

Frequently Asked Questions – 2016 Vice Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

Eligibility criteria

Q1. If I’m waiting for reviewers comments on my thesis, am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible you must have your PhD accepted and have met all the conditions for the award of the degree by the closing date of applications 3 August 2016. If all of the conditions for awarding of the degree have been met but the graduation ceremony has not yet taken place a letter from the Post Graduate Student Office stating this will be accepted.

Q2. Can I apply for this fellowship before I submit my PhD?

No. To be eligible you must have your PhD accepted by the closing date of applications - 3 August 2016.

Q3. Can overseas researchers apply?

Yes, Fellowships are open to international applicants. Please note that proposals must be developed in consultation with your UOW mentor and the proposed host unit at UOW.

The application

Q1. Do I need to attach certified copies of my transcripts? In the first instance no, however, if you are successful in receiving a fellowship, you will need to provide certified copies of these documents.

Q2. Can the application be submitted any other way?

Stage 1 applications will only be accepted via the UOW recruitment page. Incomplete applications who do not comply with the instructions will now be considered. If you are invited to Stage two, you will be sent the information about how to submit.

General

Q1. How do I find a UOW Mentor?

Projects must align with the research strategies of the host Faculty (<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/faculties/index.html> or Australian Institute of Innovative Materials (AIIM) <http://aiim.uow.edu.au/index.html>). You need to contact your preferred the mentor within the host unit that you would like to work with. You should provide your mentor with information about yourself and your proposed project. The mentor will consider the alignment of your project with the host Unit and their capacity to be your mentor, before letting you know if they will support your application. You are not permitted to name a mentor without their approval.

Q2. Will UOW assist with obtaining a Visa?

Yes, UOW will sponsor you for your visa and will cover the cost of the visa nomination fee only. The Visa application fee will be at your cost. You can find further information relating to visas by visiting the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website.

<http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Work>

To find out more information on the cost of your visa application fee please visit the below website:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/Pricing-Estimator.aspx>

Q2. Will UOW cover my relocation costs?

UOW will assist with paying the costs of relocation in line with the UOW *Relocation and Assistance Guidelines* (not publicly available). The table below gives an indication of the maximum funding available in \$AUD.

Zone	Appointee Only	With Dependants
A - NSW, ACT (i.e. outside the Illawarra or relevant region and required to relocate)	up to \$1,500	<i>up to \$3,000</i>
B - Western NSW: Far North NSW: VIC: Eastern / Central QLD	up to \$2,500	<i>up to \$5,000</i>
C - TAS: SA: Far North QLD	up to \$3,500	<i>up to \$6,000</i>
D - WA: NT	up to \$5,000	<i>up to \$7,000</i>
E - New Zealand: The Pacific: Asia	up to \$8,000	<i>up to \$12,000</i>
F - United Kingdom: Europe: North America: South America	up to \$10,000	<i>up to \$14,000</i>