

2026 eMERGE Bridging Fellowship

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Administrative Summary

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN

The Doherty Institute's eMERGE Bridging Fellowship provides 12-months salary support for Level A-C academics employed at the Doherty Institute that have had a near-miss nationally or internationally competitive Fellowship outcome in the last 2 years. A total of up to \$165,625 will be available to successful applicants.

Please ensure that you have read and understood the [Doherty Institute eMERGE Bridging Fellowship Guidelines](#) before you begin.

All application documents, including the scheme guidelines, templates and certification form, are available on the [Doherty Institute intranet](#).

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 provide it to your **Laboratory/Group Head/Leader and then your Head of Department** with the **Certification form**.
- 3.**Upload** the signed certification form into this application and submit.

The deadline for applications is **6PM Friday 6 November 2026**.

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I have read and agree to the collection notice (required) *

☐ Yes

Section 1 - Applicant Details

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What is your Primary Affiliation?

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- ☐ University of Melbourne
☐ Royal Melbourne Hospital

Applicant *

Title First Name Last Name

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Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Please use your University of Melbourne Primary email address.

Mobile Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

Department *

Please select your University of Melbourne Department. Start by typing your University of Melbourne Department name and select it from the menu.

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Laboratory/Group *

Role/Position

Applicant *

Title First Name Last Name

Mobile Phone Number

Must be an Australian phone number.

External Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Primary Affiliation

RMH Department/Unit *

Laboratory/Group (if applicable)

Role/Position

Current Employment Level and Time Fraction

Academic Level *

Academic Level (Level A-C) or Equivalent is required to be eligible.

FTE *

1.0FTE is equivalent to Full Time employment. A minimum 0.5FTE appointment is required to be eligible.

End date of current appointment (if applicable).

Must be a date.

Section 2 - Application Form

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PART A: Details of Near-Miss Fellowship Application

Applicants must have submitted an application in the previous two rounds of a Nationally or Internationally competitive Fellowship scheme that was unsuccessful to be eligible for this scheme.

Fellowship Scheme Name and Year *

Funding Body *

Please provide a copy of the previously submitted unsuccessful Fellowship application as a single PDF file: *

Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.

PART B: CV and Publications

Please refer to the [Scheme Guidelines](#) for instructions and advice on how to answer this section. The **CV Template** can be downloaded [here](#).

Please provide a current CV (5-page limit): *

Attach a file:

A full list of publications may be attached separately. PLEASE USE THE CV TEMPLATE.

Optional: Full list of career publications:

Attach a file:

Please list all authors, DO NOT annotate with any contributions/impact statements.

PART C: Application Questions

Instructions:

1. Please refer to the [Scheme Guidelines](#) for instructions and advice on how to answer this section.

Please note: All Application Questions and other additional documents should be in Arial or Times New Roman font size 12 with 2.5cm margins. A **Word Template** can be downloaded [here](#).

2. Upload a final **PDF copy**.

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QUESTION 1: Summary of key additions to your CV since previous submission (1-page limit). *

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

QUESTION 2: Please provide a detailed list of Institutional Contributions (1-page limit) *

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

Question 3: Statement on how this award will be used to support the research and support a competitive Fellowship/Grant submission in the next funding round (2-page limit). *

Attach a file:

File format: PDF only.

Section 3: Financial Details

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Proposed start/end date

The eMERGE Bridging Fellowship provides 12-months salary support for successful applicants. Please nominate the **preferred Start and End date** of the Bridging Fellowship. Funding is available to commence from 01 January 2027 and must be fully expended by 30 June 2028.

Start Date *

Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 1/7/2027.

End Date *

Must be a date and no later than 30/6/2028.

Proposed Level and FTE

Proposed Level (including step/grade) and FTE for the 12-month fellowship period.

Proposed Level A-C or equivalent, including step/grade *

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Proposed FTE *

Salary Costs

Please provide your TOTAL SALARY COSTS including on-costs for the 12-month fellowship period.

The University of Melbourne [Research Costing and Pricing Tool](#) can be used to calculate salaries including on-costs (University of Melbourne login details required for SSO).

Alternatively, contact your host department administrator for help.

Applicant Salary (12 months)

Amount (\$AUD)

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(include Level, FTE and on-costs)	

Total Salary Cost (\$AUD)

This number/amount is calculated.

Salary Gap (if applicable)

The eMERGE Fellowship provides up to \$165,625 for salary support for up to 12 months.

Laboratory/Group Heads will be responsible for covering any gap in salary support and research support for the duration of the fellowship.

Confirmation of this support from the Laboratory/Group Heads will be required as part of this application (see Section 6 - Certification).

Does a Salary Gap apply? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Salary Gap (if applicable)

Salary Gap (\$AUD) *

Must be a number.

Section 4 - Compliance

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Research Activity Type

Please select which Research Activity Type best reflects your research:

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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.

Experimental 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.

Activity Type

- ☐ Pure Basic Research
- ☐ Strategic Basic Research
- ☐ Applied Research
- ☐ Experimental Research

Fields of Research (FoR) Codes

Please select the Fields of Research (FoR) that best describe your research (maximum of 5).
The total percentage must equal 100%.

A description of the Fields of Research (FoR) Codes can be found here: <https://gateway.research.unimelb.edu.au/platforms-data-and-reporting/research-reporting/fields-of-research-for-codes>

FoR Code *

FoR Percentage *

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

Total Percentage *

This number/amount is calculated.

SEO Codes

Please select the SEO codes that best describe your research (maximum of 5).
The total percentage must equal 100%.

A description of the SEO codes can be found here: <https://gateway.research.unimelb.edu.au/platforms-data-and-reporting/research-reporting/socio-economic-objectives-seo-codes>

SEO Code *

SEO Percentage *

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

Total Percentage *

This number/amount is calculated.

Section 5 - Certification

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Certification Form

Laboratory/Group Heads will be responsible for supporting the Fellow's research activities and covering any gap in salary support (if applicable) for the duration of the fellowship.

Confirmation of this support from the **Laboratory/Group Heads and the Head of the Department** that is hosting the researcher will be required as part of the application.

Please follow these steps to complete the Certification:

Step 1: Save a PDF copy of your application

Step 2: [Download](#) a copy of the eMERGE Bridging Fellowship Certification Form.

Step 3: **Forward** your Application PDF copy and Certification Form to your **Laboratory Head/Group Leader** for certification.

Step 4: **Forward** the Laboratory Head/Group Leader for certification to your **Head of Department for certification** (this should be the Department/unit of your Primary Appointment).

Step 5: Upload the signed Certification form before you submit your application by the deadline.

Please upload the signed copy of the Certification form. *

Attach a file:

Please use the following naming convention: SURNAME-CERT.PDF

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Project Title

eMerge Bringing Fellowship 2025

IA Cost Centre (delete)

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Cost Centre

Award Number

Project Number

Attachments uploaded

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

This project involves a clinical trial

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Approved to be included in the UoM successful applications library

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

This research involves