



Accelerate your Research Career

Apply for an ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award in Human Sciences at Macquarie University

YOUR OPPORTUNITY

The **Faculty of Human Sciences at Macquarie University** is inviting outstanding international early career researchers to apply for an Australian Research Council (ARC) **Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA)**.

This represents an excellent opportunity for early career researchers at the forefront of their field, to work at a leading Australian university, to develop their international research profile, and to build a career as a high impact research and innovation leader of the future.

Researchers from around the world are eligible to apply if they have been awarded a PhD within the last 5 years (after 1 March 2011), or earlier if they can demonstrate periods of significant career interruption (maximum period is award of PhD within the last 9 years).

PRESTIGIOUS, EXCELLENT REMUNERATION AND SUPPORT

DECRAAs are highly prestigious, and when you join the Macquarie University research community you will enjoy strong institutional support.

The Awards include ARC funding of up to approximately AU\$135,000 per year over three years on a full-time basis. The per annum salary contribution from the ARC is approximately AU\$95,000, including 30% on-costs, and up to AU\$40,000 per annum for project costs.

In addition to the ARC support, Macquarie will provide a highly competitive package that includes salary top-up, supplementation for project costs, access to internal funding, career development, international study programs, and cutting edge infrastructure. The cost of visa applications for successful applicants is also covered. For details on the outstanding support package Macquarie will provide to you, please contact the Faculty of Human Sciences Research Manager, Colm Halbert.

ABOUT THE DECRA FUNDING SCHEME

The ARC is the peak Australian Government body that supports the highest-quality fundamental and applied research through national competitive grant schemes across all disciplines (clinical and other medical research is primarily supported by the **National Health and Medical Research Council**).

The DECRA scheme aims to:

- Support and advance promising early career researchers
- Promote enhanced opportunities for diverse career pathways
- Focus research effort in the **research priority areas** to improve research capacity and policy outcomes
- Enable research and research training in high quality and supportive environments

Given the prestige of the DECRA scheme, it is highly competitive. Up to 200 awards are offered each year – an approximate 15% success rate.

Success in the DECRA scheme requires:

- A highly significant and innovative project that advances knowledge, with outcomes that deliver cultural, economic, social and environmental benefits to Australia
- An outstanding research track record that places you at the top of your discipline for your stage of career
- A highly supportive and collaborative research environment that provides you with the intellectual and physical resources required to develop your independent research career
- A project that is feasible within the budget and timeframe of the award and represents value for money

ABOUT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

Young, modern and innovative

Macquarie University is one of Australia's top 10 universities and is located on a large, green campus within the Macquarie Park Technology Cluster, just a short train ride north of the Sydney CBD. Macquarie's recent 50-year anniversary highlights the University's swift ascension into the ranks of world-leading research-intensive universities. **Macquarie's research** and teaching excellence spans a diverse range of disciplines and is a testament to the University's commitment to continued excellence and innovation.

Under the **Macquarie University 2015 – 2024 Strategic Research Framework**, Macquarie has committed to five Future-shaping Research Priorities that will guide

University investment in research over the next ten years. These priorities encompass multidisciplinary challenge areas that build on and expand the world-leading research strengths of Macquarie University, maximising national benefit and leading to world-changing impact. They are:

- **HEALTHY PEOPLE:** Pioneering health, integrated healthcare and lifelong-learning for wellness in our ageing world
- **RESILIENT SOCIETIES:** Understanding cultures in our changing world and building ethical, just and inclusive communities
- **PROSPEROUS ECONOMIES:** Strengthening economic productivity to promote prosperity in our diverse world
- **SECURE PLANET:** Sustaining our interdependent world and exploring our place in the universe
- **INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES:** Advancing our interconnected world with frontier technologies, systems, designs and creative practice

Internationally engaged and collaborative

Macquarie University has approximately 40,000 students, 10,000 of whom are international. Macquarie researchers have a strong track record in collaboration, nationally and internationally. Macquarie is the 13th largest university in the nation, however in 2013, it was ranked 5th in Australia for the proportion of publications co-authored with researchers from another country. 45% of Macquarie publications were co-authored with researchers from another Australian university or institution and 44% of Macquarie's publications were co-authored with researchers from another country. Furthermore, 85% of Macquarie's research activity is regarded by the Australian Government as being of world standard or higher.

FACULTY OF HUMAN SCIENCES

Macquarie's **Faculty of Human Sciences** is a unique research environment. Research in the Faculty spans a wide range of disciplines including:

- **Psychology**
- **Early Childhood**
- **Education**
- **Linguistics**
- **Cognitive Science**

The Faculty is home to the **ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders**, and has nodes of the **ARC Science of Learning Research Centre**, the **NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Mental Health and Substance Abuse**, and the **Hearing CRC**. It also hosts a range of Research Centres, including:

- **Centre for Language Sciences**
- **Centre for Emotional Health**
- **Centre for Elite Performance, Expertise, and Training**

- **Children and Families Research Centre**
- **Macquarie University Special Education Centre**
- **The Perception in Action Research Centre**

The Faculty is also home to the **Australian Hearing Hub**, a state-of-the-art facility that brings together researchers from across the University, including Linguistics and Cognitive Sciences, and clinical research/professional training teams, from audiology, speech pathology, psychology, nanofabrication and engineering sciences. The **Australian Hearing Hub** works together with major government research organisations such as the **National Acoustic Laboratories** within the **Australian Hearing Hub**, research and implantation teams from Australia's leading hearing technology company, **Cochlear Limited**, and major not-for-profit organisations.

The **Macquarie University Simulation Hub** is the first and only facility of its type in the world, drawing together a range of simulation devices into one location. This enables experts from the University and industry to collaborate on translational research across a wide-range of disciplines, including psychology, education and cognitive science.

CONSIDERING APPLYING?

The next DECRA funding round will open on 1 February 2016 for funding beginning 1 January 2017. In preparation for this upcoming round, we invite potential candidates to approach the Faculty Research Manager, Colm Halbert, or contact an academic staff member at Macquarie University who may be a suitable mentor. Please begin these discussions as soon as possible. Following this initial discussion, you will need to **submit an expression of interest** by **25 November 2015**.

When contacting a Macquarie University staff member please include the following information:

1. A brief, one paragraph description of your proposed research project
2. Potential research mentor(s) at Macquarie University
3. Your curriculum vitae, detailing your qualifications, employment history, publications, other research outputs, previous grant success, any research student supervision, and referees

For more information on the DECRA scheme, please visit the **Macquarie University information webpage** or the **ARC website**. Links to the Funding Rules and Instructions to Applicants from the previous round are available for download.

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