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| 2027 ARC DECRA Expression of Interest through Macquarie University |  |

# Instructions

This Expression of Interest (EOI) form is to be completed by researchers who plan to submit an ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) application for funding commencing in 2027 through Macquarie University. Internal Macquarie University applicants are encouraged to contact their Faculty Research Manager before completing this form.

**Deadline: This EOI form must be submitted via email to** **grant.development@mq.edu.au** **by 12 pm (AEST) Monday 5 January 2026. Please submit the EOI earlier if possible.**

EOIs will be assessed within faculties and those deemed competitive will advance to the full application stage.

# 1) Details of the proposed DECRA candidate

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| Title (e.g. Dr) |  |
| First name |  |
| Last name |  |
| Email address |  |
| Phone number |  |
| Postal address |  |
| Name of current Department, Faculty and Institution |  |

# 2) Primary Macquarie University contact/mentor

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| Title (e.g. Prof) |  |
| First name |  |
| Last name |  |
| Email address |  |
| Phone number |  |
| Faculty (select from drop-down list) | Choose an item. |
| School or Department |  |
| Have you discussed this application with your contact? | Yes [ ]  | No [ ]  |

# 3) PhD details

To be eligible, candidates must, at the grant opportunity closing date (11 March 2026), have been awarded their PhD on or after 1 March 2021, unless they have had periods of significant career interruption.

Has your PhD been awarded? If Yes, complete Part 3A below. If No, complete Part 3B below.

Only complete Part 3A **or** 3B.

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| **Part 3A** – Yes, my PhD has been awarded |[ ]  **Part 3B** – No, my PhD has not yet been awarded |[ ]
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| Name of awarding institution |  | Name of institution |  |

# 4) Career interruptions

If applicable, provide details of career interruptions which have affected your track record. See the eligibility exemption request form for eligible types of career interruptions: <https://goto.mq.edu.au/arc-eligibility-exemption-request-form>). Please calculate the total time length of the interruption (e.g. “Since the award of my PhD I have experienced a total of 6 months 5 days interruption”).

If you have no career interruptions, leave this blank.

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# 5) Previous DECRA submissions

How many times have you previously applied for a DECRA?

Note: a researcher may only apply for a DECRA two times over the period in which they are eligible

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# 6) Qualifications

List your qualifications (please limit your response to 250 words)

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# 7) Employment history

List your employment history (please limit your response to 250 words)

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# 8) List of research outputs

List your research outputs under the following headings and in this order:

* Authored books
* Edited books
* Book chapters
* Refereed journal articles
* Fully refereed conference proceedings
* Additional research outputs (including non-traditional research outputs and preprints or comparable resources)

The referencing requirements for the list of research outputs are:

* Include the acceptance date for all "in press", "forthcoming" or "accepted" publications using the following format DD/MM/YYYY
* Do not include publications that have been submitted but not yet been accepted for publication
* Provide referencing details, including full author list as published and page numbers
* For each research output you may provide indicators of its quality and impact (e.g. journal impact factor, number of citations, reputation of editor or publisher)
* Asterisk publications relevant to this proposal
* Number the list consecutively

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# 9) Research funding

List your most significant funding awards or requests. Please include:

* All named investigators and your role on the project (e.g. second Chief Investigator)
* Project title
* Funding agency (include URL)
* Funding amount in Australian dollars
* Years funded (e.g. 2022–2024)
* Research funding that has been awarded and any requests that are still pending (clearly identify each grant as awarded or requested)

Please limit your response to 500 words.

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# 10) Research achievements

Include details of the following:

* Awards, prizes, honours
* Invited keynote and speaker addresses
* Conference presentations
* Professional disciplinary involvement (e.g. conference organisation, committee involvement, journal editor, journal article reviewing)
* Commercial outcomes (e.g. patents, IP licences and resulting benefits)
* Outreach activities (e.g. public lectures, working with schools, media involvement)
* Teaching
* Anything else of note

Please limit your response to 500 words.

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# 11) Research skills and impact

To describe your research skills and evidence of impact in your research field:

* Focus on what makes your research achievements interesting and unique
* Explain how your experience, skills and expertise will contribute to the success of the proposed project
* Provide evidence of the impact and benefit of your research beyond academia

Please limit your response to 250 words.

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# 12) Proposed DECRA project

**12A – Provide a short descriptive title** (please limit your response to 20 words)

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**12B – Brief DECRA project description.** Provide an overview of your project, including aims, significance, innovation, plan for building collaborations, expected outcomes and national benefit (please limit your response to 500 words)

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**12C – Strategic alignment of the DECRA project.** Describe how the proposed research aligns with the research strengths of Macquarie University (see: <https://www.mq.edu.au/about/about-the-university/vision-strategy/research-strategy>) (please limit your response to 250 words)

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**12D – DECRA project feasibility.** Does the project require any specific equipment or infrastructure? Are these resources available at Macquarie University? If not, how will appropriate access be assured? (please limit your response to 250 words)

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**12E – Health and medical research.** The ARC Medical Research Policy (<https://www.arc.gov.au/about-arc/program-policies/medical-research-policy>) details research which is eligible for ARC support. Projects that involve health and medical research as defined in this policy are not eligible for ARC funding. The definition of medical and health research includes laboratory-based studies, clinical studies and group/community-based studies that aim to understand the causes, treatment and/or prevention of human diseases and/or the maintenance of human health. The intended aim of this policy is to reduce the likelihood of applicants preparing and submitting applications to the ARC which are ineligible for funding.

Does your project have content which requires a statement to demonstrate that it complies with the eligible research requirements set out in the ARC Medical Research Policy?

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| **No**, my project does not contain any health and/or medical research |[ ]  **Yes**, my project contains health and/or medical research |[ ]  If Yes, please justify below how this application complies with the eligible types of research described in the ARC Medical Research Policy (please limit your response to 250 words) |
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# 13) Knowledge of the DECRA EOI process

How did you find out about this Macquarie University DECRA EOI process? E.g. from your mentor, a Macquarie University announcement, colleague, email list server (please limit your response to 100 words)

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