Faculty of Arts Emerging Scholars Scheme
Semester 1 2020

Purpose of 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.**

- Researchers will be peer-mentored via sharing research with the ESS cohort;
- Researchers will need to be assigned a discipline mentor by their Head of Department;
- During the program, researchers will present their research in a three-minute format to a senior academic from the Faculty of Arts.

**Aid early-career researchers in the production of a research output over the course of a semester, typically a grant application or journal article.**

- Researchers will present their work in progress for their research outcome to the Associate Dean Research and other senior academics from the Faculty, at the final meeting of the program.

**Provide seed funding of up to $500 per researcher, which may be used for:**

- Expenses associated with attendance at conferences or seminars external to Macquarie, including travel and conference registration fees
- Running a workshop or seminar at Macquarie (such as domestic travel for a guest speaker, or printing)
- Expenses associated with bringing a potential research collaborator to Macquarie, including travel and accommodation
- Research Assistant support
- Professional services such as transcription or translation
- Purchase of books, materials or equipment directly related to a research project. Note that such items will be deemed the property of Macquarie University.
- Other justifiable expenses, subject to approval.

Eligibility
The scheme is open to early-career researchers who meet the following criteria:

- Are employed at level A or level B; and
- Are up to 5 years post-PhD, (PhD awarded on or after 1 January 2015); and
- Are employed on a permanent or fixed-term basis – if employed on a fixed-term basis your contract must run to the end of 2021.

The scheme is open to both teaching & research and research-only academic staff who meet the above criteria. There is a maximum of 8 places per semester.

If you are an ECR who has recently commenced continuing employment or a fixed term contract to or beyond 31 December 2021 and you do not meet the eligibility criteria but would like to make a case as to why you would benefit from participating, please email Arts RO.
Emerging Scholars will be expected to:

- Attend two ESS functions, as well as 3 ESS meetings/symposium during the course of Semester 1;
- Communicate their research to the ESS cohort, as well as providing feedback to ESS members about their research;
- Maintain regular contact with the Scheme Coordinator regarding progress with their research outcome.

The Scheme Coordinator will:

- Be responsible for scheduling social events and meetings;
- Organise and facilitate ESS content and activities;
- Provide a confidential point of contact for the ESS cohort regarding career development;
- Report to the Associate Dean Research.

Submission
Applications must be submitted on the ESS application form to ArtsRO@mq.edu.au by Friday, 20 March 2020.