The Wettenhall Establishment Award is a postdoctoral fellowship scheme supported by the Bio21 Molecular Science and Biotechnology Institute (Bio21 Institute). Commencing in 2013, the Wettenhall Establishment Award recognizes the outstanding vision of the inaugural Director of the Bio21 Institute, Professor Richard (Dick) EH Wettenhall and his commitment to the career development of early career researchers.

**Objective**

The Wettenhall Establishment Award is aimed at providing outstanding individuals with support to make the transition from senior post-doctoral scientist to independent researcher. Wettenhall Establishment Award Fellows should have a demonstrated potential for independent research and be conducting research that is strategically aligned with one or more of the three thematic research areas in the Bio21 Institute. The fund will provide support for consumables, equipment and/or salaries for the research program of the Fellow.

**Funding**

* Funds shall be awarded with a maximum value of $60,000.
* Funding will be awarded for one year only, 1 January 2016 to 31 December 2016
* Funds can be used to cover research consumables, equipment and salaries for other personnel on the proposed project.
* Budget cannot be allocated for the salary of the applicant.
* The budget should be spent within the year of award, or a request for extension must be submitted in writing to the Bio21 Institute Director three months prior to the year end.

**Eligibility**

The applicant should

* be within 6-years of the award of their PhD qualification at the time of application (date of formal letter of confirmation).
* have held or currently hold an independent fellowship and/or be a named CI on a major competitive grant (i.e. ARC, NHMRC).
* have demonstrated the ability to undertake and publish high quality research.
* hold a salaried academic appointment of at least 0.5 full time equivalent (FTE) at level A, B, or C at the University of Melbourne and be located (for at least 50% of research time) in the Bio21 Institute.
* demonstrate in their application that they have the time and access to relevant infrastructure and resources to pursue the project concerned, within the context of existing responsibilities (including research, teaching and supervision).

**Note:** Staff who do not fit the eligibility criteria, but believe they can make a compelling case for being considered in the context of the objective of the award, can make a special case in writing and attach this to the application. The special case could include, but is not limited to, individuals who have experienced significant career interruptions due to serious illness or child bearing or child rearing.

**Application**

Project applications must include:

1. A description of the research project (under the following headings; Aims, Background, Objectives and Expected Outcomes of the project; Alignment of this research with the Bio21 Institute Research Themes; Future career plans; and Project budget). This section should be 2 pages maximum.
2. The applicant’s CV (including all positions held since PhD, any grants, fellowships, prizes/awards, and complete publication list (2 pages maximum).
3. Academic staff employed on an externally-funded project can apply, but must provide a letter of support from their research group leader and endorsed by the Head of Department indicating that they are allowed to, and they have the time available to pursue, the research proposed in the application.

**Note:** The budget (up to $60,000) should outline expenses for consumables, equipment, and salaries for the project outlined in the application. Budget cannot be allocated for the salary of the fellow.

**Timing**

One original electronic copy of your complete application should be submitted to the Bio21 Institute Executive Assistant by 4 pm 29 October 2015.

**Conditions of Award**

The award must be accepted in writing by the award recipient, research group leader and their Head of Department.

The Award recipient must ensure that the research is conducted in accordance with University policy, including compliance with the code of conduct for research and policies on human research ethics, animal experimentation ethics, requirements of the Office of Gene Technology Regulator, health and safety and intellectual property. No project may proceed unless the appropriate ethical or other required clearances have been obtained.

Funding is for one year only, commencing 1 January 2016. Projects must be completed and funds expended by 31 December 2016. Extensions to this completion date will be considered only in exceptional circumstances. A written request must be submitted to the Bio21 Institute Executive Assistant 3 months prior to the end of 2016.

The award recipient is required to provide a 2 page written report on the outcomes of the project by 31 October 2016. This must be submitted to the Bio21 Institute Executive Assistant. Summary of projects funded and project final reports may be published.

Successful applicants are expected to provide appropriate acknowledgement of the Bio21 Institute support when communicating research outcomes.

The award recipient will be responsible for the project and will be the contact person for all administrative matters to do with the project.

The award recipient is responsible for ensuring that the expenditure of the award is broadly in accord with the budget presented in the application and is consistent at all times with the nature and aims of the specific project approved and the objectives of the award. Should the project prematurely cease within the allocated funding period any unspent funds will be returned to the Bio21 Institute.

At the conclusion of the award, recipients are to submit the Final Report form which will be provided to the successful applicant.

The Bio21 Institute Director (or nominee) will chair the selection committee in the evaluation and assessment of applications.

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# Applicants details

# Year in which you were awarded your PhD

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| Date of letter of formal confirmation |  |
| Current Academic Level |  |
| Full time or fractional FTE |  |

# Current Funding

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| **(ARC and or NHMRC Research Fellowship or equivalent)** |
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# If you would like an Eligibility Exemption, on what grounds

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# Summary of your research Program and how it aligns with the Bio21 Institute theme/s

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***Submit:*** One original electronic copy of:

- Application Form

- Two page CV

- Two page proposal in line with the guidelines

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**Submit application to:** Eleonore Costello

Executive Assistant to the Director

Bio21 Institute

University of Melbourne

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