Genetic Epidemiology Research Alliance (GERA) Funding Applications: Postdoc Fellowships

Round 1 2025

# Postdoc Fellowships funding details:

* $40,000 for one year. A maximum of 2 projects per postdoc will be funded across 5 years, subject to meeting milestones of the initial project.
* Availability: 2\*   
  *\*Pending the determination of the Executive Committee based on the quality and number of applications received in each round.*
* Eligibility: The CIA should be a postdoc within 5 years post-PhD (or a research qualification equivalent to the level 10 criteria of the Australian Qualifications Framework, or equivalent research experience), excluding valid career disruptions, and have a CRE CI as the primary supervisor on the application.
* Eligible expenditure: Salary support for the CIA.
* Assessment criteria:
  + Alignment with CRE aims
  + Academic record and research of the CIA relative to the opportunity
  + Research project quality
  + Research environment, support and career development opportunities
* Scoring is modelled from NHMRC investigator score descriptors as appropriate.

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| **Applications open:** | 10th July 2025 |
| **Applications close:** | 31st July 2025 |
| **Submitting your application** | Please email your completed PDF application to:  [**gera-info@unimelb.edu.au**](mailto:gera-info@unimelb.edu.au) |

**RESEARCH PROPOSAL**

**(expand text boxes as required)**

**1. Project Title**

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**2. Aims and Objectives** (1-3 sentences)

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**3. Project Proposal**

Provide a detailed description of the proposal, including aims, objectives and methods *(no more than 500 words)*

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**4. Significance**

Explain the significance and innovation of the project. What is the likelihood it will lead to changes in policy or practice? *(max 300 words)*

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**5. Training and Career Development**

Detail how this project will provide training and career development, if any

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**6. Project lead.** I.e. the postdoc applicant

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| **Name and title** |  |
| **Appointment** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Institution** |  |
| **Email Address** |  |
| **PhD completion date** |  |
| **Career disruptions (if any)** |  |
| **Overall estimated FTE in research starting from PhD commencement** | Eg. 0.5 FTE for 3 years = 1.5 years. |

**7. Academic record and research achievement, relative to opportunity**

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| **Nominate your 5 best publications in the past 5 years, supported by an explanation for each nominated publication** (max 100 words per publication) |
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| **Provide a summary of your research impact, including its reach and significance, your program’s and your contributions, with evidence** (max 400 words)  Please select the type(s) of impact and explain below:  **Knowledge impact** – Research that has contributed to discoveries and/or demonstrable benefits emerging from adoption, adaption or use of the discovery to inform further research.  **Health impact** – Research that has contributed to improvements in health through new therapeutics, diagnostics, or disease prevention; or by contributing to improvements in disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment, health policy, health systems, and quality of life.  **Economic impact** – Research that has contributed to the nation’s economic performance by creating new industries, jobs and valuable products, and reducing health care costs. An economic impact may also contribute to social or health impacts, including human capital gains and the value of life and health.  **Social impact** – Research that has contributed to improvements in the health of the society, including the well-being of the end user and the community. This may include improved ability to access health care services and to participate socially. |
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| **Provide a summary of leadership experience** (max 300) |
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**8. Project supervisors.** Must include a CRE Chief Investigator as a primary supervisor

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|  | **Full name** | **Appointment** | **Department & Institution** |
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**9. Describe how the research supervisors and environment will support the project and applicant's career development** (max 200 words)

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**10. Please describe any future funding application plan based on this project.**

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