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ARC College of Experts 2027 Nomination Kit

This document provides general information about the ARC College of Experts and the Nomination process.

General information

The Australian Research Council (ARC) College of Experts plays a critical role in identifying and maintaining research quality in the National Competitive Grant Program. Its members are experts of international standing drawn from the Australian research community: from higher education, industry/end-users, and public sector research organisations. In July 2024, the College of Experts was established as a committee of the ARC Board.

The College of Experts contributes to the ARC by:

- assessing and ranking grant applications submitted under the National Competitive Grants Program to the ARC;
- assigning external assessors and moderating external assessments;
- providing recommendations for fundable applications to the ARC Board and to the Minister for Education;
- assisting with recruitment of new external assessors;
- providing advice for peer review improvement;
- providing strategic advice to the ARC on emerging disciplines and cross-disciplinary developments; and
- assisting the ARC Board in the performance of its functions or the exercise of its powers.

Nominations

The ARC is seeking nominations from suitably qualified and experienced individuals, including senior academics and end-users across the private, public and not-for-profit sectors, with peer review and research leadership experience. Researchers with multi-disciplinary and cross-disciplinary expertise are strongly encouraged to apply. We especially welcome nominations from women, particularly those from the STEM disciplines, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Nominees should have strong institutional support to meet the commitment required of ARC College of Experts members.

The ARC is calling for nominations for the following fields only. Researchers must have demonstrable expertise **in at least one of the following fields** to be an eligible nominee in this round.

3004 Crop and Pasture Production	4301 Archaeology
3009 Veterinary Sciences	4402 Criminology
3101 Biochemistry and Cell Biology	4405 Gender Studies
3105 Genetics	4406 Human geography
3107 Microbiology	4407 Policy and administration
3108 Plant Biology	4408 Political science
3109 Zoology	4410 Sociology
3204 Immunology	4501 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander culture, language & history
3209 Neuroscience	4502 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education
3301 Architecture	4503 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander environmental knowledges and management
3407 Theoretical and computational chemistry	4504 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and wellbeing
3602 Creative and professional writing	4505 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, society and community
3604 Performing arts	4506 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander sciences
3606 Visual arts	4513 Pacific Peoples culture, language and history
3701 Atmospheric sciences	4514 Pacific Peoples education

3702 Climate change Science	4515 Pacific Peoples environmental knowledges
3704 Geoinformatics	4516 Pacific Peoples health and wellbeing
3707 Hydrology	4518 Pacific Peoples society and community
3708 Oceanography	4519 Other Indigenous data, methodologies and global Indigenous studies
3901 Curriculum and pedagogy	4602 Artificial intelligence
3902 Education policy, sociology and philosophy	4603 Computer vision and multimedia computation
3903 Education systems	4604 Cybersecurity and privacy
3904 Specialist studies in education	4605 Data management and data science
3999 Other Education	4606 Distributed computing and systems software
4001 Aerospace engineering	4608 Human-centred computing
4002 Automotive engineering	4610 Library and information studies
4003 Biomedical engineering	4611 Machine learning
4004 Chemical engineering	4612 Software engineering
4005 Civil engineering	4805 Legal Systems
4007 Control engineering, mechatronics and robotics	4806 Private law and civil obligations
4008 Electrical engineering	4807 Public Law
4009 Electronics, sensors and digital hardware	4901 Applied mathematics
4011 Environmental engineering	5101 Astronomical sciences
4012 Fluid mechanics and thermal engineering	5103 Classical Physics
4014 Manufacturing engineering	5106 Nuclear and plasma physics
4016 Materials engineering	5107 Particle and high energy physics
4017 Mechanical engineering	5109 Space sciences
4018 Nanotechnology	5110 Synchrotrons and accelerators
4101 Climate change impacts and adaptation	5201 Applied and developmental psychology
4104 Environmental Management	5202 Biological psychology
4106 Soil Science	5203 Clinical and health psychology
4203 Health services and systems	5204 Cognitive and computational psychology
4206 Public health	5205 Social and personality psychology

The ARC is committed to improving the diversity of membership on the ARC College of Experts and encourages qualified people from a broad range of groups to nominate. This includes but is not limited to:

- Gender diversity
- People of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin
- Industry
- Public sector organisations

The ARC College of Experts is supported and coordinated by the ARC Academic Directors who have scheme and interdisciplinary responsibilities at the ARC. Nominees are encouraged to contact the relevant Academic Director to discuss how their expertise fits into the selection panels and the time commitment involved in becoming an ARC College of Experts member. Please direct your inquiries to college@arc.gov.au.

Commencement

Members of the ARC College of Experts are generally appointed for a three-year term.

An induction workshop is scheduled for November 2026. Successful nominees must be available to commence in early 2027, to assign and assess applications for funding, as well as to be available for at least one selection meeting each year. Please note that all Selection Advisory Committee (SAC) meetings are currently conducted via videoconference and members must be available for these, where relevant.

Time Commitment

Members of the ARC College of Experts may be appointed to form a SAC. SAC membership requires a significant time commitment, including working to specified, non-negotiable timeframes. SAC meetings are held throughout the year to recommend applications for funding under the National Competitive Grants Program. Members must be available to attend at least one of these meetings each year and undertake assignments, assessments, and moderations in preparation for the meetings. The duration of a SAC meeting is dependent on the volume of applications to the scheme; high-volume schemes may require up to five meeting days. SAC members will be advised of the anticipated duration of the meetings when receiving an invitation to join the panel.

ARC College of Experts members may be called upon to assign, read and assess, up to 250-300 funding applications each year. The number of meetings, volume of assignments and assessments vary per year according to the scheme and the number of applications received from different discipline areas.

Members of the ARC College of Experts will be requested to indicate their availability for selection meetings each year over a three-year period. Members of the ARC College of Experts are not currently eligible to sit on a SAC for a scheme where they are an applicant in that scheme round. This strengthens the probity of the selection process, further increasing the integrity of ARC decision-making processes. However, being a member of the ARC College of Experts does not exclude individuals from applying for funding from the ARC.

In all circumstances where members are assigning, assessing or moderating, the [ARC Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality Policy](#) applies.

Remuneration

ARC College of Experts members will be remunerated through sitting fees and reading rates. Sitting fees are guided by the ARC Administrative Arrangements for Committees and received per day for meetings attended. ARC College of Experts members serving on a SAC are paid a sitting amount of \$565 per day (GST exclusive) for up to ten (10) days per calendar year. The position of Panel Chair is paid an amount of \$635 per day (GST exclusive) for the period that the member holds this position, for up to 10 days per calendar year. ARC College of Experts members will be paid \$45.45 (GST exclusive) for each completed assessment as Carriage 2, and \$90.90 (GST exclusive) for Carriage 1.

There may be instances where additional assessments for applications are required at short notice where insufficient assessments have been received through the normal external assessor process.

Nomination Submission

Nominations **must** be submitted electronically by the nominee's primary employer (an approved nominator or delegate — see Table 1) to the ARC via the [ARC's Research Management System \(RMS\)](#) by **5:00pm (AEST) Thursday 9 July 2026**. Nominations will not be accepted directly from nominees (except those submitting as self-employed). Nominees who hold an

honorary or adjunct appointment or other affiliation with a higher education institution are encouraged to apply through that institution.

The Nomination Form is available on RMS. For more information, please see the [Instructions to Applicants](#) on the ARC website.

Late nominations will not be accepted. Amendments, replacements or additions to 2027 Nomination Forms will not be accepted after closing, unless invited by the ARC.

Table 1: Approved nominators are:

<u>Primary Employer</u>	<u>Approved Nominators</u>
Higher education institution	Vice-Chancellor/Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) or equivalent
Industry or business	Chief Executive Officer or equivalent
Government	Agency Head / Deputy Secretary or equivalent
Self-employed	Self-nominator

Advice on outcomes of the nomination process

It is anticipated that outcomes will be announced in November 2026

Confidentiality

The ARC will treat information contained in nominations as strictly confidential. However, nominated referees may be contacted to discuss the suitability of nominees.

Privacy

The information collected may be passed to third parties for the purposes of obtaining an assessment of the nomination.

The ARC is bound by the provisions of the *Privacy Act 1988*. Section 14 of the *Privacy Act 1988* contains the Information Privacy Principles (IPPs) which prescribe the rules for handling personal information.

References

For more information about the nomination process and the ARC College of Experts, please visit [ARC College of Experts page](#) or email any queries to college@arc.gov.au.

Successful nominees into the College of Experts will need an up-to-date RMS account. If you do not already have an RMS account please use the [RMS Register New User page](#) to request one.

More information on how to create an RMS profile is contained in the [RMS User Management Guide](#), on the RMS Information page under the heading Key documents and links.

Contacts

Please direct your inquiries to college@arc.gov.au or phone 02 6287 6600.