2023 Early Career Researcher (ECR) Grants Scheme
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Welcome and Introduction
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Early Career Researcher Grants

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Competitive funding program for current academic staff
Identifies supports ECRs with high research potential and
Supports projects aligned with UoM priorities
Enhances competitiveness for external research funds

Key Dates

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<td>Wednesday 1 June, 3pm</td>
<td>Eligibility Exemption Requests (EERs) due (if applicable)</td>
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<td>Thursday 21 July, 3pm</td>
<td>Final applications due</td>
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<td>31 October</td>
<td>Outcomes announced</td>
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Please note that Academic Divisions may also have internal submission dates (EOIs) prior to the final submission date – please see the RIC webpage for details.
Eligibility – appointment at UoM

Applicants must have one of the following appointment types on or before 1 Jan 2023:

a) fixed-term or continuing academic appointment of at least 0.5FTE at Level A, B or C at a School/Department of the University of Melbourne

b) fixed term or continuing academic appointment of at least 0.5FTE at Level A, B or C, with a Department/School of the University of Melbourne, but based at an affiliated medical research institute or a non-medical research institute

c) an honorary appointment at the University of Melbourne, and salaried appointment an eligible affiliated research institute*

*eligible affiliated institutes for 2023 are the Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health; the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre; the Bionics Institute of Australia; the Baker Heart and Diabetes Institute; and the Melbourne Business School.

Eligibility – Research Experience since PhD

This scheme targets early career researchers who have been awarded a PhD within the last 5 years (on or after 21 July 2017) and before the full application deadline of 21 July 2022.

Don’t quite fit this window?

PhD notification not received before 21 July 2022?
- Submission of thesis/receipt of examiner comments is not sufficient

Not eligible for the 2023 round, no exemption possible

Your PhD was awarded prior to 21 July 2017... but you have worked in an academic research organisation for less than 5 years FTE?

1. Submit an Eligibility Exemption Request (EER) by 1 June 2022.
2. EER is reviewed by subcommittee
3. Outcome of EER provided by end of June
Previous Research Funding

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<td>I have been the Lead CI or Fellow on an NHMRC or ARC grant.</td>
<td>Not eligible</td>
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<td>I have received prior funding for non-research costs only (salary-only and travel-only).</td>
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<td>I have previously held a consultancy that was not obtained through a competitive process (i.e. a proposal, similar to a grant application).</td>
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<td>I have received some prior funding for research costs through a competitive (i.e. grant application) process</td>
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<td>- Non-ARC/NHMRC</td>
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<td>- ARC/NHMRC, but not a Lead CI or Fellow</td>
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<td>- Any other domestic or international competitive grant or fellowship that included research costs</td>
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Application tips

**Candidate trajectory**
Your career so far, your plan for future research, and how the ECR Grant fits in.

**Feasibility**
How is your Academic Division / School / Department / Lab set up to support your work?

**Proposal and Budget**
What work are you going to do and how will you make it happen?
Part C – Proposed Budget

**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).

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**Checklist**
- Is your Academic Division running an EOI process?
- Do you need to submit an EER?
- Talk to your supervisor, faculty research office, and approach any collaborators
- Make use of the Instructions to Applicants
- Approach your Head of Department early and leave time to have the certification form signed off
- Don’t forget to complete a Themis submission!
Question and Answer

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