

The Life Course Centre HDR transition grant is an opportunity for students to gain research experience and skills outside of their thesis topic. It offers short-term research assistant positions to current students on existing Life Course Centre research projects, with a priority given to HDR students in the final year of their degree and to projects that will facilitate students to extend their existing skill sets. Conditions of the transition grants are determined by the Life Course Centre.

The grants are supported by the ARC Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course, as part of the Capacity Building Portfolio.

The grants of awards is limited due to funding and will be based on candidates meeting the required eligibility and selection criteria.

Scope

- **Grant value:** equivalent to 6 weeks at 0.4 for a HEW 5.1 , i.e 87 hours = \$4,093
- **Distribution of funds:** the grant will be paid to the employing institution.
- **Scheme value:** The maximum funds available for the scheme in 2020 is \$12,300.

Key dates

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| 2 July | Researchers contacted for EOI |
| 27 July | Projects advertised |
| 10 August | Applications close |
| 11 August | Project supervisors contacted with applicants who nominated their project as 1 st choice |
| 18 August | Project supervisors contacted with applicants who nominated their project as 2 nd choice. |
| 1 st September | Earliest start for projects |
| 16 th November | Latest start for projects |

Eligibility and Assessment

Students

You are eligible to apply if you are a Life Course Centre HDR student who has:

- Support from their Principal Supervisor
- Remain a current student (i.e. still enrolled)
- Are not in part-time employment during the tenure of the grant

Projects

- Research project is part of the Life Course Centre

The Capacity Building Portfolio Committee will assess project applications against the following selection criteria:

- The skills that will be gained by the candidate during their employment – students ideally not employed by their supervisor
- The potential impact of the contribution to Life Course Centre research and capacity building

Application and Award Process

1. Call for projects
2. Chosen projects will be advertised.
3. The applicant must submit the following application documents for assessment:
 - a) A completed application form;
 - b) An endorsement from the principal/ Life Course Centre advisor;
 - c) A current CV;

Submit to lcc@uq.edu.au

Students must nominate their first choice of project, and may indicate other projects they would like to be considered for.

3. Project supervisors will select their preferred candidate. This may be based solely on the submitted material, but may also involve an interview. Start and end dates, and hours per week, will be negotiated between the project supervisor and student. Employment conditions will be determined by the organisation.
4. On approval of the application, the awardee, in consultation with their project supervisor, must provide a start date and agree to the terms and conditions;
5. On completion, the awardee must submit a final report on the work undertaken, and enter relevant KPIs into the Life Course Centre Reportal. If the work has not been satisfactorily completed, the final report must provide a detailed summary of the reasons why;
6. The final report must be accompanied by an endorsement from the employer.

Contacts for Assistance

Queries regarding the scheme should be directed in the first instance to the Life Course Centre Analysis and Development Coordinator, Lisa Pope l.pope@uq.edu.au