

EOI Research Fellowship 2027

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Check Your Eligibility

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Eligibility and selection criteria are provided within the [Westpac Research Fellowship Funding Guidelines](#). We encourage you to thoroughly read this and the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) available on our website before starting your application.

Eligibility Criteria

1. What is your Australian Citizenship Status? *

Australian Citizen

Australian Permanent Resident

Applicants must be an Australian citizen or permanent resident. You will be required to provide supporting documentation on request.

2. Please select the year your PhD was awarded or confirm that you have obtained an eligibility exemption from the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) or equivalent at your host university. *

Before 2020

2020

2021

2022

2023

(eligibility exemption required)

Note: Applicants must have been awarded a PhD between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2023 or obtain an Eligibility Exemption from the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research) or equivalent at your host university during the application process - please refer to your university web site. Eligibility exemption is based on career interruption. Career interruption reasons are listed in the [Funding Guidelines](#).

Please share the reason/s for your eligibility exemption *

Caring responsibilities

Disability

Disaster management and recovery (e.g. affected by bushfires, floods)

Limited or no access to facilities and resources, e.g. through workplace interruptions.

Medical conditions

Parental leave

Non-research positions, not concurrent with research employment

3. At which university do you wish to undertake the Westpac Research Fellowship? *

4. What Westpac Scholars Trust focus area does your research most align with? *

[Read about our focus areas here.](#)

5. I confirm that I am available to:

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- Attend the National Assessment Centre in Sydney (23rd or 24th November 2026), if shortlisted;
- Attend The Westpac Scholars Summit in Sydney (Late April 2027), if successful;
- Commence the Fellowship by 30 June 2027, if successful.

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Yes

No

Supporting Documentation Required

The following documentation will be required on page 4 of this application form.

- Your **CV** (max 4-5 pages) which must include a minimum:
 - Formal qualifications and any prizes, awards, honours and other esteem indicators;
 - Appointments, including consultancies;
 - Research/creative activity outputs, including bibliographic details, year of publication, individual contribution by percentage, evidence of impact; and
 - Research/creative activity funding, including title of grant, funding body, grant category, individual contribution and role in the grant, year, total grant value, any patents and evidence of impact.

University of Melbourne Applicant Information

Head of Department/School approval

Head of Department certification is required at EOI stage. Details are available on the [UniMelb Westpac Research Fellowship page](#). Please email RIC-Researchgrants@unimelb.edu.au with any access issues or for support.

Eligibility exemption process

An eligibility exemption request (EER) calculator must be sent to RIC-researchgrants@unimelb.edu.au prior to the EOI closing date, Thursday 23 July 2026. If you intend to apply using an eligibility exemption request, please email RIC-Researchgrants@unimelb.edu.au as soon as possible for the EER template and for full details.

Australian National University Applicant Information

If you require an Eligibility Exemption, please contact your relevant Research Management Team. Applicants are also required to seek endorsement at the EOI stage from your School Director. Applicants must have these in place before the EOI is submitted. Please email operations.ris@anu.edu.au if you have any questions.

University of Sydney Applicant Information

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Head of School approval and eligibility exemptions will be managed by the University of Sydney Research Office. Applicants must have these in place before the EOI is submitted. Please email grants.manager@sydney.edu.au before commencing this EOI.

University of Queensland Applicant Information

Applicants are required to seek endorsement from their Head of School prior to submitting an EOI. If you wish to apply with an Eligibility Exemption, the request must be completed and endorsed by DVCR prior to submitting an EOI.

Please contact grants@research.uq.edu.au or visit [UQ Westpac Research Fellowship](#) for more information and key dates.

About You

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Thank you for applying for the Westpac Research Fellowship. For questions, contact westpacscholars@westpac.com.au with your Scholarship and Application Number.

Scholarship

This field is read only.
The round this submission is in.

Application Number

This field is read only.
The identification number or code for this submission.

Your Contact Details

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Preferred First Name

The email used to register for SmartyGrants will be considered your 'Primary Email' address.

Secondary Email

Mobile Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

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Gender *

Linkedin

Must be a URL.

Current Employer *

Do you currently have a permanent role at the university where you wish to undertake the Westpac Research Fellowship? *

Yes

No

Other:

Have you applied for the Westpac Research Fellowship in the past? *

Yes

No

What year did you apply? *

How have you and your research program grown since you last applied? (100 words) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

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Describe your experience, contribution and commitment to leading research in your field. In your response, consider:

- What drives and motivates you in your research career?
- What significant contributions have you made in your field to date? Include outcomes/ impact or significant collaborations.
- What is your vision for your research over the next phase of your career and what gives you confidence in its potential to shape Australia's future?

(400 words)

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Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

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Why is the Westpac Research Fellowship the right fit for you and your research career? In your response, consider:

- How would the Fellowship's funding, networks and leadership development accelerate your research trajectory?
- How do your research goals align to one or more of the Westpac Scholars Trust's impact areas - and why is this of importance to Australia's future?
- Reflecting on the Westpac Research Fellow attributes in the [Funding Guidelines](#), where do you see yourself aligning and where do you see room to grow through this experience?

(400 words)

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Word count:

Must be no more than 400 words.

[Review our funding guidelines](#). To change the size of this text box, drag the bottom right-hand corner to your desired size.

Research Project Details

In which Faculty/School/Department do you wish to work? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 20 words.

What is your field of study/research *

What is your intended commencement date in 2027? *

Must be a date and between 1/1/2027 and 30/6/2027.

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Do you have Head of Department or School Director Approval? *

Yes

No

In Process

Other:

Research Project Title *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 characters no more than 15 words.
This can be edited should you progress to the full application.

Research Project Summary (200 words) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

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Project significance: Please explain the rationale or need for this research (200 words) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 200 words.

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Explain why the university is best placed to support your research. How does it foster innovation, excellence and impact in your field?

You could highlight research leaders involved in your project, interdisciplinary or international collaborations, partnerships with industry, or engagement with community etc. Provide specific examples and any notable progress / outcomes made from the collaborations to date.

(300 words)

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Word count:

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Your CV

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File Upload

Please upload your CV (max 4-5 pages).

File specifications:

- **CV** - PDF format. File name: YOUR SURNAME CV

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Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.

Terms and Conditions

By submitting this application, I acknowledge and agree:

- 1.that this application (and any attachments) becomes the property of Westpac Scholars Limited as trustee for Westpac Scholars Trust (ABN 35 600 251 071) (Westpac Scholars);
- 2.that this application is the only application I have submitted in respect of the 2027 Westpac Research Fellowship;
- 3.that I meet all eligibility requirements set out in the eligibility screener completed as part of this application process, including that I am an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia;
- 4.that all information I provide in this application and throughout the application process is correct, complete and not misleading in any way;
- 5.that I will notify Westpac Scholars of any material change in circumstances that may affect my eligibility for, or ability to participate in, the scholarship or fellowship;
- 6.that I have read and understand the expectations and requirements outlined in the Westpac Scholars [Code of Conduct](#) and acknowledge that, if I am successful, I will be required to agree to and comply with this [Code of Conduct](#);
- 7.that Westpac Scholars retains absolute discretion in relation to the assessment, selection and award of the scholarship or fellowship, subject to applicable law;to the

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- extent permitted by law, that Westpac Scholars has no liability to any applicant for decisions made in relation to the award of the scholarship or fellowship;
- 8.that if I am a successful applicant, the award of funding is conditional on me entering into a funding agreement with Westpac Scholars, and that the scholarship or fellowship will not commence, and no funding will be provided, until a funding agreement executed by me is received by Westpac Scholars;
- 9.to expend any funding provided to me exclusively in accordance with my budget and as directed by Westpac Scholars or the participating university (as the case may be);
- 10.that if I am successful, I may be required to:a) attend and participate in required leadership, summit or development activities; andb) submit reports and acquittals as required under the funding agreement;
- 11.that the fellowship may be suspended, withdrawn, terminated or ceased, or that I may be required to reimburse any funding provided, if I engage in conduct that Westpac Scholars considers to be inappropriate, fails to meet the requirements of the [Code of Conduct](#), or is likely to cause reputational damage to Westpac Scholars;
- 12.that I am responsible for obtaining taxation advice regarding my individual circumstances and that Westpac Scholars makes no representation or warranty in relation to the taxation implications of any funds provided to me by Westpac Scholars if my application is successful;
- 13.If I am shortlisted and/or a successful applicant, I consent to Westpac Scholars conducting background checks, reference checks and other reasonable checks (which may include criminal history checks where relevant) as part of the Fellowship award process, including by engaging third party providers where appropriate;
- 14.that if required under the Letter of Offer, I may be required to obtain and maintain appropriate health and travel insurance (including cover for pre-existing conditions) for the duration of any approved activity, and that such insurance may be provided under a policy maintained by Westpac Banking Corporation or a related entity, with costs potentially met from program funding.

Privacy Statement

All personal information we collect about you is collected, used and disclosed by us in accordance with our [Privacy Statement](#). Our Privacy Statement also provides information about how you can access and correct your personal information and make a complaint. You do not have to provide us with any personal information but, if you don't, we may not be able to process your application or request.

Your Consent

By providing sensitive information in your application, such as health information, information about your racial or ethnic origin, or criminal record information, you consent to the collection, use, and disclosure of this information in accordance with our [Privacy Statement](#) for the purpose of assessing your application. You may withdraw your consent at any time by contacting us, however, if you do so we may not be able to assess or process your application further