Thirty-two applications, indicated to be Early Career Researcher (ECR) Applications, were submitted to ARC. Applications were deemed to have ECR status if all investigators listed were early career researchers.

Of these 32, 2 are not in fact deserving of this status. A further one was withdrawn at rejoinder stage as the applicant, who was a sole chief investigator (CI) was seeking an APD, took up a research fellowship in the US. Another applicant – a sole CI, seeking an ARS/QEI, was deemed to be ineligible as the Expert Advisory Committee (EAC) determined that his work was in fact part of the core business of a Special Research Centre (SRC). This leaves 28 ECR applications of which 4 were successful. Giving a "net" success rate of 14.2% (national average – 16.8%).

The four successful were applications seeking APDs by sole CIs, in the areas of Anthropology, Geology (2) and History. One application by a sole CI who was not seeking a fellowship was placed on the reserve list to receive one year's funding in the event that funds became available. It should be noted also that another application involving an ECR and an established researcher has been put on the APD fellowship reserve list.

Of the 24 unsuccessful ECR applications, 12 were submitted by sole CIs seeking an APD; 7 were submitted by sole CIs seeking an ARS/QEI; 2 were submitted by sole CIs seeking project funding only (one of these was successful in collaboration with an established researcher on another project); and 1 was submitted by 2 ECRs seeking project funding only (one of these CIs submitted an unsuccessful sole CI application also).

Four applications for APDs were submitted by current University Postdoctoral Research Fellows, three of these were successful. The fourth recipient of an APD was an ex-IREX (ARC International Research Exchange Programme) Fellow.

UWA received 4 further fellowships 2 QEIIs and 2 APDs included in multi-CI applications.

Apart from the two applications mentioned above as being on the reserve list, no other ECRs were included in the top 15% of unfunded applications.

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