

Conference Travel, Professional Development and Open Access Publication Funding



**Centre for Health Equity (CHE), Melbourne School of Population and Global Health,
University of Melbourne**

The Centre for Health Equity would like to open our two funding schemes for 2022.

The categories of funding are for:

1. Conference Travel and Professional Development Support

This funding scheme is designed to provide financial support to early- to mid-career* (Level A-C) CHE staff. Staff (excluding Honorary and students) are eligible to apply. Should the available funds be exceeded by application requests applicants without other sources of funding or who have not received funding in previous CHE funding rounds will be prioritised.

Activities eligible for funding include attendance to present at in person conferences and attendance at virtual conferences and professional development opportunities which include online training or relevant skill development courses. While the conference or training session can occur in 2023 payment for any supported events, must be made in this calendar year.

The Centre will consider applications of up to a maximum of \$3,000 for conference attendance (including flights) and \$1,500 for training and professional development. Applications are awarded based on merit, and should be sent through addressing and including the points below:

- Details of what the request is for (i.e. virtual conference, including dates and details of your presentation etc.).
- How the opportunity will provide benefit to the research program and for career development
- A budget and justification (include detail of whether this is a reimbursement for an expense already paid)

All funds awarded must be paid and spent by the 16th December 2022. Expenses cannot be paid for in the new budget year, 2023. In circumstances where a recipient is awarded support but is subsequently unable to disburse the payment this year then the award will be unable to be supported for payment in 2023.

Please note that this funding can be applied retrospectively to support eligible expenses which have already been paid in 2021, such expenses will be reimbursed to the account from which the expense was paid.

Applications should complete an application form. Please submit your application form by email to Kylie Gilmartin, CHE Centre Manager kylie.gilmartin@unimelb.edu.au by **COB Monday 4th July 2022**. For further information or to discuss further please contact Kylie.

Applications will be reviewed by the Research/Graduate Research Portfolio group. Recommendations for funding will be submitted to the CHE Directors. If funds remain available after this first call for applications, then it is expected that a second round will be announced in Quarter 3-4 2022.

2. Open Access Scheme

What is the purpose of the Open Access Funding Scheme?

This funding scheme provides support to staff in CHE to disseminate their research findings via open access formats, where researchers do not have access to funds for publication expenses within their research program or grants. The aim of this scheme is to increase the exposure of the high-quality research produced by staff of CHE.

Who is eligible to apply?

This scheme is open to CHE academic/research staff from levels A to C and PhD/MPH/MSc (capstone) candidates who are a lead author on a publication and affiliated on the publication to CHE.

As the funding available for this scheme is limited, priority is given for staff and students who have not received funding support from CHE for other open access publication charges in the previous scheme round. Applications will also be assessed with relation to journal quality and potential impact of the published research. For this reason, please outline the journal quality, impact and other disciplinary/area factors related to journal choice.

What funding is available?

The Centre will consider applications for funding of up to a maximum of \$3,000. Co-funding from other sources is encouraged. Funding is only available for disbursement in the 2022 budget year, all awarded funds must be spent by 16th December 2022. Eligible publications are for CHE lead author papers and can include:

- I. OA costs in relation to publications in 2022 (including reimbursement of already incurred costs)
- II. OA fees associated with currently under review or submitted publications which will be published in 2021 and which you will be able to be invoiced and make payment before the 15th December 2022.
- III. Publications that have been published in 2022 for which upgrading to an OA publication can be justified.

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*An Early Career Researcher is someone within 5 years of graduating with his or her Doctorate or in first 5 years of an academic appointment. A Mid-Career Researcher is someone within 5 – 10 years of graduating with his or her doctorate or with the equivalent length of research experience and has a track record of an average of one HERDC recorded publication per year.