



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Future Fellowships

### Discovery Program (2019 edition)

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- All participants should read the *Grant Guidelines for the Discovery Program (2019)* (the grant guidelines) and specific *Instructions to Applicants* documents also available on GrantConnect as they contain important information for Research Office staff and individual participants preparing applications.
- The Australian Research Council (ARC) does not respond to queries from individual participants. Individual participants should direct all queries regarding ARC grant opportunities to their Administering Organisation's Research Office (or equivalent). If further information regarding the National Competitive Grants Program (NCGP) is required, the Research Office should contact the NCGP at [arc-ncgp@arc.gov.au](mailto:arc-ncgp@arc.gov.au).
- Information regarding the Research Management System (RMS) is available at the [ARC website](#), or by contacting [arc-systems@arc.gov.au](mailto:arc-systems@arc.gov.au) for assistance.
- Please ensure that your application is eligible in accordance with these guidelines, which may differ from Funding Rules/Grant Guidelines applying to previous years.
- Questions regarding limits for currently held funding can be directed to your research office.

This Frequently Asked Questions document will be updated as required.

# 1. Application Form

## 1.2 How do I provide justification from the DVCR if the Future Fellowship candidate chooses a salary level which does not align with their current academic level due to significant interruptions to their academic career?

If the Future Fellowship candidate is not employed at an Australian university, is an international researcher OR **has chosen a salary level which does not align with their academic level because they have experienced significant interruptions to their academic career** due to family responsibilities as primary care giver and/or due to working with a relevant industry, select “Other” in question F14 and upload a letter in question F15 from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) or equivalent, justifying the salary level requested in the Project Cost part of the application.

## 1.3 Is there still a minimum time commitment of 0.8 FTE required for research activities related to the Future Fellowship?

Yes. The requirement for Future Fellow to commit a minimum of 0.8 full-time equivalent (FTE) of their time on research activities related to the Future Fellowship still applies.

The detail of this requirement can be found in clause C2.3.2(d) of the relevant Commonwealth Grant Agreement on [GrantConnect](#).

## 1.4 Can I request two Higher Degree by Research (HDR) stipends in question E1 of the application form?

Yes. The Future Fellowship candidate can request a **maximum of two full time HDR stipends** supported per project at the annual rate of \$27,609 (2019\$). The RMS budget has been updated to allow this.

## 1.5 Can webpage addresses/URLs and hyperlinks be included in my application?

The inclusion of webpage addresses/URLs and hyperlinks should only be used under certain circumstances such as publications that are only available online and letters of support. Webpage addresses/URLs and hyperlinks should not be used to circumvent page limits, nor should they provide information that is not contained in the application.

## 1.2 The Feasibility and strategic alignment criterion includes describing if the project involves Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research:

**any existing or developing, supportive and high quality research communities**

**How should I respond?**

The sub-element of this criterion is about describing the relationship/s between you and/or other relevant personnel and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities related to the research being proposed in the application.