



ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTION REQUEST

Future Fellowships for funding commencing in 2010

Check List for Administering Organisation

Please submit a completed Eligibility Exemption Request for each *Future Fellowships* (FT) Proposal for which one or more Eligibility Exemptions is being sought. Only include the pages for the type of Eligibility Exemption requested. (An individual FT Proposal may request more than one 'type' of eligibility exemption on this form.)

Please note that Eligibility Exemption Requests for *Future Fellowships* Proposals for funding commencing in 2010 will be processed outside of the ARC online application system (RMS).

An Eligibility Exemption will only be granted by the ARC if the Future Fellowship candidate can clearly demonstrate a convincing case justifying the relaxation of the timing requirements, or where the candidate's research qualification/experience is equivalent to a PhD obtained within the time limits.

All Eligibility Exemption Requests must be submitted through a Research Office (or equivalent). Please email a PDF version of the completed form to:

ARC-FutureFellowships@arc.gov.au

by 5:00pm (AEDT), Friday 19 February 2010

Proposed Future Fellowship Candidate: _____

Proposed Administering Organisation: _____

Proposal Title: _____

Type of Exemption Requested:

(Please mark a **cross** in the appropriate box/es)

1.	Proposed Future Fellowship candidate's qualification(s) or experience does not accord with timing requirements specified in Section 8.3 of the <i>Future Fellowships Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2010</i> . (complete Form 1)	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Proposed Future Fellowship candidate has not been awarded a PhD but has research experience or an equivalent research qualification. (complete Form 2)	<input type="checkbox"/>

ADMINISTERING ORGANISATION RESEARCH OFFICE (OR EQUIVALENT) TO COMPLETE

I certify that all details on this form and the supporting documentation are true and correct:

Name of responsible officer: (DVCR or equivalent or delegate)			
Signature of responsible officer:			
Position of responsible officer:		Date signed:	/ /
Postal Address:			

ARC TO COMPLETE

Type of Eligibility Exemption Request		Eligibility Exemption approved? Y / N	Identification Number for successful Exemption
1.	Outside timing requirements		
2.	Equivalent research qualification or research experience		

Comments/Issues:

Reason(s) Eligibility Exemption request not approved:

Signature of ARC delegate _____

Title/Name of ARC delegate _____

Date signed ____/____/____

Date response letter sent to Research Office: ____/____/____

FORM 1
PROPOSED FUTURE FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATE
ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTION REQUEST
OUTSIDE TIMING REQUIREMENTS

1. Proposed Future Fellowship candidate's qualification(s) or experience does not accord with timing requirements specified in Section 8.3 of the *Future Fellowships Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2010*.

Provide details and justification in support of an exemption from the requirement for the candidate to have been awarded a PhD on or between 21 April 1995 and 21 April 2005 (including details regarding the date of award of the qualification).

The ARC may grant an Eligibility Exemption, subject to subsection 10.1.5 of the *Future Fellowships Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2010*, where a Future Fellowship candidate has had significant impairment of their research outputs due to having:

- a. experienced a career interruption due to a period or periods of approved maternity/parental/carers leave;
- b. experienced a career interruption due to a significant period (greater than one month) of unemployment;
- c. been limited to part-time academic employment, where the part-time position is the candidate's sole source of employment and has limited their research; and/or
- d. experienced any other exceptional circumstances that have impacted on the candidate's ability to conduct research.

Irrespective of these conditions, Eligibility Exemption Requests for the relaxation of timing will not be approved if the applicant was awarded their PhD more than 22 years ago (21 April 1988).

The ARC has the absolute discretion to not grant an Eligibility Exemption where a Future Fellowship candidate has:

- a. counted time spent completing a degree or producing publications as research experience;
- b. experienced time absent from research due to career choice (unless caused by circumstances that were beyond the candidate's control);
- c. provided insufficient justification or detail in the Eligibility Exemption Request;
- d. a qualification that is not considered equivalent to a PhD; or
- e. been awarded their PhD more than 22 years ago (subsection 8.3.1 b. ii.).

Type and Date of PhD awarded:

Qualification:		Date of Award: (dd/mm/yy)	
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Research Experience Gained (*total months/years since PhD*): _____

Non-Employment and Employment History

(Indicate non-employment and employment history (in months/years and Full Time Equivalent), in chronological order from most recent back to the date of PhD awarded or equivalent status having been attained.)

Time Period: Month/Year – Month/Year	Non-employment and employment history (include position title)	Was employment research related: Y / N	Total period in months/years	Full Time Equivalent	Documentation attached: Y / N
<i>e.g. Mar 09 - now</i>	<i>Career interruption due to family carer responsibilities</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>1 year</i>	<i>1.0</i>	<i>Yes</i>

(Add or delete rows in the table above as required.)

Statement:

Please justify the special circumstances in support of this Eligibility Exemption. (maximum 700 words)

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FORM 2

PROPOSED FUTURE FELLOWSHIP CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY EXEMPTION REQUEST EQUIVALENT RESEARCH QUALIFICATION or RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2.	Proposed Future Fellowship candidate has not been awarded a PhD but has research experience or an equivalent research qualification – provide supporting information justifying the candidate's special circumstances including information indicating the candidate's qualifications/experience is/are equivalent to a PhD obtained within the time limits specified.
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Type and Date of Equivalent Qualification awarded:

Qualification:		Date of Award: (dd/mm/yy)	
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Research Experience Gained (*total months/years since qualification*): _____

Non-Employment and Employment History

(Indicate non-employment and employment history (in months/years and Full Time Equivalent), in chronological order from most recent back to the date of the awarded qualification status having been attained.)

Time Period: Month/Year – Month/Year	Non-employment and employment history (include position title)	Was employment research related: Y / N	Total period in months/years	Full Time Equivalent	Documentation attached: Y / N
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(Add or delete rows in the table above as required.)

Statement:

Please justify the special circumstances in support of this Eligibility Exemption.

(Please include information indicating that the Future Fellowship candidate's research qualification or experience is equivalent to a PhD. Write a maximum of 700 words)