

ARC salary and stipend rates for Discovery and Linkage for 2015

For projects commencing in 2012 and later

Award	Step/Option	Salary	28% On-Costs	TOTAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery Outstanding Researcher Award (DORA) 	Step 1	\$113,741	\$31,847	\$145,588
	Step 2	\$137,688	\$38,554	\$176,242
	Step 3	\$161,630	\$45,258	\$206,888
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery Indigenous Award (DIA) 	Step 1	\$75,160	\$21,046	\$96,206
	Step 2	\$88,423	\$24,759	\$113,182
	Step 3	\$114,951	\$32,187	\$147,138
	Step 4	\$132,636	\$37,138	\$169,774
	Step 5	\$159,162	\$44,566	\$203,728
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) 		\$75,160	\$21,046	\$96,206

For projects commencing in 2007 and later

Fellowship	Step/Option	Salary	28% On-Costs	TOTAL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Postdoctoral Fellowship (APD)/ • Australian Postdoctoral Fellowship Industry (APDI) 		\$73,511	\$20,583	\$94,094
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Research Fellowship (ARF)/ • Australian Research Fellowship – Indigenous (ARF-I)/ • Queen Elizabeth II Fellowship (QEII) 	Step 1	\$92,199	\$25,817	\$118,016
	Step 2	\$109,643	\$30,701	\$140,344

• Australian Professorial Fellowship (APF)	Step 1	\$127,085	\$35,585	\$162,670
	Step 2	\$147,021	\$41,167	\$188,188
• Future Fellowship (FT)	Step 1	\$113,740	\$31,848	\$145,588
	Step 2	\$137,686	\$38,554	\$176,240
	Step 3	\$161,631	\$45,257	\$206,888
• Australian Laureate Fellowship (FL)		\$119,726	\$33,524	\$153,250
• Postdoctoral Research Associate (PDRA)		\$73,510	\$20,584	\$94,094
• Postgraduate Researcher (PGR)*		\$31,296	N/A	\$31,296
• Super Science Fellowship (FS)		\$83,349	\$23,339	\$106,688

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

ARC PhD Stipend rates for 2015

Discovery Projects, Discovery Indigenous, Discovery Early Career Researcher Award for projects commencing in 2015 or earlier

- \$25,861

Australian Laureate Fellowship Postgraduate Researcher for projects commencing in 2014

- \$25,861

Linkage Projects for projects commencing in 2012 or earlier

- \$31,298

Linkage Projects for projects commencing in 2013

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

ARC Higher Degree by Research Stipend rates

Industrial Transformation Research Hubs commencing in 2012 and later

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

Industrial Transformation Training Centres commencing in 2013

- \$31,298

ARC Postdoctoral fellow rates

Industrial Transformation Training Centres commencing in 2013

- \$106,688

Industrial Transformation Training Centres commencing in 2015

- \$110,759

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 \$31,298
- Half Year \$15,648

Annual stipend rates for students

- Full-time \$31,298 (tax free)
- Part-time \$17,093 (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 3rd year in 2014, the ARC would not calculate the APAI’s salaries at the same rate

- For APAI-a, the ARC would calculate their 3rd 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 3rd 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:

Year of Project	Original Funded dates	Amount awarded (indexed)	Adjusted Funded dates
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.