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Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DE26)

DE26 KEY CALENDAR AND IMPORTANT DATES

Activity	Timing
Release of Grant Guidelines	8 August 2024
Applications open	30 January 2025
Request Not to Assess close	5 March 2025
Applications close	18 March 2025
Rejoinders	25 June to 8 July 2025
Anticipated announcement	14 to 27 November 2025

Important dates that relate to eligibility:

- The grant commencement date for Discovery Early Career Researcher Award grant opportunity for funding commencing in 2026 is **1 January 2026**. This date is when grant funding may commence.
- The active project assessment date for Discovery Early Career Researcher Award grant opportunity for funding commencing in 2026 is **1 July 2026**. This date is used to consider project and application limits per named participant.

To be eligible, the participant must, as at the grant opportunity closing date:

- Have an award of PhD date on, or after 1 March 2020; or
- Have a PhD award date together with an allowable period of career interruptions that would be commensurate with an award of PhD date on, or after 1 March 2020. The allowable career interruptions set out, and the period allowed for each are listed in the Instructions to Applicants and in the [Eligibility and Career Interruptions Statement](#) on the ARC website.