



NECST PhD and Post-

or have been accepted to undertake a PhD or is eligible to undertake a PhD with a confirmed supervisory panel (either a local domestic or international student).

If you are wanting to apply for the post-doctoral scholarship you must be either within 10-years of your PhD award (taking into account career disruption) or a clinical fellow (a clinician undertaking research).

In addition, all applicants must:

- Be based at a recognised Australian tertiary institution or research organisation.
- Have at least one experienced senior researcher named as primary supervisor or mentor.
- Reside in Australia.

Fellowship funding and award period

NECST Fellowships are funding people who are undertaking a PhD project or are an emerging post-doctoral or clinical fellow in the early stages of establishing a research career. These Fellowships are not for funding research infrastructure, travel or accommodation costs.



Before applying, you must read and understand these guidelines and the [Application and Research Plan Form](#).

Applications are to be made on the application form.

To apply, you must:

- Complete and sign the application and research plan form;
- Provide all the information requested;
- Address all eligibility criteria and assessment criteria;
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Negotiations and award of fellowship agreements	Up to 4 weeks
Notification to unsuccessful applicants	1 week

Fellowship selection process

Assessment of applications

First review of applications will be against the eligibility criteria mentioned above.

Only eligible applications will move to panel review. Eligible applications will be reviewed through a closed competitive process. Applications will be assessed against the assessment criteria. We will consider your application on its merits based on:

- Does your personal statement and CV address:
 - Your demonstrated ability and capability to carry out high quality research;
 - Rationale for why you are in this field of research;
 - Rationale for why you chose this project and supervisor/mentor;
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For all research outputs from studies using NECST Registry data, the following acknowledgement must be included:

"The research on which this (paper, abstract or report) is based was conducted as part of the National Endometriosis Clinical and Scientific (NECST) Registry by the University of New South Wales. We are grateful to the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care for funding and to the women, trans and gender-diverse people who provided the survey and clinical data."

You will also be required to present your research progress to-date or research findings at the NECST Network Symposium, to be held in 2025 or 2026. Location of symposium is still to be determined, however, if you reside interstate, your flights and accommodation will be paid for as an awardee of a NECST Fellowship.

[How to re-apply for a new fellowship, a variation of fellowship or fellowship renewal](#)

Keeping us informed

We need to know of any key/major changes to your organisation or research activities, especially if they affect your ability to complete your PhD candidature or research study.

You must also inform us of any changes to your: name, address, nominated contact details; and bank account details.

If you become aware of a breach of terms and conditions under the fellowship agreement, you must contact us immediately.

Reporting and conditions for fellowship renewal

NECST Fellowships will be paid on an annual basis, up to a maximum of 3-years for PhD Scholarships or PhD top ups and 2-years for post-doctoral researchers or clinical fellows.

To qualify for fellowship renewal, you must provide evidence of:

- Notification of an accepted conference (National or International) abstract (oral or poster) and including:
 - Copy of the submitted abstract;
 - Copy of the final oral or poster presentation, and/or:
- Notification of the submitted publication to a medical or scientific journal including:
 - Copy of the submitted publication;
 - Copy upon publication.
- For first year PhD candidates, post-doctoral researchers and clinical fellows, if you are not able to submit a conference abstract or publication, a detailed progress report outlining the past year's progress (e.g., any ethics approval, study protocol development, co-design workshops, laboratory training workshops for methodological development etc.) is to be submitted for renewal approval by the NECST Executive Committee.

Enquiries

If you have questions relating to the clarification of information of this fellowship, or process during the application period, please contact:

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