The Thompson Fellowship

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I have developed and completed a number of original projects in the area of school-based bullying. My research track development has been limited by the time available to write-up findings due to a heavy administration, teaching, and service load. In addition to developing new projects, it would be invaluable in achieving my career goals if I were also given the opportunity to write-up completed research and enhance my research network. Such focused research would increase my opportunities for large-scale applications for competitive grant funding and assist my career trajectory toward Level E academic research expectations.
For example…

**Aim 3:** Develop an early intervention to enhance young children’s social competence with the key aim to prevent later bullying behaviours

**Outcome 3.1:** Write-up and submit completed projects for publication (n=2)

**Outcome 3.2:** Build and lead an expert national and international research team and submit at least one ARC/NH&MRC grant with collaborators
For example…

Outcomes 3.1 and 3.2: I am currently working on manuscripts that identify socio-cognitive factors in young children that are associated with bullying involvement in early primary school. These research findings, and my collaborative approach and key links with researchers within the Bullying Research Network places me in a good position to lead a team of national and international experts in planning and submitting a large multi-centre funding application to develop an early intervention programme for children in kindergarten.
Profile of research background

• Provide the context for your proposed research plan

• Position yourself as ready for the next career step

• Potential for the Fellowship to be transformational
A successful application for promotion to Level E will require me to

1. increase my research productivity, specifically in the publication of research manuscripts,
2. increase my chance of securing competitive external research funding,
3. allow me to further develop international research collaborations and
4. enhance my international research profile.
Outline specific goals:

› dedicate significant time to the analysis and write-up of research already completed to boost publication rate

› employ a part-time Research Assistant to enhance research productivity

› develop critical international collaborations by being able to devote more time to collaborative ventures

› contribute to editorial work for leading international journals in my field

› provide leadership and bring together national and international expertise that will culminate in the development of large ARC/NH&MRC funding applications

› develop a promotion application for Level E
In sum, I currently have a significant research base upon which to build. The Thompson Fellowship will provide the opportunity to increase my research trajectory to that required for a promotion to level E, namely achieving and maintaining international recognition through original, innovative and distinguished contributions to scholarship and research.
The Fellowship experience