2017 Postdoc Exchange Scheme

Overview

To promote and reward the significant contributions that ARC Centre of Excellence in Cognition and its Disorders (CCD) early career researchers make each year in their research fields, up to two (2) CCD Postdoc Exchange Awards ($12,500 each) will be offered for applications from outstanding early career researchers for highly productive laboratory visits.

Our early career researchers will get the opportunity to participate in a national or international research exchange visit to provide them with additional research training and mentoring in their career. The enhanced research training and increased collaboration will benefit the successful applicants and enhance our Centre.

Eligibility/Criteria

CCD Early Career Researchers need to meet the following criteria for their application to be accepted:

- The candidate must be an approved CCD Associate Investigator before submitting the application, and be within 5 years of their PhD graduation (relative to opportunity). Their application must be fully supported by their postdoctoral supervisor/mentor who must be a CCD Chief Investigator, Partner Investigator or Associate Investigator.
- Applicants must provide a justification of the timing of the Postdoc Exchange visit in relation to their current employment.
- A written agreement between the postdoc’s home university/institution and host University is required before travel commences.

Conditions

Duration

The exchange visit must be between one (1) and three (3) months in length and be completed in 2017. The exact duration and schedule of the visit must be agreed in writing between the CCD Early Career Researcher and the Visit Sponsor (and their Department). The primary purpose of the trip is to support collaborative research visits, but short periods of vacation leave are permitted during the trip according to your institution’s policy.
Financial Support
Each Postdoc Exchange trip will be awarded funding up to $12,500. The amount awarded will be pro rata with up to $3,500 for the airfare, plus a living allowance of $3,000 per month.

This financial award is to provide support for the researcher’s return economy airfare, living costs (meals, local travel, incidentals) and accommodation (reasonable level – three star). Travel insurance and visas required for the period of travel can be requested if their employer/institution does not provide coverage.

Please note that research project costs are not funded through this scheme.

Application, Review and Approval Process

Application process
To apply for the CCD Postdoc Exchange Scheme, please submit the completed application form, along with the required attachments:

- Two-page CV
- Statement of support from the postdocs’ supervisor (or Head of Department/School) who must be a CCD Chief, Partner or Associate Investigator
- Written invitation from the intended Host Department including the purpose and dates of visit
- Airfare/accommodation quotes for the visit
- Ethics clearances/approvals (if required)

Completed application forms must be submitted by 8am AEDT Monday 24 October 2016 to the Grants Coordinator, shiree.heath@mq.edu.au.

Review process
The CCD Research Management Committee will assess applications on the basis of the quality of the track record of the applicant and the outcomes of proposed visit. The Panel will give preference to applications with a wider benefit to the CCD, not just the applicant. Applicants must provide a justification of the timing of the Postdoc Exchange visit in relation to their current employment.

Outcomes will be announced in November 2016. Please do not incur any expenses prior to official notification of the outcome of your application.

Approval process
Please be aware that each university has rules concerning travel approval on University business and travel. Please ensure that these approvals are obtained and paperwork is submitted through your institution for these research trips. Additionally, please ensure that you obtain the appropriate Visa and Ethics clearances for your visit.
## Outcomes/Reporting

| Early Career Researchers & Grants Coordinator | To promote the research findings of our early career researchers outside the CCD research community, successful applicants will arrange to present a talk during their visit at the sponsor/host institution on their research project/s.  
To promote the research findings of our early career researchers within the CCD research community, successful early career researchers will be required to give a presentation on their research findings/outcomes from their visit at a locally organised CCD Seminar/Workshop within 2 months of their return.  
Early career researchers must provide a final report on the achievements of their postdoc exchange visit within 3 months of their return from the trip. Please contact the Grants Coordinator for a copy of the Final Report form. |

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