Future Fellowships

The Future Fellowships scheme promotes research in areas of critical national importance by giving outstanding mid-career researchers incentives to conduct their research in Australia.

The Future Fellowships scheme is an integral part of the Australian Research Council’s Discovery Program which supports high quality research essential to Australia’s innovation system for the development of new ideas, job creation, economic growth, and an enhanced quality of life in Australia.

The objectives of the Future Fellowships scheme are to:

- attract and retain outstanding mid-career researchers;
- build collaboration across industry and/or research organisations and/or disciplines;
- support research in national priorities across all disciplines that will result in economic, environmental, social, health and/or cultural benefits for Australia; and
- strengthen Australia’s research capacity by supporting innovative, internationally competitive research.

Future Fellows are provided a four-year salary of up to $203,248 per year (including on costs, for funding commencing in 2014). An additional $50,000 per year may be provided to the Administering Organisation that may be used for: infrastructure, equipment, travel and relocation costs directly related to the Future Fellow’s research.

In the 2014–15 Federal Budget the Australian Government committed to ongoing funding for the Future Fellowships scheme. From 2015, 100 four-year Fellowships will be offered each year.

Researchers may be eligible to apply for a Future Fellowship if they have between five and fifteen years research experience since the award of their PhD, or equivalent, at the closing time for submission of proposals for the scheme.

The Future Fellowships scheme is part of the National Competitive Grants Program, which comprises two sub-programs: Discovery and Linkage. In addition to the Future Fellowships scheme, the Discovery Program schemes are: Australian Laureate Fellowships; Discovery Early Career Researcher Award; Discovery Indigenous; and Discovery Projects.

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