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**Researcher Development Funding 2022**

**CAREER INTERRUPTION 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 (including COVID delays), 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: 3 May 2021**

**CLOSING DATE FOR 2022 EOI: 6 August 2021**

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

**1. Personal Details**

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

1. At what level are you currently employed?
2. What year was your PhD conferred?
3. What year did you commence your employment at Western? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What date is your employment due to terminate?

Is your contract due to be extended? Yes No

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

**2. Career Interruption Details**

**Please provide details of the career interruption that has led to this application.**

Please detail any 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 and the impact of COVID19 on applicants including the need to undertake increased teaching and governance loads. Please refer the Guidelines for more information on ROPE.

**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. 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**](https://research-report.westernsydney.edu.au/wpubs/Portal.asp) upon submission.

**3b All publications (academic and other including those through social media) in the past five**

**years (2016 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.
* Use asterisks (\*) to identify refereed publications and (#) to identify those that relate directly to

this project.

* Include citations where possible.

**3c Other Funding Applications**

1. 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.

1. 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

1. 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.abs.gov.au/ausstats/Subscriber.nsf/log?openagent&anzsrc2020_for.xlsx&1297.0&Data%20Cubes&6E7467C25FFDF3D0CA258596001C412E&0&2020&30.06.2020&Latest) **(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 4.3)***

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/mentorship for you**

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

**Please provide details of the expertise the mentor will bring to the project and the role they   
will play in providing support (100 words minimum).**

**4f Ethics approval**

**Have/will you: (please select one)**

Applied for ethics clearance and am waiting for an outcome 

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

Will apply for ethics by the **31 October 2021**

Not applied as ethics clearance is not required for this research

(*refer to guidelines for more information)*

**5. Budget**

**5a In summary, what would this grant be used for?**

* Teaching buy-out
* [Research Assistant](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0009/1158453/Professional_Staff_Rates_@_05-Mar-21.pdf) (click link for pay rates)
* Travel - project related
* Conference – (only online or **domestic only**, registration costs, and travel)
* Pilot studies
* Research translation
* Other (please provide details below)

**5b Please provide a timeline of how you will ensure that funds are expended by 30 November**

**2022, and what type of expenditure you are anticipating. Please add lines as required.**

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| ***Project Activity*** | ***Expenditure type*** | ***Timeframe*** | ***Amount (up to $10,000)*** |
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| **Total Expenditure:** | | | **$** |

**5c 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 “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, impact and 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 (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.).

**6c 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 DAP/Supervisor Approval**

*Teaching buy-out has been considered for this request*

**DAP signature Date**

**7d 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**

**7e Dean/Institute Director Approval**

**Workload Implications – Please indicate additional workload allocated for this project.**

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| **% Research Work Load 2021** | **% Work Load for this request** | **% Research Work Load including this project 2022** |
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*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**

Checklist for Submission

Signature approvals from Mentor, 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 contact:

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