



**2025 Future Research Talent (FRT) program - Information sheet**  
**---For institutional staff managing selection process only. Not for distribution to applicants---**

- FRT website with information on the program, eligibility, value of travel award, research projects / areas / groups, and more:  
<https://science.anu.edu.au/FRT/Indonesia>
- FRT is a competitive program open to staff and students from selected, high-quality Indonesian institutions. Competition will be extremely intense for the 2025 FRT round and it is expected that a total of approx. 45 FRT grants will be on offer to scholars from across India and Indonesia.
- All applicants must be nominated by ANU's selected collaborating institutions in Indonesia. 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 for student and/or staff categories 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 / staff. These should **not** be shared publicly. You may apply on behalf of your students.
- Research Projects across various disciplinary areas at ANU that are available as part of the 2025 FRT scheme are listed on the [FRT webpage](#). Applicants must nominate at least one, but can nominate up to three, research projects 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 / staff 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.
    1. 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)

2. Copy of their most recent transcripts (providing an overview of their cumulative GPA and courses taken as part of their degree program/s)
  3. An updated resume/CV
  4. Evidence of English language ability (this can be done by providing a copy of results in a standardised English language test (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) or a copy of written work in English (e.g., a research paper) or a one-minute self-recorded video demonstrating English language proficiency.
- 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 the 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 and staff who have demonstrated an excellent aptitude for research. We are looking to support Indonesia's future research talent and you are strongly encouraged to run an internal selection process to select your students / staff 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 85 research projects / areas / groups that are open to hosting FRT scholars in 2025. You are encouraged to nominate students / staff across the research and educational spectrum of your institution that aligns with the ANU research projects / areas / groups that are open to hosting candidates.
    - The 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).

#### **Degree level of students and staff that are eligible / should be nominated**

- The FRT program is designed primarily to support 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate (UG) and postgraduate (PG) / Master's degree students, and academic / research staff who are yet to complete a PhD but, who have demonstrated excellent research capabilities and conducted a reasonable level of research work in their studies.
  - Students must have at least one (1) year remaining in their home university degree when they arrive at ANU to conduct their FRT research project. That is:
    - *Students undertaking a 4-year UG degree must not have completed more than 3 years of their degree before arriving at ANU.*
    - *Students undertaking a 5-year integrated UG + PG degree must not have completed more than 4 years of their degree before arriving at ANU.*
    - *Students undertaking a 2-year PG degree must not have completed more than 1 year of their degree before arriving at ANU.*

- Students who are at the stages of degrees as outlined above will be best suited for research projects at ANU. They would have undertaken required level of courses, and have had some exposure to research, to be able to contribute to ANU research projects.
  - Please do not nominate students who will only complete the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> year of their UG study when they arrive at ANU unless they have demonstrated exceptional research aptitude.
  - PhD candidates, and staff who already hold PhD qualification, should **not** be nominated and will not be considered.
  - **Staff** should only be nominated if they can undertake FRT research projects / work with research areas / groups that are open to hosting staff members.
    - *These projects / areas are identified on the [FRT webpage](#) with # symbol (projects that are open to both students and staff), and by % symbol (projects that are open only to staff).*
    - **Staff** members that nominate to undertake research projects that are not marked with # or % symbols will not be considered.
- For exceptional applicants and where appropriate (i.e., both the applicant and ANU supervisor have availability), research projects marked with ^ symbol may be extended, and supported with additional funding, beyond the standard duration (12 weeks) of the FRT program. Applicants will be able to nominate their interest in an extended research project as part of their FRT application.
  - 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 under-representation of women in science, technology and mathematics disciplines. We encourage you to especially reach out to your female students and empower and support them to apply for the 2025 FRT program. We are aiming to select a gender-balanced pool of FRT scholars.
  - Applications are now open, and close on **22 January 2025** 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 **22 January 2025** (these details are also provided in the online application form).
    - We aim to notify successful scholars before the end of February 2025. It is suggested that candidates undertake their research project at ANU between the months of June – September 2025 unless another timeframe is negotiated with the host ANU Research School / supervisor.