2021 Early Career Researcher (ECR) Grants Scheme

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Agenda

• Welcome and introduction – PVC Julie McLeod
• About the ECR scheme: application process and eligibility – Kim Turner
• Presentation from Scholarly Communications – Dimity Flanagan
• Tips from a successful ECR applicant – Ashley Barnwell
• Question and Answer
Prof Julie McLeod
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research Capability)
About the ECR scheme

- Competitive funding program
- Supports early career researchers with high research potential
- Supports projects aligned with UoM priorities
- Enhances competitiveness for external research funds
## Key Dates

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<td>12 June</td>
<td>ECR 2021 round opens</td>
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<td>27 July, 3pm</td>
<td>Eligibility Exemption Requests (EERs) due on SmartyGrants (if applicable)</td>
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<td>15 September, 3pm</td>
<td>Final applications due on SmartyGrants</td>
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Please note that Academic Divisions may also have internal submission dates prior to the final submission date – please see the RIC webpage for details.
Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Hold salaried (fixed-term or continuing) academic appointment at Level A, B or C at minimum 0.5FTE at UoM at the time of application; or that begins 1 January 2021 or before.

- Have received their PhD within the last 5 years (on or after 15 September 2015) and before submission of application; or Received an Eligibility Exemption through the EER process in 2020.

- Not have been a major beneficiary (Lead CI) of an ARC or NHMRC grant, or a McKenzie Fellowship.
Eligibility Exemption Requests

Eligibility exemption is available to applicants who received their PhD before 15 September 2015 and who have:

- Experienced career interruptions; or otherwise worked in an academic research organisation for less than 5 years FTE

Please note that applying for an EER does not automatically grant an exemption and is at the discretion of the eligibility subcommittee.
Part B2 – Funding Plan
How will the project contribute to your research career development, enhance your external funding competitiveness, and foster future collaborations?

• Show the relationship between the ECR Grant and your future research ambitions
• Mention if you are using this grant to form the basis of a project proposal which you intend to submit to another funding body (e.g. ARC, NHMRC, SIEF)
• Seek diverse funding sources
• Seek high quality, appropriate publishers or journals
• Indicate if you intend to present your work at national/international forums
• Indicate if the project will lead to collaborations or research training opportunities.
• Consider interdisciplinary opportunities
ELIGIBILITY

- $25,000 maximum for HASS and $40,000 maximum for STEMM
- Grants requesting funding for less than $5,000 will not be considered
- Price your budget based on real world prices at time of submission
- Costs must be directly related to the project

EQUIPMENT

Only essential equipment that is not available via your Department (standard issue or lab equipment) and is demonstrably essential for the project.

PERSONNEL

Research Assistants are permitted but must be fully justified. There must be an appropriate distinction between CI and RA activities. Use the Research Costing and Pricing Tool.

TRAVEL

Must be essential to the project, for CIs and research support personnel only.

OPEN ACCESS FEES

Article Processing Charges (APC) to make a work openly accessible where the University already has an institutional subscription to the journal (hybrid journals) cannot be requested (further information later).
Check if your Academic Division is running an EOI process

Check your eligibility and if you need to submit an EER

Talk to your supervisor and approach any collaborators

Make sure you use all the documents available on the website

Consider your current project but also consider your future research plan and career trajectory

Demonstrate how the research project aligns with research strengths and priorities in your academic division and the University as a whole

Make sure you leave time to have your application signed off by your Head of Department and approach early

Don’t forget to complete a Themis submission!
Presentation from Dimity Flanagan – Scholarly Communications
Who do you want to read your research?
The University supports two routes to open access:

- Depositing a copyright compliant version of your research into Minerva Access, our open access repository
- Publishing in an open access journal

The University does not support hybrid open access

(The payment of an Article Processing Charge to a subscription journal in order to make your article open access)
### Critical discourse analysis and Identity: Why bother?

**S Ainsworth, C Hardy** - Critical discourse studies, 2004 - Taylor & Francis

Critical discourse analysis (CDA) and other forms of discourse analysis are regularly used to study identity, but rarely do researchers systematically compare and contrast them with other theories to identify exactly what a discursive approach contributes. In this paper, we take the example of a particular identity—the older worker—and systematically compare the contribution of CDA with other approaches, including economics, labour market research, gerontology and cultural studies. In so doing, we show the kinds of research questions that ...

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Use journal ranking tools and filter by Open Access Journals https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php

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Need more help? Contact your Faculty Liaison Librarian https://library.unimelb.edu.au/liaison
Open access resources

Research Gateway
https://gateway.research.unimelb.edu.au/resources/outputs/open-access-and-research-visibility

OA Libguide https://unimelb.libguides.com/openaccess

Scholarly Publishing Libguide
https://unimelb.libguides.com/Scholarly_publishing
Presentation from Ashley Barnwell – ECR 2019 recipient
Thank you

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https://research.unimelb.edu.au/support/funding/internal/ecr