

Early-Mid Career Researcher Grant Scheme for funding commencing January 2024

Frequently asked questions

1. I hold or have held a Forrest Foundation Research Fellowship. Am I eligible for the EMCR Scheme?

You would be eligible for Stream 2 of the EMCR Scheme as the Forrest Foundation Research Fellowships fall into the HERDC Category 3 (Philanthropic funding), but you would not be eligible for Stream 1 Kickstart funding.

2. Am I eligible if I am a CI on someone else's ARC or NHMRC project?

Yes, as you are not the lead CI on the ARC or NHMRC project.

3. My post doc position is funded by my supervisor's ARC or NHMRC project, am I eligible?

Yes, because you are not the lead CI on the project.

4. I was awarded my PhD three years ago, am I eligible for Stream 1 Kickstart?

If your PhD was awarded before 30 August 2021 and you have had no career interruptions you would not be eligible for Stream 1 Kickstart EMCR funding. However, if you have had one or more career interruptions that mean you have effectively only had 2 years post PhD research experience, then you would be eligible. See the guidelines as to more information about Career Interruptions, page 5.

5. I hold an adjunct position at ECU, can I apply?

No, the guidelines require applicants to be an ECU employee (on-going, fixed term or sessional) and have a reasonable expectation of an appointment until 31 December 2025.

6. I am on a fixed term contract which currently would finish before 31 December 2025, or I am a sessional. How do I show that I will have a position until 31 December 2025?

For the purposes of the application, copies of emails from your Executive Dean and Line Manager that indicate they agree to consider contract renewal until 31 December 2025 will suffice.

7. The guidelines for the Stream 1 Kickstart funding state "have had no previous external research funding". What if I received research funding for my PhD?

Research funding received during your PhD candidature for the purposes of doing your PhD research will not affect eligibility for the EMCR scheme.

8. My school has awarded me some research funding (or travel funding). Does this affect my eligibility for the Stream 1 Kickstart?

School-provided research or travel funding will not affect eligibility for the EMCR grant scheme.

9. I have received external research funding to do research in an area outside my primary field of research. Can I still apply for Stream 1 Kickstart funding?

On a case by case basis, an exemption may be provided if you have been awarded a small grant to conduct a research project outside your primary field of research. Please email research-preaward@ecu.edu.au outlining your specific circumstances.

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10. I am also applying for other grants for the same project, is this ok?

Yes, concurrent proposals (same project) can be submitted to both the EMCR Scheme and external funders, however any funds under the EMCR would be relinquished, as appropriate, on receipt of the external grant.