Changes to the *Future Fellowships* Funding Rules for funding commencing in 2016

Note: this list contains the major changes to rules and is not to be taken as exhaustive. Please consult the *Funding Rules for schemes under the Discovery Programme 2016—Future Fellowships* or contact your research office for further clarification.

- The term ‘Research Environment’ has been replaced with ‘Project Research Environment’ (A3 and throughout document).
- ‘Strategic Research Priorities’ references have been replaced with ‘Science and Research Priorities’ (A3 and throughout document).
- HDR stipends may not be requested, in whole or in part, for CIs and PIs (A5.3.1(e)).
- On-costs amounts to be requested in respect of salaries have been raised from 28% to 30% (throughout document). This change was proposed in the Funding Rules consultation process and was supported by the feedback.
- Exception for Australian Laureate Fellowships relinquishments added (A6.2.6(b)).
- Clarification of sections regarding Requests Not to Assess (A8.3), Intellectual Property (A11.4.2), Eligibility Criteria for the Future Fellow (B6.3).
- End of Year Reports and Progress Reporting combined and clarified (A10.1).
- Addition of section regarding ORCID identifiers (A11.5.3).
- Updates to the wording of scheme objectives (B3.1).
- ‘Mentoring’ added to Selection criteria for Future Fellowship Candidate (B3.2.1).
- ‘Strategic Statement’ replaced with ‘Statement by the Administering Organisation outlining Strategic Alignment’ (B3.3).
- Relocation costs have been removed from Budget Items Supported (B4.2).
- Clarification of Future Fellowships Salary Levels (B6.4).
- Addition of requirement for DVCR to justify salary level where the Future Fellowship Candidate is unemployed, not employed at an Australian university or is an international researcher (B6.4.2).
- Addition of clause for Future Fellowship Candidates that have experienced significant career interruptions to nominate Salary Levels. Must be justified and certified by the DVCR (B6.4.3).
- Addition of references to the new ARC Research Integrity and Research Misconduct Policy (A11.3.1 and A11.6).
- A two year career interruption per dependent child can be claimed for the primary carer of dependent children (inclusive of carer’s responsibility and any maternity or partner/parental leave).
- Career interruptions for carers of dependent children are no longer capped at 4 years. This change was proposed in the Funding Rules consultation process and was supported by the feedback (B6.3.2(b) and B6.5.3(g)).