Faculty of Arts
Research Grant Schemes 2019 Information Sheet

This information sheet provides a brief outline of the research funding schemes available to members of the Faculty. Each scheme has detailed Funding Rules, and most have application forms – it is your responsibility to read and adhere to the Funding Rules rather than rely on the brief details in this information sheet.

Information about the funding schemes is on the staff intranet (under ‘Research’, ‘Faculty Grant Schemes’ in the ‘Services & Resources’ section): http://www.arts.mq.edu.au/intranet. Note: the Intranet needs to be viewed using Firefox or Chrome.

We publicise the schemes to the Faculty via Research Alert emails from ArtsRO@mq.edu.au. Any queries about the schemes should be sent to this address. Note: the scheme dates given below are subject to change.

All the schemes are competitive and applications are assessed by panels of academic staff drawn from across the Faculty. Only those applications which meet the selection criteria are awarded funding.

Early-Career Research Fellowship
To enable successful applicants to complete one or more publication(s). The scheme is aimed at assisting Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to consolidate or establish their track record, and thereby become more competitive for research funding.

- Eligibility:
  o Staff in continuing teaching and research positions at level A or B (see funding rules for details of PhD award dates)
- Selection criteria:
  o Quality of the proposed project and its outputs and outcomes -- 50%
  o Track record – 20%
  o The following will be weighted 30%
    ▪ Justification of the importance of this research opportunity to the applicant at this point in their career.
    ▪ The applicant’s research strategy for the next 3 years
- Up to 4 Fellowships of up to $5,000 per semester

Applications for Fellowships in Semester 2 2019 open: 1 May 2019; close 29 May 2019
Applications for Fellowships in Semester 1 2020 (subject to budget confirmation) open: 4 September 2019; close 2 October 2019.

Emerging Scholars Scheme
The Emerging Scholars Scheme (ESS) is a competitive faculty-wide program designed to:

- Mentor early-career researchers (defined as at Level A or B, and up to 5 years post PhD) through social networking, as well as targeted career-development seminars.
- Aid early-career researchers in the production of a research output over the course of a semester, typically a grant application or journal article.
- Provide seed funding for the presentation of research materials at a conference or departmental seminar within Australia (but not at Macquarie University), up to $500 per researcher. This funding

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can be used for costs pertaining to the presentation (Travel expenses, as well as conference registration)
• Opportunity for ESS participants to attend an optional two-day writers’ retreat with the ESS mentor (tbc).


*There will be no Round 2 (for Semester 2 2019) in 2019.*

**Faculty Research Travel Scheme (FRTS)**
To provide funds for academic staff for travel costs for *research development purposes*, for example fieldwork or archival research; travel to present a paper or chair a panel at a conference, or to meet with research collaborators overseas.

You must read the FRTS Policy and FAQs before developing your research programme.

FRTS dates for each round in 2018 are below:

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**Mid-Career Research Fellowship**

- The scheme is aimed at Level B and C academics who aspire to a concentrated period of research time in order to consolidate work on a prestigious publication/s. It is also open to researchers who seek to gain research momentum at a key time in their career.
- The scheme aims to provide successful applicants with an opportunity to concentrate on achieving important publication goals, which will enhance their track record for competitive research funding.
- Permanent level B or C staff on *teaching and research contracts*

- **Selection criteria:**
  - Quality of the proposed project and its outputs and outcomes -- 50%
  - Track record of applicant – 20%
  - The following will be weighted 30%:
    - Justification of the importance of this research opportunity to the applicant at *this* point in their career
    - The applicant’s research strategy for the next 3 years

- 2 Fellowships of up to $15,000 each per semester
- Applications for workshops in Semester 2 2019 open: 3 April 2019; close 1 May 2019

*There will be no Round 2 (for Semester 1 2020) in 2019.*

**Publication Subsidy Scheme**

**Eligibility**

- Permanent or fixed-term staff may apply
- To assist with the publication costs of scholarly books (A1)
- Other publications (B1s, C1s, A3s) will be considered
  - MUST have a Macquarie byline
  - Costs for editing, indexing, photographs, translation
  - *A key selection criterion* is the quality of the publisher: researchers are expected to choose publication outlets that will enhance their track record and make them more competitive for external funding.”

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Applications need to include:

- an explanation and justification of your selection of publisher and how this will enhance your track record;
- a memo/email from your Head of Department or departmental Director of Research which evaluates the reputation and prestige of the publisher in your discipline.

Funding awarded per year: 10 x $2,000 (max).

Applications received on an ongoing basis. Last date for applications submitted in 2019 is **18 November**.

**Themed Research Workshop Grant**

To support the hosting of themed workshops that will facilitate the development of research teams and collaborative research projects.

- **Eligibility**
  - Preferably, the workshop will include participants from outside Macquarie.
  - The team and project **must be new**.
  - Lay the foundations of a project for which competitive funding will be applied
- Maximum award is $5,000, but usually about $2,500
- Applications which include ECRs are encouraged

Applications for workshops in Semester 2 2019 open: 3 April 2019; close **1 May 2019**

Applications for workshops in Semester 1 2020 (subject to budget confirmation) open 11 September 2019; close **9 October 2019**.

**Visiting Research Fellowships (NB. For visits in 2020)**

- Offered to Visiting Fellows of high standing at any stage in their career, to share and disseminate new and original ideas and/or techniques, initiate and undertake collaborative research and facilitate interaction and training of Faculty staff and students
- Visiting Fellow must be from an organisation outside of New South Wales
- Successful Fellows must be based full-time at the University for the duration of the Fellowship, which is a minimum of 1 week.
- If a Visiting Fellow is being hosted by a team of researchers, at least two of the team must come from Arts and one of these must be a Level A, B or C.
- One round of applications in the September of year prior to the visit
- 3 x $6,000 (max)
- Applications for Visiting Research Fellowships in 2020 open: 28 August 2019; close **25 September 2019**.

If you have any queries about these schemes, please contact via ArtsRO@mq.edu.au

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