

**2023 ARC
FUTURE
FELLOWSHIPS**

THINKING ABOUT AN ARC FUTURE FELLOWSHIP?

FLINDERS UNIVERSITY STRATEGY SHEET

FUTURE FELLOWSHIPS SNAPSHOT

Facts + figures

Up to 100 ARC Future Fellowships

4 year funding duration

Person + project Funding

Highly competitive

Awarded nationally per year (to be based at an Australian uni)

May also be taken up part-time over no more than 8 years

Funding for salary + on-costs (fixed ARC rate) and project costs (up to \$60K pa)

Success rate: **14.8%** in FT21 & **14.5%** in FT20

Eligibility

MCRs

Within 5-15 years of PhD award

Only 3 applications

Only 1 award held

Non-medical

Open to eligible Australian-based MCRs, returning Australians and internationals

Unless allowable career interruptions are claimed – see [Important Dates for ARC Grant Application Process](#).

If you need to calculate eligible interruptions, please contact arc@flinders.edu.au early

permitted for applicants in the eligibility window

A Future Fellowship award can only be held once

Medical Research is not supported by ARC

ARC Assessment Criteria

Investigator/Capability

50%

Project Quality/Innovation

25%

Benefit

15%

Feasibility

10%

POSITIONING YOURSELF

Quality & trajectory of your track record

This is **50% of the Future Fellowships Assessment Criteria** – how does your track record compare with awarded Future Fellowships in your discipline or cognate fields?

TIP You can benchmark yourself against FT recipients in your research field (by FoR code) using [ARC Grants Search](#) and [Google Scholar](#), [Scopus](#), [Web of Science](#) or similar tools.

Are you building your track record in the lead-in phase?

Are you strengthening across publications, research income, speaking roles, collaboration, supervision, peer and community service, and media engagement?

Are you publishing strategically?

With publications being a key driver, have you developed a publication strategy (for example, in the right journals)?

POSITIONING THE PROJECT

Is your project timely, novel and responding to a clear need?

Project strength, benefit and feasibility comprise the **remaining 50% of the assessment**. In the lead-in phase, you could prepare a project executive summary outlining what you will do (aims); why this work is significant and needed now; how your approach is innovative/original; and what the outcomes and benefits will be.

TIP You can then unpack these ideas with your supervisor/mentor and Flinders' Research Development and Support (RDS) as part of early-stage scoping.

Leading into an application...

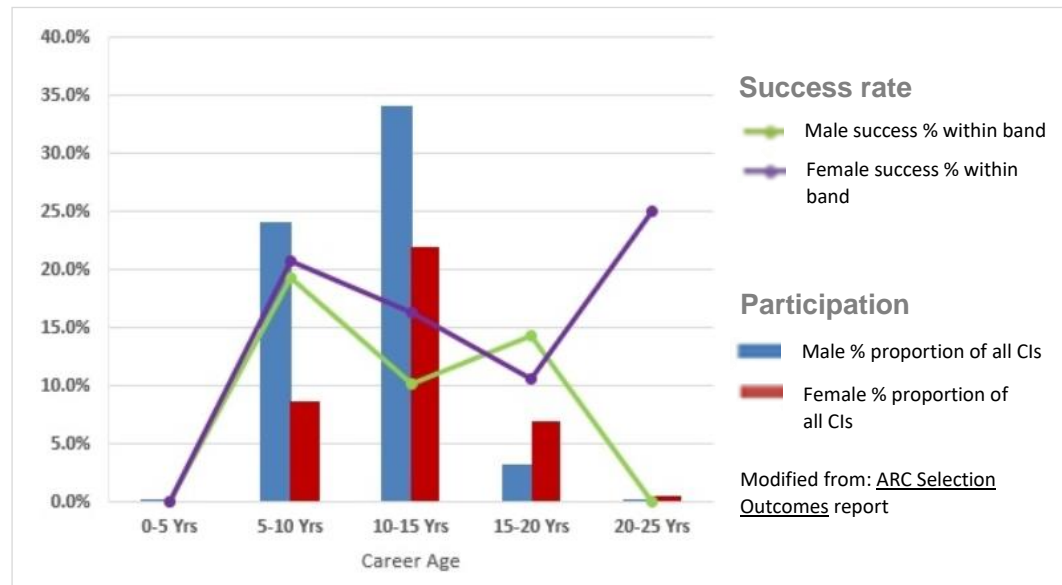
Be **strategic** about when you apply, as you can apply no more than three times

AWARENESS

- Are you across the Future Fellowships scheme and its detailed Assessment Criteria? Is it a good fit to you and your proposed project?
- If you are re-applying, have you de-briefed on your unsuccessful application and identified areas for strengthening?
- Have you reviewed the ARC's *Participation and success rate of Future Fellowships 2021 candidates by gender and career age* (see below) and discussed positioning with your mentor/s?
- Have you accessed past successful Future Fellowships applications for key learnings?
- Do you understand the round processes for Future Fellowships? The Flinders University Future Fellowships Go-To Guide is designed to step you through this.

Consider how the award of a Future Fellowship would **enable** future career pathways and independence.

...Looking to
career pathways



Participation and success rate of Future Fellowships 2021 candidates by gender and career age*

*Career age is calculated at years since PhD, not accounting for career interruptions.

BIDDING STRATEGICALLY

- Is it clear why are you the best candidate to undertake this project?
- Have you established need and timeliness for the research?
- Will the work be both ground-breaking and drive impactful outcomes?
- Have you established the need for a Fellowship and its value add? How does the Future Fellowship award shift the dial? Where will it take us, and you, in 4 years' time?
- Is it clear why Flinders is the best place to host this research?

You do not need to be employed by us at the time of application; but ensure you consult with the relevant Dean (Research) to ascertain if the College will support your Future Fellowship proposal.

PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT

- Access resources to help demystify the process (see QUICK LINKS on the final page)
- Start writing your application early and plan your budget using an Excel spreadsheet as you go
- Remember the ARC uses both 'Detailed' and 'General' Assessors to score your application – your narrative should successfully appeal to both and cover off on all ARC Assessment Criteria
- Try to make it easy for assessors to navigate your grant; for example, follow the recommended headings, include white space, diagrams/pictures where appropriate, highlight significant text, use numbers/bullet points, avoid acronyms
- Seek feedback from your mentors, peers (close to the topic, and further afield) and RDS
- Consult with your College about what cash and/or in-kind support they can provide

RESOURCES

In addition to the quick links below, Flinders University offers a dedicated Future Fellowships Development Series (running Sept-Nov) to assist you in preparing your application.

More Future Fellowships resources are being developed and will be distributed when available.

QUICK LINKS

Funding body

[Future Fellowship rules, instructions & FAQs](#)

[ARC Peer Review Assessment Process](#)

[ARC Grants Search](#)

[ARC Selection Outcome Reports](#)

Templates and guides

[Library Bibliometrics](#)

[Making a simple research budget](#)

[Flinders budget estimator tool](#)

[Flinders salary scales](#)

[Travel information](#)

Reference materials

[RDS past workshop presentations](#)

Coming soon

[Flinders Future Fellowships Go-To Guide](#)

[Flinders Future Fellowships templates](#)

YOUR FLINDERS CONTACTS

At RDS, we are happy to meet with you to discuss your proposal.

Please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

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Or you can reach out to us by e-mail: arc@flinders.edu.au, including for access to past successful applications.

College Contacts

These include local RDS contacts and Deans of Research.

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