**University of Melbourne – Early Career Researcher Grant**

**Project Description**

*[****Guidance text—please delete prior to submitting this document.*** *This Project Description must respond to the selection criteria outlined in the 2025 Early Career Researcher Grant Scheme Guidelines. The Project Description must adhere to the below editorial guidelines:*

1. *Clear font (e.g., Arial)*
2. *12pt font*
3. *For references and figures, minimum 10pt font may be used.*
4. *Single (1.0) line spacing*
5. *1.27cm margins (narrow)*
6. *Maximum two (2) A4 pages (including all text, figures, images and references). Where relevant, the inclusion of figures, graphs etc is encouraged.*

*When preparing your Project Description, please refer to the selection criteria in the Scheme Guidelines.*

*Once complete, please save this file as a pdf and upload in your SmartyGrants application.]*

**PROJECT TITLE**

*[Maximum ten (10) words]*

**AIMS, SIGNIFICANCE AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

* *What are the research aims or questions?*
* *How do the research aims or questions address a significant gap in knowledge in the relevant discipline?*
* *In the context of recent advances in the field, describe how the research project is innovative.*
* *Describe how the project aligns with Faculty and University strategic priorities.*
* *Describe how the research proposed will lay the foundation for or lead to:* 
  + *A demonstrable conceptual advance; OR*
  + *An important discovery, innovation or solution of an important practical problem; OR*
  + *A contribution of economic or social benefit to Australia; OR*
  + *Ongoing research collaboration with an external government organisation or industry.*
* *Describe how the results of the research will be communicated to enhance impact.*

**RESEARCH PLAN, METHODS, TECHNIQUES AND PROPOSED TIMELINE**

* *Describe the methods or, where relevant, experimental design, of the research project.*
* *Describe the feasibility of the project (e.g., relevant expertise or experience of the applicant, resources, partners, methodology, etc.).*
* *Describe how the timeline of the project is feasible in the context of existing work or commitments.*

**REFERENCES**

*[May be typed in 10pt font]*

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS (IF REQUIRED)**