Macquarie University
Vice-Chancellor’s Innovation Fellowship Scheme (MQVCIF)

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Key Dates

- Wednesday 29 May
- Wednesday 19 June
- Thursday 15 August
- Wednesday 22 August
- Monday 9 September

- Applicant to have contacted Host Department/Centre
- Deadline for
  - Receipt of application *(earlier in Faculties)*
  - Receipt of Host Centre/Dept Report Form
  - Receipt of Referee Report Form
- Shortlisted candidates announced
- Shortlisted candidates interviews
- Final outcome notifications
Purpose of Scheme
(Section 1 of Funding Rules)

• To develop high quality research programs which are closely linked to Australian/international industry and other end-user organisations and communities

• To attract outstanding researchers to Macquarie who will develop effective research collaborations with Australian/international organisations (industry, commerce, government, community groups), leading to substantial external research funding
Number Available and Funding
(Section 2 of Funding Rules)

• Up to three per round

• Appointed at Level B (Lecturer) - base $88,741-$104,996 or Level C (Senior Lecturer) - base $108,354 to $124,607, according to qualifications and experience

• Initially two years, with provision for renewal for up to five further years (conditions apply)

• To commence between 1 February 2014 and 31 July 2014
Eligibility
(Section 3 of Funding Rules)

• Currently based in Australia or overseas (if no permanent residency status, must obtain temporary status prior to taking up the Fellowship)

• PhD or demonstrable equivalent at the time of application

• Provision of concrete evidence of experience in developing and sustaining effective research collaboration with industry or relevant government/community organisations
Host Department  
(Section 4 of Funding Rules)

- Proposals to be developed in close consultation with the Director/Head (or nominee) of Host Centre/Department – contact to be made by 29 May

- Preference given to proposals associated with COREs

- Host Centre/Department Report Form must comment on the alignment of the proposal with the Research and External Engagement Strategies of the Centre/Department and availability of necessary infrastructure required
Referee Report
(Section 5 of Funding Rules)

• Must comment on the proposed project

• Must comment on the applicant’s potential to develop research collaborations

• Must comment on the strength of the applicant’s strategy and plans to engage industry/government/community partners
Reviewers
(Section 6 of Funding Rules)

• Applicants must nominate four independent reviewers and provide reasons for the nominations

• Must be familiar with the applicant’s work

• Should be able to comment on the applicant’s experience in developing effective research collaborations with external parties
Selection Criteria
(Section 8 of Funding Rules)

- Research track record, including evidence of successful external engagement • 40%
- Quality of the proposal • 30%
- Strength of the strategy for external engagement (including target organisations and timetable for funding applications) • 30%
Budget and Justification
(Section 9 of Funding Rules)

- Level B or C salary
- Research costs up to $40,000 (max $20,000 per annum) for the initial two-year appointment
- Personnel
- Equipment
- Maintenance
- Travel (strongly justified)
Application Process and Certification
(Sections 10 and 11 of Funding Rules)

• Deadline for applications: **5pm on Wednesday 19 June**
  (earlier in Faculties - check with your FRM)

• Deadline for Host Centre/Department Report Forms and Referee Report Forms: **5pm on Wednesday 19 June**

• PDF documents (converted, not scanned)

• *Electronic submission only to* grants@mq.edu.au *with a copy to FRM*

• MQ Application Coversheet must be submitted to FRM
Assessment Process
(Section 12 of Funding Rules)

• Stage 1: Applications evaluated by the Partnerships and Infrastructure Panel against eligibility requirements and selection criteria. Shortlist created.

• Stage 2: Shortlisted applications sent to appropriate independent reviewers at the Panels discretion. Shortlisted applications ranked on basis of application and valid assessments.

• Stage 3: Ranked applicants invited for interview. Recommendations made to the DVC(R) for endorsement.
Further Information

• Funding Rules, Application Form, Report Forms and other documentation available at
  http://www.research.mq.edu.au/for/researchers/applying_for_grants/other_external_funding/mqvcf

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