type \***

**FTE commitment for your current role \***

Must be a number.

(Full-time = 1.0, part-time = above 0.5). To be eligible for this Award you must hold an academic appointment in the Faculty of Science of 0.5FTE or greater, until June 30th 2024.

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**If fixed-term, please specify your contract end date**

Must be a date.

**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 Criteria

**I identify as a woman \***

Yes

**I hold a PhD or equivalent experience \***

Yes

**I completed my PhD (or equivalent research training) 3-10 years ago \***

Yes

**PhD Award Date \***

Must be a date in dd/mm/yyyy format

**Any time taken away from work (either full or part-time) will be subtracted from total time since PhD. Please specify these time frames:**

**I have research expertise in either Math and Physical Science or Environmental and Health Sciences \***

Yes

**I have a track record of success in contributing to outreach activities that highlight Science, women in STEM or other related activities \***

Yes

**I am willing to contribute to outreach activities during the year of award, including promoting research to high school and undergraduate students \***

Yes

## PRO and CV

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Performance Relative to Opportunity

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**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.**

Must be no more than 5000 characters.

## CV and Outputs Requirements

**Please upload a 3 page CV highlighting the following criteria:**

- **5 key outputs and your contribution/role for each. These outputs can be traditional and/or non-traditional.**
- **Your leadership, service and outreach activities.**
- **Funding and awards**

**Note: CVs longer than 3 pages will render your application ineligible.**

**Outputs list: Please upload a list of your outputs, including any non-traditional outputs and/or educational outputs. Please also note the context of your research field.**

**CV upload (max 3 pages) \***

Attach a file:

**Outputs List \***

Attach a file:

## Project Details

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Activity type

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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 details

### Project Title \*

### Start Date

### End Date

**The WISA Award program aims to engage with community to promote STEM education and research. Thus, an aptitude for Science communication will be an important skill.**

**Please outline your project aims objectives using general scientific language that will be accessible to a broad audience.**

### Project aims and objectives \*

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

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**Describe the impact of your academic work to date. How has your research contributed to your field, and what evidence demonstrates its significance, influence, or broader benefit (e.g. academic, industry, policy, or community impact)? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

**How will receiving this award contribute to building your independent academic career and advancing your future research program? Please outline how it will support new or strengthened collaborations (with industry, academia, or community), and how it will enhance your academic profile, leadership, and long-term impact. \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

**Describe your experience with outreach, why it is important and how you have used this avenue to promote broader understanding of science, and diverse role models within our faculty and the broader community? \***

Word count:

Must be no more than 400 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

**This project involves a clinical trial \***

- Yes
- No

**This research involves \***

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**If successful, can this proposal 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

As per the Procurement Policy (MPF1087)

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

- Yes
- No

### Currency

### Budget

How will the amount requested above be expended? Total amount should not exceed \$25,000.

Expenditure	\$ Amount

### Budget Totals

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### Total Amount Requested (auto-calculated from above)

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

### Total Project Cost (auto-calculated from above)

This number/amount is calculated.

## Budget justification

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

## 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.:

- 123456 - Atlantean Spearfishing (excl. mammals) - 51%;
- 654321 - Atlantean Poetry - 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

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**Provide evidence of your application and FTE commitment to this project is being supported by your supervisor and Head of School \***

Attach a file:

A maximum of 2 files may be attached.

## Certification

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

Yes

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- Yes
- No

### **Attachment uploaded**

- Yes
- No

### **Award Number**

### **Cost Centre**

### **Project ID**