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2023 Future Research Talent (FRT) program - Information sheet
---*For institutional staff only. Not for distribution to students*---

- FRT website with information on the program, eligibility, value of travel award, research projects / areas / groups, and more:
  https://science.anu.edu.au/FRT/India

- FRT is a competitive program open only to students from selected, high-quality Indian institutions. For the 2023 FRT round, we are expecting to be able to support a total of ~65 Indian scholars, selected from across 29 collaborating Indian institutions.

- All applicants must be nominated by ANU's selected collaborating institutions in India. The link to the application portal, along with your institution's unique nomination IDs, is provided in a separate attachment.
  - A limited number of nomination IDs will be provided to each institution. Every nomination ID is unique and can only be used to submit one application.
  - Please exercise caution when providing the application link and nomination IDs to your students. These should **not** be shared publicly. You may apply on behalf of your students.

- Research Projects / areas / groups at ANU that are available as part of the 2023 FRT scheme are listed on the FRT webpage. Applicants must nominate at least one, but can nominate up to three, research projects / areas / groups from that list in their FRT application.

- Important: Applicants are **_NOT_** required or expected to contact ANU supervisors/academic staff during the application process. Please advise your students that pre-approval from academic staff at ANU is **_not_** necessary for this program and that ANU academic staff should **_not_** be contacted.
  - Applicants are also required to provide the following as part of the application.
    - Two academic reference letters (these can be submitted through the online application portal or emailed directly to ANU – instructions are contained in the online application portal)
    - Copy of their most recent transcripts (providing an overview of their cumulative GPA and courses taken as part of their degree program/s)
    - An update resume/CV

- The online application for the FRT program is a short, three-part application. If you would like to view the application form or the questions we ask, please see attached document containing screenshots of the online application form, including all questions that applicants will be asked in the form.

- We strongly encourage you to nominate your best students who have demonstrated an excellent aptitude for research. We are looking to support India's future research talent and you are strongly encouraged to run an internal selection process to select your students

accordingly. You are requested to rank your nominated scholars and we may use that ranking (e.g., as a tiebreaker) if required.

- 11 ANU Research Schools have nominated over 110 research projects / areas / groups that are open to hosting FRT scholars in 2023. You are encouraged to nominate students across the research and educational spectrum of your institution that aligns with the ANU research projects / areas / groups that are open to hosting candidates.

- Number of scholars that we select in each discipline area is very likely to correspond to research projects available in that discipline as listed on the [FRT webpage](#) – you may wish to consider this in your internal selections (particularly if you are a multi-disciplinary institution).

- FRT program is designed primarily to support senior undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) students who have demonstrated excellent research capabilities and conducted a reasonable level of research work in their studies. However, students must have at least one (1) year remaining in their degree program after returning to India following the completion of the 2023 FRT program.

  - Therefore, students who will be entering or will already be in the penultimate stages of their Bachelor or Master degrees by mid-2023 will be best suited for the program. As a guide, candidates that you see reaching the following stages of their degrees by mid-2023 should be nominated:
    - Students undertaking a 4-year UG program should be completing the 3rd year of their degree by mid-2023.
    - Students undertaking a 5-year integrated UG+PG program should be completing the 3rd or 4th year of their degree by mid-2023.
    - Students undertaking a 2-year PG / Master degree program should be completing the 1st year of their degree by mid-2023.

  - However, if your institution only hosts PhD students, please nominate them. Research projects / areas / groups that are available to candidates currently undertaking PhD are identified on the [FRT webpage](#) with * asterisk.

- Please do **_not_** nominate candidates that you are aware have already accepted corporate (non-R&D related) job offers at the conclusion of their degree. Our aim is to support scholars that have a passion for research and are interested in developing a career in scientific research.

- We are committed to addressing the serious under-representation of women in science and mathematics disciplines. We encourage you to especially reach out to your female students and empower and support them to apply for the 2023 FRT program. We are aiming to select a gender-balanced pool of FRT scholars.

- Applications are now open, and close on **31 October 2022**. All applicants should have been shortlisted by their home institute, provided with a unique nomination ID, and must have applied through the ANU online portal before this date. Academic reference letters being emailed directly to ANU must be received by us by 6 November 2022 (these details are also provided in the online application form).
  - We aim to notify successful scholars before the end of this year. It is suggested that candidates undertake their research project at ANU between May – August 2023 unless another timeframe is negotiated with the host ANU Research School / supervisor.