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**Researcher Development Funding 2021**

**ACA or DAP RESEARCH SUPPORT SCHEME**

**Expression of Interest**

Researcher Development Awards are assessed using the ROPE framework where the quality and benefit of achievements is given more weight than the quantity or rate of particular achievements. It considers 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.

**Expression of Interest opens: 13 July 2020**

**CLOSING DATE FOR EOI: 31 August 2020**

**1. Personal Details**

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| Title  |  |
| Applicant Name |  |
| School/Institute |  |
| Mobile |  |
| Email |  |

* At what substantive level are you currently employed?
* What year did you commence your employment at Western? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What date is your employment due to terminate?
	+ Is your contract due to be extended? Yes/No

If yes, please provide a letter offering extension.

**2. ACA or DAP Details**

**2a** When did you commence as an ACA or DAP?

**2b** When will your appointment as ACA/DAP be completed?

**3. Research Track Record relative to Opportunities**

(Past five years only)

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

Outline your research successes, significant contributions and the real world impact of your research, within the academy and beyond. This should be narrative of your achievements in a broad sense rather than the measure of those achievements. What has your research changed, challenged, created, or will potentially do so in the future? Please outline factors that have impeded your opportunities. (*Maximum of half an A4 page).*

Do not list outputs such as publications, these will be captured in your **Research Activity Statement and are available on the Research Portal**. (please ensure this is kept up to date).

**3b Equitable Assessment Measures**

 Please address any considerations made using a ROPE (research opportunity and performance evidence) assessment, you may deem relevant to any career interruption/s. The ARC state ROPE consideration should ‘help provide a more realistic consideration of a researcher’s capabilities and assist those who have had career interruptions for family and other reasons’. Please refer the Guidelines for more information ROPE. (*200 words*).

**3c 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.

* 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

* Please list any research funding received in the last five years, through Western Sydney University?

(including any Researcher Development Awards or school funding)? Yes [ ] No [ ]

If yes, can you please detail if this application is for a different project, or if it is a continuation of the same project. Please specify what you achieved from this previous funding. How will new funding build on the outcomes from the previous funding? (200 words)

**4. Application Summary/ Project Details**

**4a Project title**

**4b Please provide the following details for your research project:**

[**UN Sustainable Development Goal**](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/sustainable-development.html) **(SDG)**

[**Field of Research**](https://www.arc.gov.au/file/11423/download?token=n0a9yWch) **(FOR) Code**

[**Research Theme**](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/dvcresearch/dvc_research/research_theme_champions) **(see link for details)** Select one

**4c How will this funding make a difference for you?**

Please detail how this funding will support 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. Outline the future status and prospects that will emerge from this funding *(max 500 words).*

**4d Data Management Plan *(refer to Guidelines – Section 5c)***

Please provide an outline of your 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)*

**4e Please provide the name of a mentor who will provide support/advice/mentorship for you**

 **with this project. At least one mentor must be a Western staff member of level D or E.**

*Name of mentor*

**4f Please provide details of the expertise the mentor will bring to the project and the role they**

 **will play in providing support.**

**4g Have you:** ~ Applied for ethics clearance and are waiting for an outcome Yes [ ] No[ ]

 ~ Applied for ethics and have received clearance to go ahead (attach approval) Yes [ ] No[ ]

 ~ Will apply for ethics by the **30 November 2020**  Yes [ ] No[ ]  ~ Not applied as ethics clearance is not required for this researchYes [ ]  No[ ]

 (*refer to guidelines for more information)*

**5. Budget**

**5a Please provide details of your proposed funds expenditure by 30 November 2021.**

**Note: (This award is for the hiring of a** [**Research Assistant**](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0008/1158452/Academic_Casual_Rates_March_2019.pdf) **(pay rates) only, include on-costs of additional 15.9%).**

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| ***Project Activity*** | ***Expenditure type*** | ***Timeframe*** | ***Amount (Max $10K)*** |
| *Research Assistance*  |  |  |  |
| **Total Expenditure:** | **$** |

**5b In no more than half a page, fully justify in terms of need and cost, your proposed budget.**

**6. Required attachments**

**6a 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 if awarded this grant.

Discuss how this project or activity is underpinned and will underpin your own research.

* + 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.

**6b 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 (eg. 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.

**7. Signatures**

**7a Applicant’s signature Date**

**7b Mentor’s Approval**

 **Signature Date**

**7c 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.* [ ]

**Research Director’s signature Date**

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| **% Research Work Load 2020** | **% Work Load for this request** | **% Research Work Load including this project 2021** |
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**7d Dean/Institute Director Approval**

*I have read this application and considered the impact the funding of this proposal will have on the School. In particular, I have noted the proposed use of these funds as detailed in Section 5 of this application.*

 *I am aware of the agreement between the applicant and ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

*(please insert name of mentor) and I believe this is appropriate support for this project.*

**Dean/Institute Director’s Signature Date**

Please refer to the Guidelines for instructions on submission.

For further information about this funding scheme, or to submit this form,

please contact:

**researcherdevelopment@westernsydney.edu.au**