

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) - DE26

for funding commencing in 2026

Anticipated ARC submission date: December 2024

Please email your EOI to grants@une.edu.au by **4pm Friday 31st May 2024**

DECRA Development Program

As part of the UNE DECRA process, it is expected that you will participate in an intensive grant development program (predominately conducted via Zoom), with various dates from July through to December of 2024. The Program will involve a series of interactive mentoring sessions, where select ARC award recipients will provide advice on the specifics of your application. You will be expected to complete and submit targeted sections of your application prior to each session in order that the mentors may review them and provide constructive feedback.

Once the Development Program has been completed, internal compliance review will occur up until submission. This timeline is based on current program dates and may be revised in accordance with any changes to the ARC submission timetable.

For external candidates, the UNE Mentor/Supervisor is also strongly encouraged to participate in relevant sessions of the Development Program.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name:				
Email:				
<i>For internal applicants (current UNE staff):</i>				
Faculty:				
School:				
Employment Status (check appropriate box)	Permanent <input type="checkbox"/>	Fixed-Term <input type="checkbox"/>	If Fixed-Term, current end-date:	
<i>For external applicants:</i>				
Citizenship Status:				
Name of UNE Mentor:				
Faculty:				
School:				

ELIGIBILITY

PHD QUALIFICATION

Discipline/Field	
Organisation	
Country	
PhD award date (on or after 1 March 2020, unless career interruption(s) exist). <i>Note: this is the anticipated date, based on past rounds</i>	

NUMBER OF SUBMISSIONS TO THE ARC

Has the Applicant applied for a DECRA previously via UNE or another university?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, what round?		
Will the Applicant be named on an ARC Project receiving funding in 2026 or on an ARC Proposal submitted for funding commencing in 2026 (apart from the DECRA)?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please provide details including proposal number		

DETAILS OF CAREER INTERRUPTION/S (if applicable)

If PhD award date is before 1 March 2020, provide details on type and duration of career interruption/s.
Documentary evidence for career interruption/s needs to accompany this EOI and will be assessed for eligibility by the DECRA EOI Advisory Panel.
Add rows as required

Reason	Start Date	End Date	Total No of Months (periods of less than one month will not be considered)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caring and parental responsibilities - Disaster management and recovery - Limited or no access to facilities and resources – such as through workplace interruptions - Medical condition/disability/misadventure - Non-research employment - Unemployment - Community obligations, including Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural practices and protocols - Other 			
Total No of Months:			

Part 1 – The DECRA Project - *Do not exceed three A4 pages, including references.*

- Project Title
- Anticipated 4-digit Primary [FoR codes](#) of the DECRA project
- **Lab/Discipline leader where your research project will sit**
- What is the significance of this research project? Describe how this research can be considered breakthrough research in your field.
- What pilot projects have been undertaken that demonstrate this breakthrough aspect?
- Detail the innovation of the proposed project.
- Detail the benefit of the proposed project.

Part 2 - Curriculum Vitae - *4 pages maximum, plus publications list*

Contribution to the research field

Please insert:

- a statement outlining your significant contributions to the research field to date. (1/2 – 1 page)
- a statement outlining how your expertise and your national/international networks place you in the best position to undertake this DECRA project (1/2 – 1 page)
- a short CV (maximum of 2 pages)
- a list of all publications to date – bold your name among the list of authors; indicate impact factor of journal; asterisk any outputs directly relevant to this proposal

Part 3 – Mentor Statement (where applicable - external candidates only)

Your **UNE Mentor/Supervisor** may provide a brief statement below endorsing your submission through UNE:

UNE Mentor signature:

Date:

Part 4 – Faculty/School Endorsement

As the Dean/Associate Dean/Head of School I endorse this applicant and the submission of this grant proposal in the ARC DECRA DE26 round. I agree that the proposal aligns with the Faculty's current and future research aims and in the context of UNE's strategic plan – Future Fit 2021-2030.

Should this EOI be successful, Faculty support for the applicant includes:

- 1) Release time for the DECRA applicant to participate in the targeted development program, anticipated to run on various dates from July to December (*internal applicants*);
- 2) Committing resources to support the candidate's application, e.g. project costs, salary top-up (as appropriate) and conference travel, with detailed explication of these commitments for the submission;
- 3) In the eventuality the DECRA application is successful, releasing the recipient from teaching and other roles (*internal candidates*);
- 4) That the applicant can be accommodated within the Faculty including appropriate facilities, working and office space provision.

Name and Position:

Signature:

Date:

EOIs will be assessed by an advisory panel with relevant expertise.

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