

# ARC salary and stipend rates for Discovery and Linkage for 2016

## For projects commencing in 2012 and later

Award	Step/Option	Salary	28% On-Costs	TOTAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discovery Outstanding Researcher Award (DORA)</b></li> </ul>	Step 1	\$115,674	\$32,388	\$148,062
	Step 2	\$140,028	\$39,208	\$179,236
	Step 3	\$164,379	\$46,026	\$210,405
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discovery Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Award (DAATSIA)</b></li> </ul>	Step 1	\$76,438	\$21,402	\$97,840
	Step 2	\$89,927	\$25,180	\$115,107
	Step 3	\$116,905	\$32,733	\$149,638
	Step 4	\$134,892	\$37,769	\$172,661
	Step 5	\$161,869	\$45,323	\$207,192
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA)</b></li> </ul>		\$76,438	\$21,402	\$97,840

## For projects commencing in 2007 and later

Fellowship	Step/Option	Salary	28% On-Costs	TOTAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Australian Postdoctoral Fellowship (APD)/</b></li> <li>• <b>Australian Postdoctoral Fellowship Industry (APDI)</b></li> </ul>		\$74,760	\$20,932	\$95,693
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Australian Professorial Fellowship (APF)</b></li> </ul>	Step 1	\$129,246	\$36,189	\$165,434
	Step 2	\$149,521	\$41,866	\$191,386
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Australian Research Fellowship (ARF)/</b></li> <li>• <b>Australian Research Fellowship – Indigenous (ARF-I)/</b></li> <li>• <b>Queen Elizabeth II Fellowship (QEII)</b></li> </ul>	Step 1	\$93,766	\$26,255	\$120,021
	Step 2	\$111,506	\$31,222	\$142,728

Fellowship	Step/Option	Salary	28% On-Costs	TOTAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Future Fellowship (FT)</b> <b>On-cost @ 28%</b></li> </ul>	Step 1	\$115,674	\$32,389	\$148,063
	Step 2	\$140,027	\$39,208	\$179,235
	Step 3	\$164,379	\$46,026	\$210,405
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Future Fellowship (FT)</b> <b>On-cost @ 30%</b></li> </ul>	Step 1	\$115,674	\$34,702	\$150,376
	Step 2	\$140,027	\$42,008	\$182,035
	Step 3	\$164,379	\$49,314	\$213,693
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Australian Laureate Fellowship (FL)</b> <b>On-cost @ 28%</b></li> </ul>		\$121,762	\$34,093	\$155,855
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Postdoctoral Research Associate (PDRA)</b></li> </ul>		\$74,760	\$20,933	\$31,828
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Postgraduate Researcher (PGR)*</b></li> </ul>		\$31,828	N/A	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Super Science Fellowship (FS)</b></li> </ul>		\$84,766	\$23,735	\$108,501

*\*Only applicable for FL projects that commenced between 2010-2013*

## ARC PhD/HDR Stipend rates for 2016

### *Discovery Projects, Discovery Indigenous, Discovery Early Career Researcher Award*

- \$26,300

### *Australian Laureate Fellowship PDRA for projects commencing in 2014 onwards*

- \$26,300

### *Linkage Projects for projects commencing in 2012 or earlier*

- \$31,828

### *Linkage Projects for projects commencing in 2013 onwards*

- At an appropriate level for the Administering Organisation or the relevant industry

### *Industrial Transformation Research Hubs commencing in 2012 - 2014*

- At an appropriate level for the Administering Organisation or the relevant industry

### *Industrial Transformation Research Hubs commencing in 2015 onwards*

- \$31,828

### *Industrial Transformation Training Centres*

- \$31,828

## **ARC Postdoctoral fellow rates**

### ***Industrial Transformation Training Centres commencing in 2013 onwards (excluding 2015)***

- \$108,500

### ***Industrial Transformation Training Centres commencing in 2015 only***

- \$112,642

**ATSIRN funding agreements states** *The annual rate for a PhD stipend under this Program is as per the Australian Postgraduate Awards stipends rates, which can be found on the Department of Education's website.*

## **Australian Postgraduate Award Industry (APAI)**

### **Amount paid to institutions for projects commencing in 2005 and after**

- Full Year                 \$31,828
- Half Year                 \$15,913

### **Annual stipend rates for students**

- Full-time                 \$31,561 (tax free)
- Part-time                 \$17,384 (part-time stipends are taxable)

**Thesis Allowance** - Payable for PhD or Masters thesis upon submission of a valid claim on completion of the project (*see Schedule D of Funding Agreement*).

- \$840 for a PhD thesis
- \$420 for a Masters thesis

## **How rates are calculated for Post-award changes**

The ARC has been contacted by a number of Research Offices and students asking for clarification on how much a student should be paid, if they commenced in a later year than the funding was originally awarded.

The ARC funded stipends should always be paid according to the amount of funding provided by the ARC, as per the Schedule A of the Funding Agreement. These rates are then indexed each calendar year and salary and stipend payment rates should be updated and paid accordingly by the Administering Organisation.

That said, from the ARC's perspective, when determining what rate a person should be paid (including when processing recoveries, reimbursement and maternity leave) the ARC will always calculate the rate as per the date the ARC funding commenced; and not the date the project or person commenced. This means that if there was a significant delay in a commencement, the project was suspended or the position vacated, the rate the ARC uses to calculate the amount to be paid/recovered, may be different than the rate listed in the relevant calendar year.

Examples of these differences are as follows:

**Example A: Delayed commencement of an APAI**

- A Linkage Project was funded commencing in Round 1 of 2010
- It was funded for 5 years commencing in January 2010, and ending in December 2014
- The project was awarded two APAI:
  - (APAI-a) funded January 2011 - December 2013
  - (APAI-b) funded January 2012 - December 2014
- APAI-a then delayed commencement until January 2012.

Although both APAIs would be in their 3<sup>rd</sup> year in 2014, the ARC would not calculate the APAI’s salaries at the same rate

- For APAI-a, the ARC would calculate their 3<sup>rd</sup> year rate to be the 2013 rate of \$29,843 as the original funding was awarded from 2011 – 2013
- For APAI-b, the ARC would calculate their 3<sup>rd</sup> year rate to be the 2014 rate of \$30,745 as the original funding was awarded from 2012 – 2014.

**Example B: Suspension and delayed commencement of a Future Fellowship**

- A Future Fellowship was funded commencing in 2010 (Step 1)
- It was funded for 4 years commencing in July 2010, and ending in June 2014
- The project had a delayed commencement of 6 months, resulting in a change of the project dates to January 2011 - December 2014 (*ARC funding has not changed*)
- The Fellow then had a 12 month suspension for the whole of the 2013 calendar year, which resulted in a new end date of December 2015.

As the project is now 18 months behind its original end date, the salary for the Fellow would be calculated on the time they were on the project and not adjusted to match the current calendar year.

The ARC then would calculate the Fellow salary component as follows:

<b>Year of Project</b>	<b>Original Funded dates</b>	<b>Amount awarded (indexed)</b>	<b>Adjusted Funded dates</b>
Year 1	2010 – Jul to Dec	\$63,319	2011 – Jan to Jun
Year 1	2011 – Jan to Jun	\$64,316	2011 – Jul to Dec
Year 2	2011 – Jul to Dec	\$64,316	2012 – Jan to Jun
Year 2	2012 – Jan to Jun	\$66,791	2012 – Jul to Dec
Year 3	2012 – Jul to Dec	\$66,791	2014 – Jan to Jun
Year 3	2013 – Jan to Jun	\$69,415	2014 – Jul to Dec
Year 4	2013 – Jul to Dec	\$69,415	2015 – Jan to Jun
Year 4	2014 – Jan to Jun	\$71,513	2015 – Jul to Dec

***PLEASE NOTE:*** Although both examples provided do show how the ARC calculates the salary and stipend rate, the Administering Organisation is still free to top up salaries and stipends at their own discretion. The ARC however, will not provide additional funds for these top-ups and any awarded ARC funding already paid to the Administering Organisation are not to be used for this purpose.