



Accelerate your Research Career

Apply for an ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award at Macquarie University

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

Macquarie University is seeking to attract the most outstanding international early career researchers to apply for an Australian Research Council (ARC) **Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA)**.

This represents an excellent opportunity for early career researchers at the forefront of their field to work at a leading Australian university, to develop their international research profile, and to build a career as a high impact research and innovation leader of the future.

Researchers from around the world are eligible to apply if they have been awarded a PhD within the last 5 years (on or after 1 March 2017), or longer if they can demonstrate periods of significant career interruption.

PRESTIGIOUS, EXCELLENT REMUNERATION AND SUPPORT

DECRAAs are highly prestigious, and when you join the Macquarie University research community you will enjoy strong institutional support.

The Awards include ARC funding of over AU\$156,000 per year over three years on a full-time basis. The per annum salary contribution from the ARC is over AU\$106,000, including 30% on-costs, and up to AU\$50,000 per annum for project costs.

In addition to the ARC support, Macquarie will provide a highly competitive package that includes salary top-up, supplementation for project costs, access to internal funding, career development, international study programs, cutting-edge infrastructure, and a well-developed and coordinated early career researcher network. The cost of visa applications for successful applicants is also covered.

For details on the outstanding support package Macquarie will provide to you, please contact a Faculty Research Manager.

ABOUT THE DECRA FUNDING SCHEME

The ARC is the peak Australian Government body that supports the highest-quality fundamental and applied research through national competitive grant schemes across all disciplines (clinical and other medical research is primarily supported by the **National Health and Medical Research Council**).

The objectives of the DECRA scheme are to:

- Support excellent basic and applied research by early career researchers
- Support national and international research collaboration
- Enhance the scale and focus of research in **Australian Government priority areas**
- Advance promising early career researchers and promote enhanced opportunities for diverse career pathways
- enable research and research training in high quality and supportive environments

Given the prestige of the DECRA scheme, it is highly competitive. Up to 200 awards are offered each year – an approximate 17% success rate.

Success in the DECRA scheme requires:

- A highly significant and innovative project that advances knowledge, with outcomes that deliver, economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits to Australia
- An outstanding research track record that places you at the top of your discipline for your stage of career
- A highly supportive and collaborative research environment that provides you with the intellectual and physical resources required to develop your independent research career
- A project that is feasible, will expanded the knowledge base and research capacity in Australia, and represents value for money

ABOUT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Young, modern and innovative

Macquarie University is one of Australia's top 10 research-intensive universities and is in the top 1% of universities worldwide. It is located on a large, green campus within the Macquarie Park Innovation District, just a short train ride north of the Sydney CBD.

Macquarie's research and teaching excellence spans a diverse range of disciplines and is a testament to the University's commitment to continued excellence and innovation.

Under the *Macquarie University 2015 – 2024 Strategic Research Framework*, Macquarie has committed to five Future-shaping Research Priorities that will continue to guide the University's investment in research over the coming years. These priorities encompass multidisciplinary challenge areas that build on and expand the world-leading research strengths of Macquarie University, maximising national benefit and leading to world-changing impact. They are:

HEALTHY PEOPLE: *Pioneering health, integrated healthcare and lifelong-learning for wellness in our ageing world*

RESILIENT SOCIETIES:
Understanding cultures in our changing world and building ethical, just and inclusive communities

PROSPEROUS ECONOMIES:
Strengthening economic productivity to promote prosperity in our diverse world

SECURE PLANET: *Sustaining our interdependent world and exploring our place in the universe*

INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES:
Advancing our interconnected world with frontier technologies, systems, designs and creative practice

Internationally engaged and collaborative

Macquarie researchers have a strong track record in collaboration, nationally and internationally. More than 137 countries have enjoyed research collaborations with Macquarie since 2010. Over 100 researchers at Macquarie across 54 subject areas have published research that is in the top 1% of the world, and Macquarie has a strong commitment to research with \$1 billion invested in infrastructure and facilities in recent years. Furthermore, 97% of Macquarie's research activity (at the 4-digit FORC level) is regarded by the Australian Government as being of world standard or higher.

CONSIDERING APPLYING?

The next DECRA funding round is expected to open in September 2021 for funding commencing 1 January 2023. In preparation for this upcoming round, we invite potential candidates to approach one of the Faculty Research Managers at Macquarie University, listed below, or contact an academic staff member at Macquarie University who may be a suitable mentor. Please begin these discussions as soon as possible. Following this initial discussion, you will need to **submit an expression of interest** by **5 pm (AEST) Wednesday 11 August 2021**.

When contacting a Macquarie University staff member please include the following information:

1. A brief, one paragraph description of your proposed research project
2. Potential research mentor(s) at Macquarie University
3. Your curriculum vitae, detailing your qualifications, employment history, publications, other research outputs, previous grant success, any research student supervision, and referees

For more information on the DECRA scheme, please visit the [Macquarie University information webpage](#) or the [ARC website](#). Links to the Grant Guidelines and Instructions to Applicants from the previous round are available for download from [Grant Connect](#).

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