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ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards DECRA 2027 (DE27) Information Webinar

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ARC-Domestic (non-medical) Grants Team
Research Grants, Contracts and Finance (RGCF)
Research, Innovation and Commercialisation (RIC)

Note: This session will be recorded and uploaded to the RIC DECRA website

The University of Melbourne acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the unceded land on which we work, learn and live: the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung and Bunurong peoples (Burnley, Fishermans Bend, Parkville, Southbank and Werribee campuses), the Yorta Yorta Nation (Dookie and Shepparton campuses), and the Dja Dja Wurrung people (Creswick campus).

The University also acknowledges and is grateful to the Traditional Owners, Elders and Knowledge Holders of all Indigenous nations and clans who have been instrumental in our reconciliation journey.

We recognise the unique place held by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the original owners and custodians of the lands and waterways across the Australian continent, with histories of continuous connection dating back more than 60,000 years. We also acknowledge their enduring cultural practices of caring for Country.

We pay respect to Elders past, present and future, and acknowledge the importance of Indigenous knowledge in the Academy. As a community of researchers, teachers, professional staff and students we are privileged to work and learn every day with Indigenous colleagues and partners.

Agenda



- **Guest speaker: Prof Gavin Reid**
- **Brief Q&A**
- **Scheme overview**
- **Support offerings available**
- **Submission instructions and timeline**
- **Key sections in the application**
- **Q&A**

**Questions to be written in Q&A function*



Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) Grant Application Writing Tips



Scheme Documentation

General Grant Application Writing Advice

Assignment of General and Detailed Assessors - Importance of FoR code(s), etc.

Budget Justification

Other Policies

Rejoinders

Professor Gavin Reid

School of Chemistry, Department of Biochemistry and
Pharmacology, University of Melbourne (2014 -)

Executive Director (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and
Earth Sciences), Australian Research Council (2023-2025)

Read the Scheme Documentation!!!



Forecast Opportunity View - DProgF2025: GrantConnect

1. Discovery Program Grant Guidelines – Fellowships (2024 edition – Variation 1) including Part C: Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA)
2. Instructions to Applicants (ITAs)
3. Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

*more than 200 awards may be funded

Ensure that your Application Clearly Explains How You Will Achieve the Objectives of the Scheme



The DECRA Scheme Objectives are to:

- (a) support outstanding early-career researchers with ***demonstrated capacity*** for high-quality research and ***emerging capability*** for leadership and supervision;
- (b) ***foster collaboration***, with national or international researchers;
- (c) support excellent and innovative research that ***addresses a significant problem or gap in knowledge*** and represents ***value for money***;
- (d) ***create new or advanced knowledge*** resulting from the outcomes of the research ***with economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits*** for Australia; and
- (e) ***advance promising early career researchers*** and promote enhanced opportunities for diverse career pathways in high-quality and supportive environments.

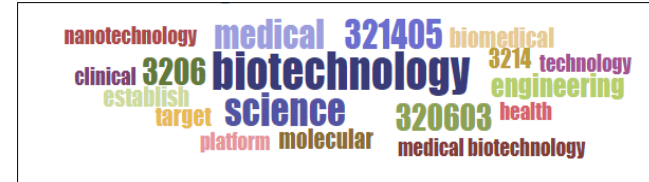
Explicitly Address the Assessment Criteria in Your Application* – i.e., Make it Easy for the Detailed and General Assessors to Give the Maximum Scores



Investigator/Capability 35%	Project Quality and Innovation 35%	Benefit 15%	Feasibility 15%
Suggested subsection headings in the Investigator/Capability section of the application <i>Primarily in Part B (Participant Details including ROPE) of the application.</i> Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE), including record of <u>high quality</u> research outputs <u>appropriate to the discipline/s</u>; Capability of candidate to build collaborations both within Australia and internationally.	Suggested subsection headings in the Project Quality and Innovation section of the application (<i>Part C Project Description</i>) Major research questions; Contribution to an important gap in knowledge or significant problem; Innovation of the research in the context of recent international advances in this area; Project design and implementation Potential to enhance international collaboration. <u>Also address the additional criteria if the project involves Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander research:</u>	Suggested subsection headings in the Benefit section of the application (<i>Part C Project Description</i>) New or advanced knowledge resulting from outcomes of the research; Economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia and international communities; and Potential contribution to capacity in the Australian Government priority areas (section E1-E3).	Suggested subsection headings in the Feasibility section of the application (<i>Part C Project Description</i>) Cost-effectiveness and value for money; Feasibility of the research (including contribution of the project's design and participants and resources to the timely completion of the project); <i>These will be reinforced in Section C2 i.e., the Administering Organisation letter of support</i> Supportive environment for the DECRA candidate and their project including resources and development opportunities the organisation will provide for the candidate; Availability of the necessary facilities to complete the project.

* The amount of text should be approximately proportionate to the weightings for each criteria

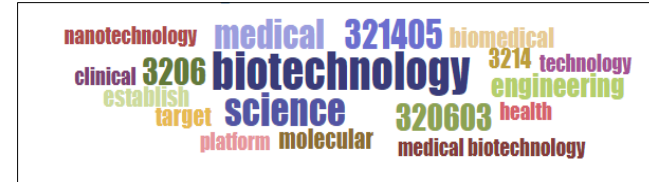
Make it Easy for the Most Suited / Best Qualified General and Detailed Assessors to be Assigned to Review Your Application



- The ARC Academic Directors use your primary weighted **Field of Research (FoR) code(s)** (Section E5) see: [Classification Codes—FoR, RFCD, SEO and ANZSIC Codes | Australian Research Council](#) to assign your application to a Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) discipline panel (i.e., BSB, EIC, HCA, MPCE and SBE).
- It is therefore critical that the selected FoR codes reflect the disciplines involved in the research.
- RMS also uses the **Field of Research (FoR) codes** along with the 100 word Summary Statement and the Application Title in the application to generate a word cloud, to suggest potential General and Detailed Assessors by matching against the information stored in their user profiles (excluding those that are conflicted with the applicant, or have been the subject of an RNTA request*).

** You may name up to three persons whom You do not wish to assess an application by submitting a 'Request Not to Assess' (RNTA) form in RMS as detailed on GrantConnect and on the ARC website. This form must be received by the ARC two weeks prior to the grant opportunity closing date.*

Make it Easy for the Most Suited / Best Qualified General and Detailed Assessors to be Assigned to Review Your Application



- An ARC Academic Director will then assign your application to the most appropriate General Assessors (GA's) who have been appointed to each SAC panel (incl. potential assignment to cross-panel GA's for multi-disciplinary applications).

Due to the finite size of a SAC panel membership, some or all of the assigned GA's may not have specific disciplinary expertise (e.g., 6-digit or 4-digit FoR codes) in the fields of the research proposal.

- GA's then assign the most appropriate Detailed Assessors (DA's) from the options provided by RMS, *preferably* by matching against the 6-digit and/or 4 digit FoR code(s) included in the application.

However, they DO NOT rely on RMS suggestions alone, but also use their reading of the application and their own general knowledge of the field to match Assessors with specific disciplinary expertise in the proposed research (where available), while also considering a balance of experience, institutions and gender. General Assessors may go outside RMS to search for relevant assessors (in terms of field and expertise), then go back in and see if they are available to assess that application. This is especially necessary if they are out of field. 'XXXX99' (not elsewhere classified) codes should be used only as a last resort and when there is no other appropriate code within the classification.

Project Cost



- **Justification of funding requested from the ARC**

Fully *justify*, in terms of need and cost, each *eligible* budget item requested from the ARC.

e.g.,

- what specific roles will requested Research Associate(s), Technician(s), or HDR student(s) play in the proposed research?
 - why is a requested item of equipment, consumables or specialised computer equipment and software needed for successful completion of the proposed research?
 - why are publication costs required?
 - how will any requested travel, workshop, focus group or conference funding enable you to achieve the Scheme Objectives?
- **Provide an explanation of how non-ARC contributions will support the proposed project.**

Other Policies to be Aware of:



- [Eligibility and Career Interruptions Statement | Australian Research Council](#)
- [Medical Research Policy | Australian Research Council](#)
- [ARC Experimental Development Policy \(Policy Statement on Experimental Development\)](#)

Rejoinders:

[Rejoinders | Australian Research Council](#)

- The purpose of the Rejoinder is to allow applicants to respond in a constructive manner to comments made by Detailed Assessors, to provide clear responses to any points raised and to clarify any perceived weaknesses in the application that were identified.
- Rejoinders are considered by GA's before they finalise the scores and overall rankings of their assigned applications and, for applications discussed during the SAC meeting, are also considered by the SAC panel members prior to any recommendation for funding being made

Questions?



Scheme Overview



	DECRA 2027
Objectives	a) support outstanding early-career researchers with demonstrated capacity for high-quality research and emerging capability for leadership and supervision; b) foster collaboration, with national or international researchers; c) support excellent and innovative research that addresses a significant problem or gap in knowledge and represents value for money; d) create new or advanced knowledge resulting from the outcomes of the research with economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia; and e) advance promising early career researchers and promote enhanced opportunities for diverse career pathways in high-quality and supportive environments;
Number of Awards	More than 200 National success rate - 2023 15%; 2024 19.6% , 2025 17.9% 2026 13.1% (UoM 21/172 apps)
Duration	3 consecutive years on a full-time basis (maximum of 6 consecutive years, if part-time)
Funding	2027 DECRA salary \$129,734 (subject to annual indexation). Current rates are on the ARC website. Project funds of up to \$50,000 per annum may be requested.

Eligibility Criteria



	DECRA 2027
Eligibility Dates	PhD conferred on or after 1 March 2021 <i>If PhD conferral is before this date and you have <u>eligible career interruptions</u>, you must submit an Application for Extension of an Eligibility Period (FKA: EER - Eligibility Exemption Request) form to RIC ASAP.</i> <i>Information sheet and EER form are on RIC DECRA <u>website</u>.</i>
Attempts	2 attempts overall
Project Limits	• Within the Discovery Program, can only apply/hold one Discovery Project in addition to an ARC Fellowship. • If you have two active Discovery Projects on the DE27 active project assessment date of 1 July 2027, will need to relinquish one project.

- **Important conditions on accepting a Fellowship (not exhaustive):**
 - Must obtain legal rights to work and reside in Australia prior to Fellowship commencing if not Australian citizen.
 - Must meet time commitment and project relinquishment requirements as specified in grant agreement.
 - May not engage in other professional employment during the project activity period without prior approval from the ARC.
 - Cannot begin another ARC Fellowship until the current Fellowship has ended.

ARC Medical Research Policy



The ARC does not fund Medical Research, as detailed in the *ARC Medical Research Policy* on the ARC website at <https://www.arc.gov.au/medical-research-policy>

The following documents provide additional guidance on the ARC Medical Research Policy:

- [ARC Medical Research Policy Eligibility Examples](#)
- [ARC Medical Research Policy Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Medical Research Advisory Group Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Complete sections F1 and F2 on application form.

If you have any questions regarding the MRP, please contact RIC or your Faculty Research Office.

Assessment Criteria



**Project Quality and
Innovation – 35%**

(Part C)

Investigator/Capability – 35%

(Part B - ROPE)

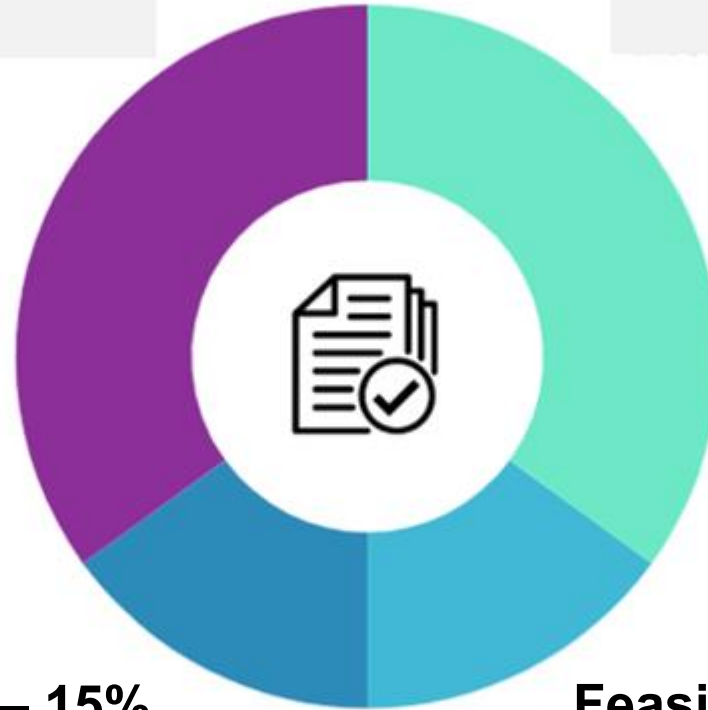
Highly ranked,
unsuccessful UoM
applications from
previous rounds scored
lowest on the
Investigator/Capability
and **Benefit** criteria.

Benefit – 15%

(Part C)

Feasibility – 15%

(Parts B, C, & D)



What does RIC do?



- Liaises with the ARC regarding communications and queries
- RIC does not comment on project design/quality or research personnel expertise
- Reviews applications for eligibility and compliance
- Arranging for DVC-R certification on Eligibility Exemption Requests (EER) and other necessary documents from the DVC-R
- *Coordinate NIT Statement certification with Faculties and Chancellery and communicates amendments where required.*
- *Review C2 support letters and coordinates DVC-R signature*
- Certifying and submitting applications to the ARC (*applicants cannot submit to the ARC directly*)

Support available

RIC Review

- Conducted by RIC staff members, and a feedback form provided via a task link to your Cayuse proposal record
- A review of eligibility and compliance as per ARC guidelines and instructions
- A final review prior to ARC submission

Other

- **Faculty reviews:** contact your faculty research office for more information

CRE ExpERT Panel Review

- UoM ExpERT reviewers simulating an ARC panel discussion.
- Reviews focused on Project Description and ROPE.
- **Option 1:** written feedback only from x1 ExpERT
- **Option 2:** written feedback and 1-hour Zoom discussion with a Carriage 1 Assessor (closest FoR code match) and a Carriage 2 Assessor (similar field, but not an exact match)
- Opt-in via Qualtrics Survey (to be circulated later)
- Be as available as possible



DE27 Application Process



Submit a Notice of Intent (NOI)

Submit an NOI on the [Via Cayuse](#), if you haven't already.

This allows RIC and Faculties to communicate to applicants as needed.



Review ARC & RIC resources

- Discovery Program Grant Guidelines – Fellowships (2024 Edition)
- ARC DE27 Instruction to Applicants (ITAs)
- ARC FAQs
- RIC UoM DE27 website
- UoM Grants Library



Update RMS Profile & start application

- Prepare a draft application in RMS (ARC management system).
- Some faculties will conduct early C2 letter and/or NIT reviews.



10am, Monday 9 February

C2 Letters and NIT Statements (mandatory)

RIC Reviews, ExpERT Panel Reviews (optional)

- NIT Statements must be entered in A5 in RMS.
- C2 letters submitted as per faculty instructions.
- A **Qualtrics Survey** link will be circulated for RIC review, C2 letters and ExpERT panel participation.



Review feedback and make amendments

Note: Applicants may be required to amend their NITS or C2 letter close to the final deadline



10am, Wednesday 4 March

Final Submission

- Press “Submit to Research Office” in RMS (application locked for editing).
- RIC submits apps to the ARC after final check for major eligibility is complete.

Other support available

Library support and guides

Available through Library services to measure impact, altmetrics and promote your profile as a researcher.

Library resources

UoM library

- [Research Metrics](#)
- [Alternative Metrics](#)
- [Promote your profile as a researcher](#)
- [Current training and support from the library](#)

Research Metrics & Evidencing Impact Training

Scholarly Services regularly host training sessions canvassing broad themes, including how to use research metrics ethically, and finding the right tool for what metrics you need. Tools explored in further detail include SciVal, Web of Science, Scopus, InCites, Altmetrics Explorer and Overton.

<https://gateway.research.unimelb.edu.au/innovation-outputs-and-impact/research-impact-and-engagement/library-impact-resources>



Melbourne Data Analytics Platform

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RESEARCH IMPACT

<https://unimelb.edu.au/mdap>

Who we are

We are a diverse team of 20 research data specialists with extensive experience in data analytics, offering expert guidance and project support.

How we work

MDAP supports researchers by collaborating on projects, providing analytical and computing expertise, and facilitating access to leading-edge tools and methods. We also offer support for project and grant development, specialised training on digital tools and methods, and run seminars, panels and other events throughout the year.

Engage with us

Researchers can engage with us via:

- Faculty-supported collaborative projects
- Researcher-funded projects
- Consultation, advice, grant support

Our expertise

We support all stages of the research lifecycle – from research design & data collection to data analysis, visualisation & interpretation.

- Guidance on research software, computing & data storage tools available across the University
- Research study design
- Data collection, analysis, management & curation
- Data governance, ethics & stewardship
- AI, machine learning & natural language processing
- Image & video processing
- Virtual & augmented reality
- Data visualisation
- Software & web development
- High performance computing

Timeline



Activities	Due date
Submission of NOI via Cayuse	Now open
Scheme opens	Wednesday 28th January 2026
NIT completed in RMS (compulsory) C2 letter review (compulsory; follow faculty instructions) Draft application due to RIC (if participating) Select ExpERT panel review times (optional)	10am, Monday 9 February 2026 via Qualtrics Survey
Request not to Assess to RIC	Monday 23 Feb, 2026
Zoom session with UoM ExpERT reviewers	<i>Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th Feb</i>
Final Submission due to RIC	10am, Wednesday 4 March 2026
Applications due to the ARC	5pm 11 March 2026

Part A: Administrative Summary – Key Points



- **A5. National Interest Statement Test (NITS):** Ensure you address the three key considerations in a clear and simple manner, using plain English that avoid jargon and technical language. Refer to ARC website for examples of well-articulated NITS.

Key Considerations

1. What is the project about and what research gap is it addressing for Australia?
2. How could the research benefit Australians (economically, socially, environmentally, commercially, or culturally)?
3. How might you promote your research outcomes beyond academia to maximise understanding, translation, use and adoption of the research in the future?

*NITS must be certified by the DVC-R, they will be reviewed by your Faculty. Enter your NITS in RMS by **10am Monday 9 February 2026** to allow your Faculty sufficient review time.*

Ensure your Faculty approved NIT statement is entered into RMS without changes for final submission.

Part B: ROPE – Key Points



When completing the ROPE sections, it may be unavoidable that some information is repeated, but this should be kept to a minimum. It is critical that information is provided in the most appropriate section and that applicants use the different sections to highlight the varied nature of their achievements.

B4. Research Load: Use Template on UoM DE [website](#) (under RIC Documents and Resources) for years: 2026 -2030.

- Enter amounts in Australian dollars and in multiples of 1000 (\$100,000 = “100” in the table)
- Enter your Establishment Grant in this table, status as “R” - requested.

Funding from non-ARC sources								
Description (All named investigators on any application or grant/fellowship in which the participant is involved, project title, source of support, scheme, and round)	Same Research Area [(Yes (Y)/No (N))]	Support Status [Requested (R)/Current (C)/Past (P)]	Application/Project ID (for NHMRC applications only)	2026 (\$'000)	2027 (\$'000)	2028 (\$'000)	2029 (\$'000)	2030 (\$'000)
Dr Joe Example, Prof Jane Sample, Project Title, Source of support, scheme and round	Y	C	N/A	20	30			
Dr Joe Example, DE27 Project Title, University of Melbourne establishment grant	Y	R	N/A		25			

Part B: ROPE – Key Points Cont.



Two Career Interruption related Questions **B6** and **B15**. Please note their difference.

B6. Career Interruptions: Assessors will only see the “Total Period of Career Interruptions” statement:

“Researcher [DE applicant Name] has reported a career interruption of [duration] since [Year of earliest interruption]”

Please be prepared to provide RIC with evidence of any Career Interruptions you list should it be asked for.

B6 does not relate to the participant’s eligibility.

Questions **B14/15/16** are related to **Extension of an Eligibility Period** (formerly known as EER - Eligibility Exemption Request).

B6 includes all career interruptions to inform ROPE, whereas B15 are the eligible career interruptions that you have included in your EER, as defined in the Grant Guidelines. Examples are provided in ARC FAQ 4.2 and 4.3

Part B: ROPE – Key Points Cont.

Sections B7-B11 are key questions to addressing the Investigator/Capability and Feasibility criteria.



B7. Career Narrative: text box ~75 words (565 characters)

An overview of your career opportunities for research

Include any period of research only employment, access to periods of research leave and proportions of time allocated for research, teaching and administrative responsibilities.

B8. Evidence of research impact and contributions: 1 x A4 page PDF upload

Describe how the participant's research has led to a change or advance of knowledge in their field and outline ***how this will contribute to this application.***

Traditional outputs are provided in B11, focus on “non-traditional” outputs here where relevant/applicable.

B9. Mentoring and Leadership: text box ~100 words (750 characters)

Provide evidence of your opportunities and capability for leadership, mentoring and research training or supervision. Include information such as your mentoring experience or approach, details of your graduate student load and completions, if relevant, and/or your role in supporting graduate student achievements.

Part B: ROPE – Key Points cont.

Sections **B7-B11** are key questions to addressing the Investigator/Capability and Feasibility and Strategic Alignment criteria.



B10. Research Outputs Context: text box ~200 words (1500 characters):

Clear information that **explains the relative importance of different research output types and expectations in your discipline/s.**

- Avoid focusing solely on personal citation metrics and publication records.
- Provide discipline-specific context e.g., what are the key research outputs/typical indices in your field and how are they measured? What is the meaning of author order for publications in your field? What is the typical rate of production of research outputs?
- Include one two sentences on how your own metrics compare relative to your discipline.

B11. 10 Career-Best Research Outputs:

Rank your fully referenced outputs and **mark** outputs **relevant** to the project by ticking the “Relevant” checkbox.

Annotation (text box, ~20 words, 150 characters) should provide clear information regarding research **impact and excellence.**

*** Refresh B11 if you have made changes to the publications in your RMS profile.**

Part C: Project Description



C1. Project Description: a maximum of seven (7) A4 pages

Use these headings below and in this order

- PROJECT TITLE
- PROJECT QUALITY AND INNOVATION
- BENEFIT
- COMMUNICATION OF RESULTS
- REFERENCES
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (if required)

Ensure you have **addressed the questions listed for this section** in the DE27 Instructions to Applicants document (pg.14/15) – writing to them will ensure you align with the assessment criteria.

Assessment criteria: Investigator/Capability and Feasibility are not prescribed headings in C2. They are being assessed across the application form: C1 (Project Description), C2 (UoM support letter), D (Budget) and throughout the ROPE section.

Part C2: Admin Org Letter of Support



C2. Admin Org Letter of Support: a maximum of two A4 pages

Writing guide and **template** are available on UoM DE [website](#), under RIC Documents and Resources

FOUR KEY POINTS TO ADDRESS

1. Outline area of core/emerging research and level of resources to support the applicant (e.g. project costs, PhD students or salary top-up). If applicable, **any in-kind contributions from UoM** may be included here.
2. Detail opportunities for the applicant to demonstrate the level of independence required to be competitive for research and/or research and teaching pathways at the Admin Org during and after the project
3. Describe how the salary previously provided to the applicant (if existing employee) will be used
4. Detail how the 0.2FTE allocated to the Admin Org will be used to develop the applicant's career skills

Part D: Project Cost – key points



A **single-line budget** for all sections *except* Personnel in Section **D1**. All items requested must still be listed and adequately listed and justified as appropriate in **D2** and/or **D3**.

Budget Categories

- **PERSONNEL**: includes HDR stipends, Research Associates, all other personnel relating to project
- **TRAVEL**: must be essential to the proposed research
- **FIELD RESEARCH**: must be essential to the proposed research
- **EQUIPMENT**: must be directly supporting the proposed research and not for broad general use
 - Requests for computing equipment should be listed under this category (again, must be specialised)
- **MAINTENANCE**: include consumables (e.g., reagents), items relating to equipment maintenance,
- **OTHER**: can include publication/dissemination costs, web hosting, expert services of a third party

COST CAPS	
Project Cost (not including Fellow salary)	\$50,000 p.a.
Travel Cost (over lifetime of project – does not include carer's costs, Field Research)	\$50,000

Part D: Project Cost – D1 Budget Table

An example of how your D1 should look:



Year 1 Year 2 Year 3			
Description		Australian Research Council	Administering Organisation
		Cash	Cash
Total		178,679	76,867
Personnel	+	171,679	67,867
Ms Carrie Liang (Discovery Early Career Researcher Award)		129,734	61,520
HDR (Higher Degree by Research stipend)		34,338	6,347
"Research Assistant A6-A8 @ 0.05FTE "		7,607	0
Travel	+	2,000	2,000
Total Travel Costs		2,000	2,000
Field Research	+	1,000	1,000
Total Field Research Costs		1,000	1,000
Equipment	+	2,000	3,000
Total Equipment Costs		2,000	3,000
Maintenance	+	1,000	1,000
Total Maintenance Costs		1,000	1,000
Other	+	1,000	2,000
Total Other Costs		1,000	2,000

Part D: Project Cost – resources



Key Resources available on the RIC DE webpage

- RIC Salary Scales and Budgeting Tool Spreadsheet
 - Salary scales for UoM and HEW levels with 30% on-costs already calculated and UoM HDR stipend rates
 - Budgeting tool which auto-populates the totals to enter in Section D1 based on individual line items
 - Tips on how to fill out Part D
- RIC Guide to Applicants - available early next week on the RIC DE website
- Section D in the ARC'S DE27 Instructions to Applicants document

Part D: Project Cost – D2/D3



D2. Justification of funding requested from ARC: maximum of 3 A4 pages

D3. Justification of non-ARC contributions: maximum of 2 A4 pages (include Establishment Grant details here!)

KEY POINTS WHEN COMPLETING THIS SECTION

- Full justification of the request and demonstrating how it is essential to the proposed research is critical. This is particularly the case for the TRAVEL category and major pieces of EQUIPMENT.
- Use Expense Categories as sub-headings in your D2 and D3 sections, list them in the same order as used in D1 (e.g., Personnel, Travel...) to facilitate easy assessment
- Make clear what the totals are for each expense item, and how the sum of all items in an expense category equals the total requested for that category in D1.
- List Travel and Field Research expenses by trip/site visit and list all associated expenses within this item.

Part D: Project Cost – D2/D3 Cont.



No predefined structure for D2/D3

You may want to include a **summary table at the beginning of D2**, which can be facilitated by the RIC Budget Tool.

For **D3**, consider adding a **summary statement** at the top that highlights the UoM Establishment Grant, its value, and any other funding provided by UoM.

EXAMPLES OF JUSTIFICATIONS

Research Associate, A6 –A7 at 0.1 FTE in Yr1 and Yr2

'A Research Assistant is required at A6 of 0.1FTE across Years 1 and 2 to complete Aims 1.2 and 1.3. A PhD graduate is required as they will be responsible for managing the project, co-supervising the HDR and the complex nature of experiments they will be conducting. *Yr1 = \$15,215, Yr2 = \$15,773, so TOTAL = \$30,988.*

International conference for 2 people (DE applicant and HDR) in Yr 3

'In Yr3, the DE applicant and HDR will attend the annual XYZ's General Meeting to disseminate results from Aims 1 and 2. This is the pre-eminent meeting for researchers in Field XYZ and will also be crucial for shaping feedback for Aim 4. The conference also provides an invaluable learning and networking opportunity for the HDR. The conference location is TBA but usually a major European city. Costs are estimated based on this using ATO rates and Expedia flight searches. The Host Faculty will contribute \$5000 toward this cost.

Flights = \$2000 x 2 pax = \$4000; Accommodation = \$300 per room x 2pax x 5 nights = \$3000; Per diem = (\$240 for HDR + \$290 for DE applicant) x 6 days = \$3180; Registration = \$1000 x 2 = \$2000. TOTAL = \$4000 + \$3000 + \$3180 + \$2000 - \$5000 (UoM contribution) = \$7,180 requested from ARC

UoM Establishment Grants



UoM provides Establishment Grant funds to support DECRA Fellows

DECRA Fellow: standard \$50,000 and minimum \$12,500

Comprises 1:1 co-contributions from Chancellery and the host Faculty /School/Department.

Chancellery co-contributions are capped:
\$25,000
(depending on situation)

Faculty/School/Department **must** contribute to receive Chancellery funds

Establishment Grant amounts and application process varies between Faculties – check [DECRA Establishment Grants](#) page

Establishment Grant should be identified in **B4** (Research Load table), **C2** (Admin Org Letter of Support) and Sections **D1** and **D3** (Project Cost)

Summary



DECRA application have changed/modified from previous rounds: please be sure to write to the updated questions, scheme objectives and assessment criteria

ARC Discovery Fellowships Grant Guidelines (2024 Edition) and DE27 Instructions to Applicants (ITA) are your friends: these are documents that should be used to guide your application.

Stay informed: regularly check the website and your email for updates and important information regarding the grant round

Send questions in the Zoom Q&A, or relevant email inbox: We will collate these, answer and send through to applicants who registered for this seminar and/or have registered a NOI.

For more information



RIC website: <https://sites.research.unimelb.edu.au/research-funding/arc/decra>

RIC DE27 Establishment grant website: <https://sites.research.unimelb.edu.au/research-funding/researcher-development-schemes/establishment-grants-decra>

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