

## Frequently Asked Questions – 2015 Vice Chancellor’s Postdoctoral Research Fellowships

### Eligibility criteria

#### Q1. If I’m waiting for reviewers comments on my thesis, am I eligible to apply?

To be eligible you must have your PhD accepted and have met all the conditions for the award of the degree by the 27<sup>th</sup> of August 2012. If all of the conditions for awarding of the degree have been met but the graduation ceremony has not yet taken place a letter from the Post Graduate Student Office stating this will be accepted.

#### Q2. Can I apply for this fellowship before I submit my PhD?

No. To be eligible you must have your PhD accepted by the 1 July 2014.

#### Q3. Can overseas researchers apply?

Fellowships are open to international applicants, but please note that proposals must be developed in consultation with your mentor the proposed host unit at UOW.

### The application

**Q1. Do I need to attach certified copies of my transcripts?** In the first instance no, however, if you are successful in receiving a fellowship, you will need to provide certified copies of these documents.

#### Q2. Can the application be submitted any other way?

Applications will only be accepted via the UOW recruitment page.

### General

#### Q1. How do I find a UOW Mentor?

Projects must also align with the research strategies of the host Faculty (<http://www.uow.edu.au/about/faculties/index.html> or Australian Institute of Innovative Materials (AIIM) <http://aiim.uow.edu.au/index.html>). You need to contact the mentor within the host unit you would like to work with. If you do not know the mentor, you need to contact them with your request and provide them with information about yourself and your project. You are not permitted to name a mentor without their approval.

#### Q2. Will UOW assist with obtaining a Visa?

Yes, UOW will sponsor you for your visa and will cover the cost of the visa nomination fee. The Visa application fee will be at your cost. You can find further information relating to visas by visiting the Department of Immigration and Border Protection website.

<http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/457.aspx>

<http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/186.aspx>

To find out more information on the cost of your visa application fee please visit the below website:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/Pricing-Estimator.aspx>

**Q2. Will UOW cover my relocation costs?**

UOW will assist and pay the costs of relocation in line with their *Relocation and Assistance Guidelines* (not publicly available). The table below give an indication of the maximum funding available in \$AUD.

<b>Zone</b>	<b>Appointee Only</b>	<b>With Dependants</b>
A - NSW, ACT (i.e. outside the Illawarra or relevant region and required to relocate)	up to \$1,500	<i>up to \$3,000</i>
B - Western NSW: Far North NSW: VIC: Eastern / Central QLD	up to \$2,500	<i>up to \$5,000</i>
C - TAS: SA: Far North QLD	up to \$3,500	<i>up to \$6,000</i>
D - WA: NT	up to \$5,000	<i>up to \$7,000</i>
E - New Zealand: The Pacific: Asia	up to \$8,000	<i>up to \$12,000</i>
<i>F - United Kingdom: Europe: North America: South America</i>	<i>up to \$10,000</i>	<i>up to \$14,000</i>