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Theo Murphy Initiative (Australia) - Participation Support

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The Australian Academy of Science invites applications from Australia's early- and mid-career researchers (EMCRs) to access participation support grants valued at up to $5,000 each, funded by the Theo Murphy Initiative (Australia) or TMIA. It is expected that 10–15 Participation Support grants will be awarded in this round.

A Participation Support grants provide funding to offset the cost of caring, accessibility and mobility needs to enable EMCRs to attend an event or activity that will support career development, such as a conference or training workshop. A participation support grant should enable access where an EMCR would otherwise not have been able to engage in the event or activity due to travel costs, accessibility needs or caring responsibilities.

Funding can be used to pay for travel costs to attend an event or to cover expenses associated with caring responsibilities, such as childcare. Funding can also be used to support travel costs for a carer to accompany the EMCR to provide support to the EMCR or their dependants.

Applications should be for confirmed activities occurring within 12 months (January to December 2025). After the application submission deadline, the Academy will perform an eligibility check and use a computerised random draw generator to select application numbers based on available funding and proposed budget amounts.

Application name

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Applicant information

To be eligible to receive a Participation Support grant, applicants must:

- be less than 15 years post PhD, excluding career disruption or barrier*
- be a member of an Australian EMCR group, such as the Australian Academy of Science's EMCR forum
- be currently residing in Australia and be either an Australian citizen or hold a valid Australian visa
- not have received a participation support grant in the 12 months prior to the application date
- be employed at an eligible Australian research organisation as outlined below.

Eligible research organisations:

- Australian tertiary education institutions (as per the *Higher Education Support Act 2003*)
- Australian cooperative research centres
- publicly funded research agencies
- Australian state and territory funded research organisations

- Australian public research companies
- Australian private research companies
- Australian not-for-profit research organisations
- other Australian incorporated entities.

Career disruption or barrier: A career disruption or barrier is an interruption that has caused prolonged impact on a researcher's capacity to conduct high-level research in the period since the conferral of their first PhD.

It may be due to reduced opportunities for research which may be due one or more of the following: prolonged absences due to unemployment, childbirth, carers' responsibilities, limited or no access to facilities and resources, disaster management and recovery, medical conditions, disability or accessibility needs, community obligations, including Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural practices and protocols.

An additional 6 months (pro rata) can be applied for each year of eligible career disruption to account for the time it takes to reestablish research after a period of extended leave.

Do you meet the eligibility criteria as stated above?

○ Yes

○ No

Have you previously received grant support from 'Participation support' funding stream of Theo Murphy Initiative Australia in the last 12 months?

○ Yes

○ No

Last 12 months (September 2023 - August 2024)

Applicant Information

Title

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Mr
Mrs
Ms
Dr
Professor
Associate Professor
Emeritus Professor
Professor Sir
Professor Dr
Sir

First name

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Last name

[   ]

Gender

▼
Woman
Man
Non-binary
I use a different term
Prefer not to answer

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

◯ Yes

◯ No

Organisation

Applicant organisation name

Position/designation

Field of research

Phone number

Email address

Primary address

Suburb/Town, State/Province, and Postcode are required

Residency status

▼
Australian citizen
Australian permanent resident
Australian visa holder
Other

Where did you hear about this program?

☐ Social media

☐ Academy newsletter

☐ Academy website

☐ Academy event

☐ Academy EMCR Forum

☐ University newsletter

☐ Research or grants office

☐ Word of mouth

☐ Search engine

☐ Other

Are you a member of the Academy's EMCR Forum or any other Australian EMCR group?

◯ Yes

◯ No

If you would like to become a member, please visit the webpage to register as an EMCR Forum member at no cost.
https://www.science.org.au/emcr-membership-form

What is the name of the Australian EMCR group that you are a member of?

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Applicant PhD status

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PhD degree or equivalent first higher degree. eg,. D.Phil, D.Psych, or D.Sc.

Do not hold a PhD

Date PhD was conferred

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Are you more than 15 years post PhD, and have experienced a career disruption or barrier?

◯ Yes

◯ No

Application details

What type of activity are you requesting support to participate in?

☐ Conference or symposium

☐ Training workshop

☐ Other

Title of the activity

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Start date

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Must be a date between January to December 2025

End date

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Must be a date between January to December 2025

Is the activity in-person, virtual, or hybrid?

☐ In-person

☐ Virtual

☐ Hybrid

Where is the activity being held?

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Which city will you be travelling to?

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If you are travelling internationally, please include the city and country you will spend most time in.

Participation support needs

The information provided in this application will be kept confidential, and may be viewed only by the Academy staff and relevant stakeholders, such as members of the Royal Society (Australia) Board and the Australian Academy of Science Council. The information on the need for a participation support grant will not be made public.

Please outline your need for additional support to attend an event or activity.   200 words

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For example, is this for caring, mobility or accessibility needs?

Must be no more than 200 words.

Explain how a participation support grant would enable you to participate in the activity   300 words

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For example, would the grant enable you to access childcare or bring a companion to care for a dependant of where you are the primary carer?

Must be no more than 300 words.

Briefly describe how participating in the activity will contribute towards your career development as an Australian EMCR?   200 words

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Must be no more than 200 words.

Without additional funding from the participation support grant, would you still be able to participate in the activity?

◯ Yes

◯ No

◯ In a limited capacity

Funding request

Eligible expenses

- Direct travel costs within the below limits per each expense type:
  - Airfare for economy class flights up to $1,500 per person on domestic or international flights
  - Accommodation expenses up to $250 per room, per night, for a maximum of five (5) nights
  - Other direct travel costs approved by the Academy, such as: train and bus fares, taxis, ride share or other local transport – up to $50 per adult, per day, for a maximum of six (6) days. Please note: this item limit does not apply to additional transport costs associated with accessibility needs.

- Childcare expenses, such as: child centre fees, out of school hours care fees, private childcare expenses, or other direct childcare costs. Please note: this item is only valid for expenses charged by a business or sole trader; funding from this expense type cannot be claimed for informal care providers.
- Accessibility expenses, such as: travel costs for an accompanying carer, costs associated with specific or additional transport needs, or other expenses to directly support accessibility needs approved by the Academy.
- Conference or event participation fees.

Ineligible expenses

- training enrolment expenses and other event or activity associated fees
- Food, medical and other personal expenses
- Research expenses
- Salaries
- Institute overheads, managerial and administrative cost

Funding request

	What type of support are you applying for?	Amount requested for item	What expense will the funding cover?
1			
2			
3			

- Type of support and expenses could be for travel, accessibility needs, childcare, accompanying carer or dependant minor, etc.,

- For the question on 'what expenses will the funding cover?', specify the details such accommodation, no of days, no. of carer or dependants, etc.,

Total amount requested

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Sum of total tabulated above

How many dependant minors are accompanying you?

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Mention NA if this is not relevant to you.

How many carers are accompanying you?

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Mention NA if this is not relevant to you.

If being accompanied by a carer for a dependant minor, what is the nature of the carers relationship with the child?

☐ Private childcare paid by invoice

☐ Informal childcare arrangement

☐ Not applicable

An informal childcare arrangement is anyone that is not paid to support the child, such as family and friends. Private childcare paid by invoice may be a nanny, private childcare provider or support worker.

Supporting documents & submission

Submit the following documents

1. Applicant's curriculum vitae (CV)
2. Confirmed activity supporting documentation (such as, an event brochure or registration website).

Curriculum vitae

Supporting documentation for confirmed activity

Can be merged and submitted as one file.

Event website or enrolment/registration portal

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Applicant bank account

Ensure the details provided are correct as they will be used to initiate payments should the application be successful.

1	Bank name
2	Name on account
3	BSB number
4	Account number

Must be a valid Australian bank account format

Do you accept the award terms and conditions, and agree to only use the grant funds towards eligible, approved expenses?

◯ Yes

◯ No