ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards for funding commencing in 2017 (DECRA17)

Summary of major changes

This document summarises the major changes in the Funding Rules for DP17. Please note that this is not a definite list and that all Investigators should read the entire Funding Rules for the schemes under the Discovery Programme for funding commencing in 2017, particularly parts A and D, which cover both general Discovery Programme rules as well as the DECRA scheme.

Please contact your College Research Office if you have any questions or concerns regarding the information contained in this document.

The ARC Frequently Asked Questions provide further clarification on a number of these changes and appropriate references have been included.

This document can be found at http://www.arc.gov.au/instructions-and-faqs

Key Dates - As per ARC website http://www.arc.gov.au/discovery-early-career-researcher-award

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GENERAL TO THE SCHEMES UNDER THE DISCOVERY PROGRAMME

- Only two projects as CI, or one ARC Fellowship or ARC Awardee and one Project as CI may be held or applied for under the Discovery Program (including Australian Laureate Fellowships, Future Fellowship, Discovery Projects, Discovery Early Career Researcher Awards, and Discovery Indigenous) (A6.2)

- CIs on funded ARC Centres of Excellence (commencing 2017 or later), ITRH (commencing 2015 or later, ITRC (commencing 2016 or later, or SRIs (commencing in 2015 or later may only apply for or hold one Project/Award/Fellowship under the Discovery Programme (A6.2.2).

- HDR Stipends are set at a rate of $25,861 ($2015) per year and only funding up to this level may be requested from the ARC. The Administering Organisation may provide additional funding to increase the stipend.

- Budget items not supported includes salaries and/or HDR stipends, in whole or in part, for CIs or PIs (A5.3.1).

- For an appeals process, the appellants must identify the specific Funding Rule clause, policy or procedure which they believe has been incorrectly applied (A9.2).
• Requirement for all Proposals to comply with the *Australia Council for the Arts Indigenous Cultural Protocols for Producing Indigenous Music; Writing, Visual Arts; Media Arts; and Performing Arts (2007).*
• When depositing publications in an institutional repository the ARC Project ID should be included in the metadata (A11.5.1).
• Addition of section regarding ORCID identifiers (A11.5.3).
• All ARC-funded research projects must comply the *ARC Research Integrity and Research Misconduct Policy,* which is available at [www.arc.gov.au](http://www.arc.gov.au)
• Addition of Torrens University Australia as an Eligible Organisation (A12).

**DISCOVERY EARLY CAREER RESEARCHER AWARDS (DE17)**

• Must have been awarded a PhD on or after 1 March 2011 (or 1 March 2007 with allowable career interruptions (process and excepts outlined in subsections D7.4)
• Restriction on travel costs (removal of ‘for the DECRA Recipient only’). Request still need to be directly related to the research project and justified in the proposal (D6.2)
• Higher Degree Research stipend (max one per proposal) may be divided amongst more than one person (outlined in D6.2)
• The ARC may grant an Eligibility Exemption for the DECRA Candidate who has been awarded a PhD on or after 1 March 2007, together with periods of significant career interruption (between the PhD award date and the closing time of submission of Proposals) which if taken into account would be commensurate with a PhD being awarded on or after 1 March 2011. Career interruptions of less than one month will not be considered. The following types of interruption will be considered: (E7.4.4)
  
  a. carer’s responsibility
  b. disruption due to international relocation for post-doctoral studies or other research employment not exceeding three months per international relocation
  c. illness
  d. maternity or parental leave
  e. unemployment and/or
  f. non-research employment not concurrent with research employment
  g. for the primary carer for dependent children can now claim a two year career interruption per dependent child (inclusive of carer’s responsibility and any maternity or partner/parental leave). Researchers who claim this kind of interruption are no longer limited to a four year interruption (D7.3.2(b), D7.4.4(g), D7.4.5)
• Candidates claiming an interruption under D7.4.4(g) may claim an interruption of more than four years and may be eligible where their PhD was awarded earlier that 1 March 2007, provided that there were eligible interruptions as taken into account this would be commensurate with a PhD awarded on or after 1 March 2011. Note that interruption for less than a month will not be considered.