

# VU Research Fellowships 2019 Selection Report

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## Overview of *VU Research Fellowships*

Research and research training undertaken by College based academic staff using the human, financial and physical resources of the University is undertaken within *VU Research* through an **approved Research Fellowship**.

Applications for VU Research Fellowships opened on 10 September 2018 and closed on 8 October 2018. The call for applications occurred via a University wide announcement. Applications were submitted online using the SmartyGrants System.

A total of 134 applications for VU Research Fellowships were reviewed by the Flagship Panels.

## Assessment and Selection Process

Applications for Research Fellowships were assessed by two Flagship Panels established by the DVC. The membership of the Panels is detailed in Appendix 1.

The Research Flagship nominated by the applicant in the application determined which Flagship Panel was initially assigned to assess the application.

Flagship Panel members were provided with copies of applications for assessment on 12 October, 7 days prior to the scheduled panel meeting date. Flagship Panel members individually assessed and scored each application received prior to the panel meeting.

The Flagship Panels assessed applications against the Selection Criteria as described in the VU Research Fellowship Guidelines (Appendix 2) and in accordance with the VU Research Fellowship 2019 Flagship Panel Guidelines for the Assessment of Applications (Appendix 3).

The Flagship Panels met to assess, rank and make recommendations on applications from the 19-24 October 2018.

Conflicts of interest were declared to the Chair as part of the assessment process. Where a conflict of interest was declared the Panel Member did not participate in the discussion and scoring of the application. Conflicts of interest were recorded.

Research Services conducted eligibility checks on all applications and provided advice on eligibility to the Flagship Panels during the meeting. No applications were deemed ineligible.

As the Acting Vice-President Research was also a member of the Flagship Panels, recommendations from Flagship Panels were provided to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor on the 9 November for approval.

## Selection Criteria

Applications were assessed by the Flagship Panels in accordance with the selection criteria for the VU Research Fellowships, which were:

### Existing Research Fellows

- Track Record and Capacity (40%)
- Mentoring and Capacity Building Capabilities (10%)
- Progress towards the Research Objectives of the 2018 Research Fellowship (20%)
- Research Plan for the next 12 months (20%)
- Benefit, Feasibility and Cost Effectiveness (10%).

### New Research Fellows

- Track Record and Capacity (40%)
- Mentoring and Capacity Building Capabilities (10%)
- Alignment, Quality and Innovation of the Research (30%)
- Benefit, Feasibility and Cost Effectiveness (20%).

## Funding Outcomes

The funding outcomes shown below reflect approved recommendations by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

In total, **123 VU Research Fellowships have been allocated** for 2018. The overall success rate is **92%**.

Prior to the announcement of outcomes, Research Services notified Deans of the outcomes.

Applicants will receive individual, written notice of outcomes. Successful applicants will be required to formally accept the offer of a Fellowship. An appeals procedure has been established, details of which will be available from the [VU Research Fellowship site](#).

## Funding Outcomes Overall

Table 1. Summary of Overall Applications and Outcomes

Applicant type	IHES			ISILC			TOTAL		
	Applied	Funded	Success rate	Applied	Funded	Success rate	Applied	Funded	Success rate
<b>VURF in 2018</b>	49	49	100%	48	44	92%	97	93	96%
<b>New applicant</b>	9	9	100%	28	21	75%	37	30	81%
<b>All</b>	58	58	100%	76	65	86%	134	123	92%

## Funding Outcomes by Gender

Table 4. Success rates of eligible applicants by gender.

Gender	IHES	ISILC	All
Female	100%	83%	92%
Male	100%	87%	91%
<b>All</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>92%</b>

Table 5. Composition of IHES Flagship VU Research Fellows by headcount

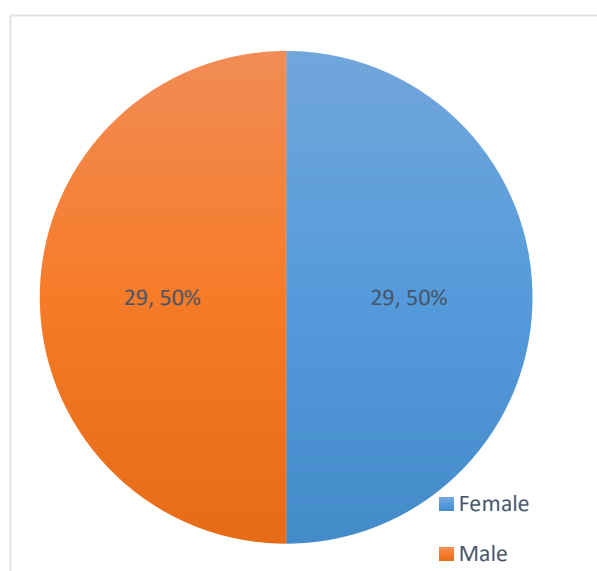
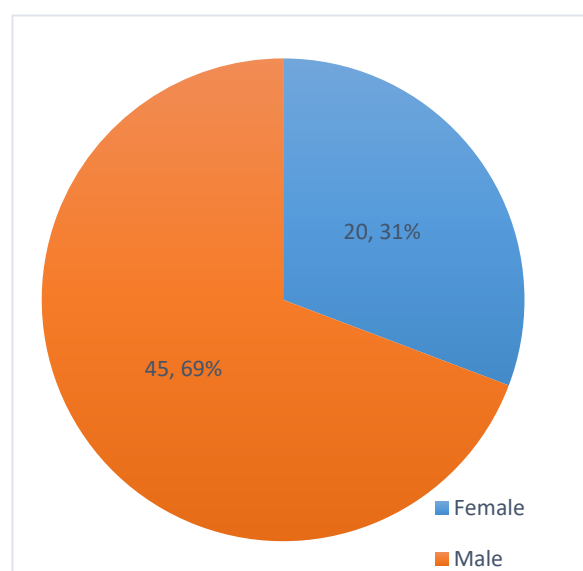


Table 6. Composition of ISILC Flagship VU Research Fellows by headcount



## Funding Outcomes by Academic Level

Table 7. VU Research Fellows by Academic Level and College (headcount)

College	A	B	C	D	E	Grand Total
Arts and Education		2	10	5	2	19
Business		4	4	1	2	11
Engineering and Science	1	7	9	5	5	27
First Year	1	2	4	1		8
Health and Biomedicine		10	11	5	7	33
Law and Justice	1	3	1	1	1	7
Sport and Exercise Science	2	3	8	2	3	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>123</b>

Table 9. Early Career Researcher Success rate.

	IHES	ISILC	All
Applied	15	18	33
Successful	15	17	32
<b>All</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>97%</b>

## Appendix 1 – Membership of the Flagship Panels

<b>Sport, Health and Active Living Flagship Panel</b>	<b>Sustainable Industries and Liveable Cities Flagship Panel</b>
Professor Rob Strathdee (Chairperson)	Professor Rob Strathdee (Chairperson)
Professor Mike McKenna	Professor Stephen Gray
Professor Vasso Apostolopoulos	Professor Anne-Marie Hede
Professor John Price	Dr Randall Robinson
Dr Sian McLean (Researcher Representative)	Dr Zali Yager (Researcher Representative)
Dr Andrew Gaff (Secretariat)	Dr Andrew Gaff (Secretariat)
Nita Eng (Secretariat)	Nita Eng (Secretariat)

\*Professor Karen Dodd was originally appointed to Chair the SILC Panel but was not able to perform this role. Professor Rob Strathdee was appointed by the DVC to replace Professor Karen Dodd.

Panels received supplementary input in the assessment of applications for Accreditation FoRs from:

- Dr Annie Venville (College Dean nominee for the accreditation FoR Social Work provided input to the Sport, Health and Active Living Flagship Panel)
- Professor Michael Stuckey (College Dean for the accreditation FOR Law provided input to the Sustainable Industries and Liveable Cities Flagship Panel)),
- Professor Mark Farrell (College Dean for the accreditation FOR Accounting provided input to the Sustainable Industries and Liveable Cities Flagship Panel)

## Appendix 2 – *VU Research* Fellowship Guidelines 2019

See Attached Files in navigation pane.

## Appendix 3 – *VU Research* Fellowships 2019 Flagship Panel Guidelines for the Assessment of Applications

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