Edith Cowan University
Research Services

Early-Mid Career Researcher (EMCR) Grant Scheme

For funding commencing 1 January 2024

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Overview - EMCR grant scheme

- To support EMCRs within 10 years post-PhD to progress their independent research careers by funding high quality research projects and pilot studies, providing opportunity to lead a research project and develop their track record via two distinct funding Streams:

    - Stream 1 **Kickstart** – for those within 2 years post-PhD* who have received no previous external funding.

    - Stream 2 **Pilot Project** – for those between 2-10 years post-PhD* to undertake necessary pilot work leading to submission of an externally competitive research grant application

- Grants are worth up to $40,000 for projects up to 18 months.

- Up to 10 grants per Stream may be awarded.

- Expected to result in definitive research outputs through both publication (or equivalent) and externally submitted grant applications.

*excluding career interruptions

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Key Dates

Scheme opens	3 July 2023
Career interruption approval requests to be submitted by	24 July 2023
*EOI Submissions in ECU RMS by	31 July 2023
Research Administration Officer (RAO) review of final application	17 August 2023
Closing date	30 August 2023
Application to Assessment Panel	1 September 2023
Panel meeting	5 October 2023
Outcomes distributed	11-13 October 2023
Ethics application closing dates and HREC Committee Meeting dates	20 October 2023 for 3 November 2023 HREC meeting 17 November 2022 for 1 December 2023 HREC meeting
Funds available	1 January 2024

*Failure to submit an EOI in the ECU RMS by this date will prevent submission of a full application to the grant scheme. Edith Cowan University

ECU RMS Expression of Interest

All applicants must enter and submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) on the ECU Research Management System (RMS) by the deadline.

What is an EOI?

It is an online form that includes a brief title and summary of your project along with a number of yes/no questions.

Why is it required?

EOIs are required for ALL external research grant applications so using it for this scheme is good practice.

It provides notification to the Research Services office of your intention to apply, this allows us to provide support, advise internal deadlines, organise approvals and facilitate submission.

It notifies your Associate Dean Research (ADR) of your intention to apply.

For this scheme, it enables our team to know how many applications to expect and plan accordingly, including allocating assessors.

How do I enter my EOI?

We recommend using the cheat sheet, if you need help please ask.

Don't forget to enter your ECU RMS EOI by:
31 July 2023

IMPORTANT - If an EOI is not submitted by the deadline, your application will **not** be accepted.

Eligibility

Stream 1:

- Must be within 2 years post-PhD, with a conferral date on or after 30 August 2021, excluding career interruptions.

- Must not have received any external research funding as first named CI.

Stream 2:

- Must be within 2-10 years post-PhD, with a conferral date between 30 August 2013 to 30 August 2021, excluding career interruptions.

BOTH Streams:

- not have held a Category 1 Australian Competitive Grant (including Fellowships) as the lead Chief Investigator (i.e., CI-A).

- have the time and basic infrastructure through their School to undertake the project, within the context of their full existing research, teaching and higher degree supervision responsibilities.

- undertake the role of project leader, with overall responsibility for all aspects of the project.

- be an ECU employee and hold an appointment until 31 December 2025, at least, or both the CI's Executive Dean and Line Manager have **agreed to consider** contract renewal until this time.

- have completed ECU's Research Integrity Professional Learning (RIPL) module prior to submission of the application

Eligibility continued…

Are you claiming a career interruption?

If yes, please ensure you submit your request to our team in writing via research-preaward@ecu.edu.au for approval by **24 July 2023**.

For a detailed description of allowable career interruptions please refer to the scheme guidelines.

Does your current contract end before the required date of 31 December 2025?

We understand this is likely the case for many applicants. If this applies to you, please contact your Exec Dean and Line Manager and request confirmation via email that they have **agreed to consider** contract renewal until this time.

Application limits

Remember that only **one** application per CI can be submitted in any one round and only **one** grant will be awarded per CI, per Stream, over your EMCR eligibility period. Note that all required outcomes of any previous EMCR award must have been met.

Budget

- Up to $40,000 can be requested however it is important that you don't request the full amount if you don't really need it or it can't be well justified.

- Plan your budget carefully as the amounts allocated to Year 1 and Year 2 in your application are fixed and cannot be changed. No funds can be carried over or extended.

- Check the eligible/ineligible expenses in the guidelines before finalising your budget.

- Justify each budget item in detail – don't simply provide brief or vague descriptions.

- Start working with your Finance Coordinator early to avoid last minute budget changes and to ensure accurate costings, especially if requesting funds for salaries (such as an RA).

- Your Finance Coordinator **MUST** approve the budget before the application can be submitted.

Is there an example budget available?

Yes! Please visit the EMCR intranet page here to access.

Budget continued…

Who is my Finance Coordinator?

Please use the list below to identify your finance contact.

Area	Finance Coordinator	E-mail to use	Tel Extension	Finance Manager
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Our team

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How can we help?
We will assist throughout the grant application process from EOI to submission and can assist with any process, guideline or application form queries. We will review your application to ensure it's compliant with the guidelines and provide general feedback as well as organise the required approvals and formal submission.

Final tips

- Please ensure your mentor and AIs have read your application prior to sending it to our team for review and approvals. We can't comment on the technical aspects of your application but the assessors definitely will.

- It is unlikely the assessors will be experts in your specific field so keep that in mind when writing and using acronyms.

- Ensure ALL sections of your application are complete when submitting to our office, we can't help you with or submit an unfinished draft.

- If you are uncertain of your eligibility or need help with a career interruption, contact us early for help.

- FAQs are available on the EMCR intranet page, these will be updated periodically throughout the grant period.

Any questions?

Panel Discussion

ECU ASSESSORS 2023

Top tips on how to write a strong application

- *A/Prof Kathryn McMahon, Associate Dean (Research), School of Science*

- *Prof Craig Speelman, Professor of Cognitive Psychology, School of Arts and Humanities*

- *Dr Vesife Hatisaru, Lecturer, School of Education*

AWARDED RECIPIENTS 2023

What did you find most valuable about the process?

- *Dr Myles Murphy, Nutrition and Health Innovation Research Institute*

- *Dr Aaron Beasley, Centre for Precision Health*

QUESTIONS