



FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS

COMMON ELIGIBILITY ISSUES

The ARC conducts a range of eligibility checks based on requirements described in the *Future Fellowships Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2012* (hereafter referred to as the Funding Rules). These eligibility checks may occur at any time during the assessment process.

Please note that Eligibility Exemption Requests close for submission on 19 October 2011 and any requests received after this date will not be considered.

The following list is provided as a guide and is not an exhaustive list of potential eligibility issues.

1. The Proposal contained information that was incomplete, inaccurate, or misleading.

This includes, but is not restricted to missing statements on progress, inconsistent PhD award dates throughout the proposal and failure to complete all mandatory sections of the Proposal. Details of submission requirements are provided in Section 11 of the Funding Rules.

The *Future Fellowships Instructions to Applicants* document provides detailed instructions on the requirements for Proposals. Applicants must read the Instructions to Applicants carefully before submitting a Proposal. Failure to comply with the Instructions to Applicants and the Funding Rules may result in the Proposal not being recommended to the Minister for funding.

2. The maximum number of proposals and projects permitted was exceeded by the Future Fellowship Candidate nominated on the proposal.

A Future Fellowship Candidate may only be nominated on one Proposal by one Administering Organisation in this funding round. Only one Future Fellowship Candidate can be nominated per proposal. Exceeding these limits will result in all Proposals involving the Future Fellowship Candidate not being recommended or approved for funding. Please refer to Section 9 of the Funding Rules.

3. The Proposal nominates a Future Fellowship Candidate who does not meet the eligibility criteria specified for that role in subsection 7.2 of the Funding Rules.

This includes, but is not limited to whether the Future Fellowship Candidate is considered to be a mid-career researcher as per subsection 7.2.2 of the Funding Rules. Further eligibility criteria for Future Fellows are outlined in subsection 7.2 of the Funding Rules. You should ensure that the Future Fellowship Candidate fulfils the criteria.

4. The Proposal nominates a salary level that does not adhere with Section 8 of the Funding Rules.

This includes, but is not limited to Future Fellowship Candidates requesting a Future Fellowship salary level below their current academic salary level. Applicants must select a Future Fellowship salary level which is either equivalent to or higher than the academic salary level of the Future Fellowship Candidate at the closing time for submission of Proposals. Further information regarding the selection of a Future Fellowship salary level is outlined in Section 8 of the Funding Rules.