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Prospect Fellowships

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Forrest Research Foundation

- Established 2014
- **AU\$130** million gift from philanthropists Andrew and Nicola Forrest
- To support PhD students and Post-doctoral Fellows to conduct world-leading research in Western Australia

Prospect Fellowships:

The Foundation's response to contraction of post-doc opportunities resulting from COVID-19 crisis in universities

22 Prospect Fellowships

- 12 awarded in 1st round [2020] from 106 applications
- **Up to 10 now available** in this (2nd) round

Prospect Fellowships

can be held at any of **Western Australia's five universities** in Perth:

- The University of Western Australia (UWA)
- Curtin University
- Murdoch University
- Edith Cowan University
- University of Notre Dame, Fremantle

Prospect Fellowship benefits:

- 18 months duration
- Salary: Lecturer Level A, step 8 (approx. **AU\$95,000**) + superannuation
- Professional development training through the Prospect Development Program to accelerate your career
- Inclusion in Forrest Research Foundation seminars and workshops at Forrest Hall
- Mentoring support

Fellowships open to candidates in **any field of research**

Fellows appointed in the first round work in the following fields:

Biology	Linguistics	Physics
Creative Arts	Mathematics	Psychology
Engineering	Medical Science	Veterinary Science
	Sociology	

For information on 1st round Prospect Fellows go to

<https://www.forrestresearch.org.au/prospect-fellowships/#about>

Eligibility criteria

- Open to Australian and New Zealand citizens and to Australian permanent residents
- Applicants must have completed all the requirements for the award of their PhD between 1 August 2019 and 14 March 2021 (i.e. examined, corrected and passed by the university)

Additional application requirements (1):

Research must be in one of six designated areas of WA research excellence:

- Agriculture, food and nutrition
- Arts and culture
- Environment and natural resources
- Frontier technologies
- Indian Ocean
- Physical and mental health and wellbeing

Additional application requirements (2):

Candidates must:

- be based in a research group with an international research reputation, experience of research translation and track record of supporting early-career researchers
- demonstrate potential impact of their research on the WA community, society or economy

Additional application requirements (3):

Candidates must:

- have an outstanding personal research track record
- propose an intellectually exciting and innovative research agenda
- be keen to share ideas and work with others
- have excellent communication skills

What makes an ideal fellowship application?

- Research proposal is accessible to non-experts without being dumbed down
- Demonstrates how proposed research innovates/pushes at boundaries
- Explains how proposed research will generate results/outcomes within 18 months that will be of significance to others both within and beyond the discipline

How to apply:

1. Ask yourself: 'am I one of the very best PhD graduates (top 5%) of the last 5 years?'
2. Make sure the evidence in your CV sustains this claim
3. Develop an innovative research proposal that does more than simply extend your PhD research
4. Discuss proposal with a senior academic mentor and gain their support
5. Discuss with proposed host department/research group and ensure they support your application

The Selection Process:

1. Each university produces a long-list of its top applications
 2. The top 25 or so applications, as ranked by universities, are reviewed by a shortlisting panel of the Selection Committee
 3. A small number of candidates are short-listed for interview. Short-listed candidates will be asked to provide copies of their PhD Examiners reports
 4. The Selection Committee seeks expert evaluations from nominated referees, nominated academic mentors, and other independent subject experts.
 5. All shortlisted candidates are interviewed in person or by videolink
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Application timeline

Prospect Fellowships, round 2

Applications close 11.59pm, Sunday 14 March

Shortlisting: mid April

Interviews: mid-May

Applications made via web application portal:

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