ARC Future Fellowships 2010 – Key Points

Objectives.

- attract and retain outstanding mid-career researchers
- support research in targeted priority areas of research including ‘enabling’ disciplines of mathematics; earth sciences; history; English; sociology; education and economics and the ‘targeted’ research areas of Indigenous health and well-being; community and preventative health; environment and climate change; land-based transport systems; immigration; Asian studies; social inclusion and systemic disadvantage; and manufacturing innovation.
- strengthen Australia’s research capacity by supporting innovative, internationally competitive research

Eligibility

- PhD awarded between 21 April 1995 to 21 April 2005
- reside predominantly in Australia for the duration of the fellowship
- spend no more that 0.05 FTE (~ 2 hours per week) on teaching activities that are closely related to their research project
- relinquish any existing fellowship
- ARC/NHMRC fellows may only apply in final or penultimate year of their fellowship
- may not submit more than two Future Fellowship Proposals in the funding rounds between 2009 and 2013
- cannot apply for a subsequent Future Fellowship

Salary

- up to 200 fellowships will be offered in 2010
- three levels of salary are available
- select the most appropriate salary level according to current salary level, experience and expertise (you cannot apply for a salary lower than what you are currently paid)

Level 1

- $98,935 (Academic C5/C6)
- 5 to 9 years post PhD
- recognised nationally as being influential in expanding the knowledge of their discipline area
- independent and original contributions to research, which have a significant impact on their field of expertise
Level 2

- $119,764 (Academic D4/E)
- 7 to 11 years post PhD
- recognised internationally as being influential in expanding the knowledge of their discipline area
- independent and original contributions to research, which have a significant impact on their field of expertise
- lead and foster excellence in research, including research training supervision

Level 3

- $140,592 (Academic E)
- 10 to 15 years post PhD
- recognised internationally as being influential in expanding the knowledge of their discipline area
- outstanding contributions to research, which have a high level of impact on their field of expertise internationally
- lead and foster excellence in research, including research training supervision
- contributions to high level research policy
- initiation and management of large research projects

Funding

- 4 years full time from 1 July 2010
- up to 6 years part time for fellows with family/carer responsibilities (award will initially be made on a full time basis but fellow may convert to part time by submitting a request to the ARC).
- additional funding of up to $50,000 per year will be provided to RMIT for infrastructure, equipment, travel and relocation costs directly related to the fellow's research
- types of research supported include pure basic research, strategic basic research and applied research

Items not funded by ARC

- construction and refurbishment of general purpose buildings
- salary costs other than that of the named Future Fellow
- stipends for postgraduate students
- teaching relief
- special studies programs
- research support for investigators other than the Future Fellow
- basic facilities
- publication costs
Selection Criteria

**Investigator (40%)**
(Consideration will be given to the opportunities the candidate has had to attain the level of achievement relative to the nominated salary level)

- research opportunity and performance evidence
- evidence of sustained capacity to conduct high quality and innovative research
- record of high quality research outputs appropriate to the discipline
- evidence of national and international research standing

**Project Quality (25%)**

- are the aims, theories, concepts and methods innovative?
- how will the anticipated outcomes advance the knowledge base of the project’s discipline?
- does the research address an important intellectual and/or social problem?

**Strategic Alignment/collaboration/National Research Priority (35%)**

- how well does the project and the candidate align with and/or complement RMIT’s research strengths?
- will the project contribute significantly to building and sustaining existing or emerging research strengths of RMIT?
- how will the candidate build collaboration across industry/research institutions/other disciplines?
- will the project contribute significantly to the advancement of knowledge in one or more areas of national research priority and/or promote one or more of the targeted priority areas?

**Strategic Statement**

- provided by RMIT within the application
- signed by PVC(R&I)
- outline how the candidate and the project are aligned with existing and/or emerging research strengths of RMIT
- indicate how the candidate aligns with and/or complements the staffing profile of RMIT
- if the candidate is a current employee explain how the fellowship will enhance their opportunities at RMIT
- if the candidate is a fixed-term employee outline plans for integration of the fellow into the ongoing activities of RMIT at the end of the fellowship
- if the candidate is not an employee of RMIT outline plans for integration of the fellow into the ongoing activities of RMIT at the end of the fellowship
Host Organisations

- as well as RMIT the fellowship may be hosted by research organisations
- the fellow can spend up to 24 months at another Host Organisation that is an Eligible Organisation (Funding Rules Appendix C)
- the fellow can spend up to 12 months at another Host Organisation that is not an Eligible Organisation if the organisation can provide a suitable research environment