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|  | **2018 UNE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship Scheme** **Frequently Asked Questions** |

**1. I have a new project under which I have funding for a postdoc at 0.4 FTE, and have chosen a researcher to take up this position. Can I nominate the same researcher for a 0.6 FTE position under the 2017 UNE-PDF scheme?**

No. As point ***2.1*** under ***Appointment Details and Research Funding Available*** within the ***Conditions of Award*** clearly states:

*UNE-PDF candidates are expected to focus full-time on research for the duration of the Fellowship.*

**2. The guidelines say that the fellowship is for three years, but the project I would propose could be completed in one. Is there any provision for a one-year fellowship?**

No. The UNE Postdoctoral Research Fellowship scheme may only be offered on a full three-year basis.

**3. Will everyone who received an invitation to submit a Full Application (Stage 2) be interviewed (Stage 3)?**

No. All Full Applications will be assessed by the PVCR Selection Committee during a shortlisting meeting, during which time they will also determine the number of candidates to be interviewed.

**4. Are there any specific Selection Criteria for the interviews?**

The ***Selection Criteria*** on **page 5** of the ***2018 UNE-PDF Research Scheme Application Pack*** document should guide your preparation for the interview. These are the only Selection Criteria available.

**5. Can an Adjunct of UNE be one of my additional senior academics listed on my Nomination Form?**

No. The two additional senior staff must be UNE staff and may not be honorary staff (Adjuncts etc.).

**6.** **What if my nominee (the candidate) accepts an offer of a UNE-PDF (offers made in June 2017) and I then find out that my DP18 was not successful (announcements Oct/Nov 2017) – does this affect the UNE-PDF offer?**

No. If the candidate has accepted an offer of UNE-PDF this will be expected to go forward even if the DP18 is unsuccessful. There may however be budget implications for the UNE-PDF project at UNE if the project costs were requested from the ARC. As Nominator and CI you must discuss this possibility with your Head of School/Director of Research Centre and negotiate alternative funding available through the School/Research Centre.

**7.** **What if my nominee (the candidate) accepts an offer of a UNE-PDF and my DP18 was not successful – can I re-submit my ARC project in the DP19 round?**

Yes. Particular revisions will be required in re-submission. The UNE-PDF salary can no longer be included as a UNE cash budget line item. The successful UNE-PDF would, in a DP19 submission, form part of the strengthened research environment at UNE and be evidence of UNE’s investment in this area of research.

**8. Do you have any details about the visa process?**

Once the candidate has been successful and is offered a postdoctoral fellowship position, the UNE would sponsor the successful candidate via a 457 Business Visa. This would cost the candidate around $1200 (for a single candidate and the price would be higher if dependents were coming as well).

**9. Will UNE pay for me to relocate if I am successful in gaining a UNE-PDF position?**

No. The UNE Postdoctoral Fellow will be responsible for any relocation costs. The funding for the postdoctoral position covers salary only (*See page 3 of the 2018 UNE-PDF Research Scheme Application Pack - Section 2.4. Research Funding Available*).

**Contact for further clarification:**

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