**Researcher Development Funding 2025**

**CAREER INTERRUPTION**

CLOSING DATE FOR 2025 EOI: 6 December 2024

Applications open all year for staff returning from or on Parental or Carer’s leave.

Expression of Interest Researcher Development Awards are assessed using Research Opportunity and Performance Evidence (ROPE), ensuring equity and unique career trajectories are considered.

ROPE takes into consideration working arrangements, major disruptions, career histories and personal circumstances and provides an acknowledgement of research performance given the opportunities available.

Please refer to the Guidelines document that supports this award for details of eligibility and instructions on completion and submission of this form.

1. Personal Details

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1. Please select the award you are applying for:

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| PhD conferral date |  |
| Current employment level |  |
| Year commenced with Western Sydney University |  |
| Employment status | Fixed term ☐ Contract End Date Ongoing ☐ |

If fixed term, is your contract due to be extended? Yes ☐ No ☐

(If yes, please provide an email/letter offering details of the extension from authorised supervisor)

1. Career Interruption Details

Please detail the circumstances that have disrupted or impeded your research activity. All applications will be assessed in accordance with research opportunity and performance evidence (ROPE). Disruptions can include carer responsibilities, illness, relocation, non-research roles, non-traditional career trajectories on applicants including the need to undertake increased teaching and governance loads.

Please refer the Guidelines for more information on ROPE.

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3a. A statement on your research and its impact relative to opportunity.

Outline your research successes, significant contributions. This can include traditional academic measures as well as the applied impact and/or translation of your research beyond the academy. This should reflect the overall achievement of your research. What has your research changed, challenged, created, informed or disrupted or what is its future potential to do so. Please include a Research Activity Statement upon submission.

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3b. All publications (academic and other including those through social media) in the past five years (2019 onwards)

• List publications under the following headings: Books; Book Chapters; Journal Articles; Conference papers; other publications.

• In-press publications are to include the acceptance date.

• Include citations where possible. All publications (academic and other including those through social media) in the past five years (2019 onwards)

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1. Other Funding Applications

Have you been successful in receiving any external research funding in the last five years?

Yes ☐ No☐

If yes, please indicate the funding body and amount received along with the year awarded.

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Have you applied for other research funding in the last twelve months?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please indicate the agency and scheme to which the application has been submitted

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1. Please list research funding received in the last five years through Western Sydney University (including any Researcher Development Awards or school funding)

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Have you been awarded ADP for any period during 2025?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, please indicate the period of leave

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1. Application Summary
2. Project title
3. Please provide the following details for your research project:

* UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG)
* Field of Research (FOR) code Research Theme

1. Please detail how this funding will leverage your research profile.

* If this funding is being used to (re)establish relationships or partnerships and outline the nature of these relationships and how they relate to your research.

1. Outline the future status and prospects that will emerge from this funding (max 500 words).
2. Data Management Plan (refer to Guidelines)

* Please provide a Data Management Plan with regard to this research in respect to: data to be produced; data documentation and metadata; data storage and security needs; ethics, copyright & IP; access, sharing & reuse of data; data retention and its disposal and preservation of data. (up to 300 words)

1. Ethics Approval Have/will you: (please select one)

Applied for ethics clearance and are waiting for an outcome ☐

Applied for ethics and have received clearance to go ahead (attach approval) ☐

Will apply for ethics by the 31 March 2025 ☐

Not applied as ethics clearance is not required for this research ☐ (refer to guidelines for more information)

1. Are you completing the research for this project within an Institute?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, have you discussed these plans and gained the approval for this arrangement from the Institute Director?

Yes ☐ No ☐

1. Budget & Timeline (up $10,000 for Career Interruption)

Summarise how this funding will be used:

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| Category | Costings |
| Project costs (detail consumables/equipment) |  |
| Research Assistant |  |
| Teaching buy-out (requires Dean/Director approval) |  |
| Administration buy-out |  |
| Travel - project related |  |
| Conference |  |
| Other (please provide details below) |  |

1. Project Description

Attach a brief research proposal/project description of no more than three (3) A4 pages, outlining the proposed project. Your proposal must be written in 12-point font and should be structured as follows:

• Project title

• Aims and Background - Describe the aims and background to the project or capacity building research.

• Impact, Significance and Innovation Please note: The ARC define impact as “the demonstrable contribution that research makes to the economy, society, culture, national security, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life, beyond contributions to academia.”

Detail the relationships and impact outcomes this project will generate.

Describe how the research is significant and whether the research addresses an important problem. Include information about recent international progress in the field of the research, and the relationship of this proposal to work in the field generally.

Describe how and why the project aims, concepts, approach (methodological or technical) are novel and innovative.

Describe how this project will make a demonstrable contribution to the economy, society, culture, national security, public policy or services, health, the environment or quality of life. Beyond contributions to academia.

* Approach and Methodology

Outline the conceptual framework, design and methods and demonstrate that these are adequately developed, well integrated and appropriate to the aims of the project. Your methodology should articulate how the impact of your research will be realised (e.g. Claims of policy impact must be underpinned by strategies and activities that ensure stakeholder, policy maker and/or practitioner engagement such as reports and white papers, meetings, workshops etc.).

* References Include a list of all references. This list may be in 10-point font and may be additional to the limit of three (3) A4 pages.

1. Approvals

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| Applicant’s signature |  |
| Date |  |
| DAP/Supervisor Approval Teaching buy-out has been considered for this request |  |
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1. Comment by the Research Director

Please provide a paragraph stating how the School/Institute will provide academic support and monitoring of this project (including team support; management of project; milestones etc)

I have read this application and recommend to the Dean/Institute Director for approval.

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| Research Director’s signature |  |
| Date |  |
| Dean/Institute Director (Including approval of workload 2025) |  |
| Date |  |

Checklist for Submission

☐ Signature approvals from Supervisor and Dean/Institute Director’s

☐ Research Activity Statement

☐ Three Page Research Proposal

☐ All documents combined in PDF format Please refer to the guidelines for further submission details.

**For further information about this funding scheme, or to submit this form please email:**

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