MID CAREER RESEARCHER “ENERGISER” SCHEME 2018 GUIDELINES

This program is intended to identify and support mid-career teaching and research academics that would benefit from mechanisms to attract and support high quality PhD candidates. The Mid Career Researcher “Energiser” program will provide funding as a matching contribution to support PhD candidatures.

PURPOSE OF THESE GRANTS
Funding of up to $10k per annum will be provided for successful applicants. The funds are intended to match a contribution that has been obtained by a teaching and research academic from a large research intensive group. Funds may be spent on PhD candidature costs such as: direct research costs, scholarships or scholarship top ups.

TIMETABLE
Applications close: 2 Oct 2018

DEFINITIONS
MID CAREER: To be considered mid-career under this scheme the applicant must have been awarded their PhD more than ten years ago and hold an academic appointment with the Sydney Medical School, School of Medical Sciences, School of Public Health or a Clinical School within the Faculty of Medicine and Health as a teaching and research academic at level C or D at the time of application. Applicants who are eligible for Sydney Medical School ECR funding schemes will not be eligible for this award.

ELIGIBILITY
- Applicants must be
  1. members of the academic staff of the Sydney Medical School, School of Medical Sciences, School of Public Health or a Clinical School within the Faculty of Medicine and Health and on the payroll of the University of Sydney at level C or D
  Note: Staff from Sydney Nursing School, Sydney Pharmacy School and Sydney Dental School are not eligible to apply in the 2018 round.
  or:
  2. have been formally appointed with an academic title (including clinical and conjoint appointments) equivalent to level C or D to the Sydney Medical School, School of Medical Sciences, School of Public Health or a Clinical School within the Faculty of Medicine and Health in accordance with the “Honorary Titles” policy.
  Note: Professional staff, casuals, adjuncts and honorary research affiliates may not apply.

- Current Faculty of Medicine and Health title holders salaried by independent Medical Research Institutes with a current University agreement in place can apply.
- Applicants who do not satisfy the definition of MCR above may present their case as to why they should be considered an MCR within their application.
- Candidates must hold a PhD or equivalent
- Candidates must be fully registered supervisors and listed on the Faculty supervisors register.
Applicants must demonstrate evidence of ongoing affiliation with the Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney, by providing a list of publications and other research productivity (e.g. grants and student supervision) for the last five calendar years (or the longest time applicable).

Applicants must also agree to have their forthcoming research productivity correctly affiliated to the Faculty of Medicine and Health, University of Sydney and administered by the University of Sydney to be eligible to apply for this scheme. [NB affiliation must be with the Faculty of Medicine and Health or University of Sydney].

Applicants must demonstrate that they have an appropriate research track record including a history of publications, HDR supervision and grants. For the purpose of this scheme an applicant must have at least one scored grant from a category one funder in the past three years where they were lead investigator.

Applicants must demonstrate evidence of ongoing teaching responsibilities.

The applicant must also nominate a research intensive group who have agreed to co-fund and at least match the $10k commitment which is being provided by the Faculty.

Successful applicants will be required to complete a progress/outcomes report on conclusion of the first year.

Applicants must have completed the Responsible Research Practice module in Career Path.

APPLICANTS WILL BE INELIGIBLE IF:

- The amount requested includes the applicant’s salary or part thereof.
- The applicant is a PhD student, an Early Career Researcher or holds a Professorial appointment.
- The application does not follow the requirements stated on the application form.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Applicants may make only one application to this scheme in each round.
- Successful applicants from previous rounds of this scheme can apply but must outline the research achievements and how they relate to the current application. The student must have met or exceeded the requirement for progression of their course.
- The applicant must be able to demonstrate that they have a salary for the ongoing duration of the scheme. The applicant’s salary cannot make up any part of the budget request. If they do not have a continuing appointment a statement from their Head of School/Institute should be included in their application to demonstrate that they will be employed for duration of the award.
- The applicant must clearly explain in their application how this funding will contribute to building their track record and how it will enhance their likely success in external funding rounds in the future.
- A budget must be submitted indicating the indicative break down of how funds will be spent.
- Career interruptions will be taken into account and applications will be considered relative to opportunity.
- The assessment of applications and decisions of the sub-committee will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- All successful applicants will be required to submit a research data management plan: https://library.sydney.edu.au/research/data-management/research-data-management-plans.html
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
The application must include:
1. Completed Application form
2. PhD award letter.
3. Research Overview. An outline of no more than three (3) pages describing current research projects, proposed usage of funds to be provided (budget) translational dimensions of project and the benefit that funding in this scheme would provide. This statement must also indicate the alignment between the candidate’s work and the strategic research priorities of the Faculty and University.
4. CV. No more than ten pages listing key publications (citation rates and impact factors), HDR supervision and grant funding track record (including details of recent unsuccessful applications and the score received) and any career disruptions.
5. A table detailing teaching activities, leadership and development in learning and teaching in the past two years including course codes, numbers of students and role. Template provided at: http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/research/support/internal-funding.php#ECR%20PhD Note: HDR Supervision should be included in item 5, not within this table.
6. Letter of support from Head of School/Institute regarding the proposed application.
7. Letter of support from head of research group indicating that they will match the Faculty contribution of $10k.

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS
The following criteria will be taken into account by the assessment committee when they are considering the applications relative to other applications in the same round.
1. Excellence of Chief Investigator as demonstrated by Track Record relative to opportunity. This will take into account:
   - Career awards
   - Quality of publications
   - HDR Supervision
   - Grant Funding
   - Contributions to the discipline, faculty or university
2. Benefit of the funding: Has the candidate demonstrated the benefit that the funding would provide based on their current body of work? Has the candidate indicated the potential translation of the work?
3. Research Priorities and Environment: Does the research align with the faculty’s research themes or the university’s multidisciplinary initiatives? Can the funding be successfully implemented in the area where the applicant plans to do the work?
4. Co-Contribution Support: Has the applicant identified a suitable research group who have committed to co-fund for the duration of the scheme?

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
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