Faculty of Arts
Research Grant Schemes 2020 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.

Detailed information 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 that meet the selection criteria are awarded funding.

Important update: postponement of some Faculty schemes
Three faculty research schemes are now affected by government restrictions on travel and events due to the COVID-19 virus:

- Faculty Research Workshop Grant – Round 1 (semester 2 2020)
- Faculty Visiting Research Fellowship – Round 1 (semester 2 2020)
- Faculty Research Travel Scheme – Round 2 (for travel between 1 July and 31 December 2020)

Given the government and university restrictions these schemes are on hold pending further advice at a national and university level.

Category 2 & 3 Seed Funding
Flexible funding to facilitate prospective applications to Category 2 & 3 funders (e.g. corporate, not-for-profit, public sector funding other than ARC/NHMRC). Expenditure should be relevant to a Category 2 or 3 funding opportunity.

Examples of possible funding include:

- Attendance at a non-academic conference
- Travel and accommodation costs to investigate a Category 2 and 3 funding, e.g. to bring contacts to Macquarie University, other parts of Sydney, or for academics to travel
- Funding of up to $2,000 to match seed funding from an external research partner, for small-scale research which is likely to lead to larger-scale collaboration
- Modest costs for taking a contact to lunch or dinner. Note that Macquarie University staff will not be eligible for reimbursement
- Expected level of funding per application - $100 - $1,000

Applications reviewed on an ongoing basis. Last date for applications submitted in 2020 is Monday 23 November.

Updated 28 January 2020
Early-Career Research Fellowship
The scheme is aimed at assisting Early Career Researchers (ECRs) to complete one or more publications(s) to consolidate or establish their track record, and thereby become more competitive for research funding.

- **Eligibility:**
  - Staff in continuing teaching and research positions at level A or B (see funding rules for details of PhD award dates)
- **Selection criteria:**
  - Quality of the proposed project and its outputs and outcomes -- 50%
  - Track record – 20%
  - Importance of this research opportunity to the applicant at this point in their career, and research strategy for the next 3 years – 30%
- **Funding awarded:** up to 4 Fellowships of up to $5,000 per semester

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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 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)

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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.

Funding awarded:

- North America, Europe and Japan - up to $5,000
- Elsewhere outside of Australia - up to $3,500
- Domestic - up to $2,000

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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

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 reviewed on an ongoing basis. Last date for applications submitted in 2020 is Monday 23 November.

Research Workshop Grant

To support the hosting of 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 or project must be new
  - Lay the foundations of a project for which competitive funding will be applied
- Applications which include ECRs are encouraged
- Maximum award is $5,000, but usually about $2,500

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Please note: Themes & Streams event proposals should be directed to the Themes and Streams leaders; this grant scheme is to fund other workshops.

Visiting Research Fellowships

Funding to bring academics of high standing at any career stage to the Faculty, 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
- The fellow must be hosted by a Level A, B or C faculty-based researcher (a Level D or E researcher may only apply as a member of a host team)
- Two rounds of applications per year: check the timeframe covered in each round (approximately 12 months from the outcome)
- Funding awarded per semester: 1-2 x $6,000 maximum, lower cost applications can be submitted also

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Research Stream Event Funding

Funding for events that facilitate the development of research teams and collaborative research projects. This funding does not support individual research project costs. Two types of events may be funded:

- **Key Events** – larger events, with participation of a minimum of 12 MQ staff, and might involve outside participation and have travel and associated costs.
- **Scaffolding Events** – small-scale events that draw together MQ staff with similar or emerging research interests.

Both Scaffolding Events and Key Events may include HDR candidates, but the focus of activities must be research interaction of MQ research staff.

Applications must be submitted by at least two staff members from different departments or, where a strong case can be made, from different disciplines within a department. Applications must be supported by the relevant Stream Leaders (where they are not the applicants).

**Key Events** will be funded once per year.

**Scaffolding Events** will be funded throughout the year.

Applicants are required to contact the relevant Theme Leader(s) to discuss proposals before submission.

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