# ALIVE National Centre 2024 Professional Advancement and Career Expansion (PACE) Award for Mid-Career Researchers (MCR) Application Form

#### SECTION 1. APPLICATION CHECKLIST

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|  | I am a Mid-Career Researcher (5-15 years post PhD graduation)1 |
|  | I am a member of the Next Generation Researcher Network AND/OR Lived-Experience Research Collective (or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicant who is not a member but has direct involvement with an ALIVE National affiliated organisation.) |
|  | I have an ALIVE National Centre Investigator as a named mentor (or an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicant who has a mentor that is a senior researcher and affiliated with the ALIVE National Centre) and I have discussed this application with them |
|  | I am either engaged in an ALIVE funded project directly, or on an approved ALIVE affiliated project2 |
|  | I have completed every section of the application form |
|  | I have attached formal quotes from the provider of any courses, workshops, seminars (or other activities) that are requested |
|  | I have attached a five-page track-record document using the described format |
|  | I give permission for the summary of the proposal (section 4.1) I have provided to be included in Centre updates or shared publicly. |

1 Career disruptions will be taken into consideration, please describe in section 2.3

2. An ALIVE affiliated project is an externally funded project with named ALIVE National Investigators. To apply for ALIVE-affiliated project status, e-mail [alive-hub@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:alive-hub@unimelb.edu.au).

#### SECTION 2. APPLICANT DETAILS

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| Name |  |
| Institution |  |
| Department/School |  |
| Email |  |
| Phone |  |
| Total Amount Requested |  |

**2.1 Please select all that are applicable:**

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|  | I am a member of the Next Generation Researcher Network (NGRN) |
|  | I am a member of the Lived-Experience Research Collective |
|  | I am an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicant who is either a member of an ALIVE National Centre Network or has direct involvement with an ALIVE National affiliated organisation |

**2.2 Please describe your current career stage (how many years post PhD and your research program and its development to date)**

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| (250 word limit) |

**2.3 If you need to flag any career interruptions or “relative to opportunity” considerations, please do so in this section**

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| (150 word limit) |

**2.4 Please list your confirmed ALIVE National investigator(s) mentor (For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants this may be an ALIVE affiliated senior researcher):**

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| Name | Institution | Confirmed \* |
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\**By ticking this box you are confirming that you have contacted the mentor and they have agreed to undertake mentorship over the funding scheme period*

#### SECTION 3. RESEARCH FOCUS AREA

**3.1 Which ALIVE National Centre research program(s) does your research inform? Tick all the boxes that apply**

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|  | Prevention across the life-course |
|  | Longer healthier lives in priority populations |
|  | Lived-Experience Research |
|  | Mental health care at-scale |

**3.2 Please describe** how this **proposal and its activities** align with ALIVE National Centre Consensus Statement priorities and the implementation actions within these ([Phase 1](https://alivenetwork.com.au/our-massive-online-public-co-design-project/) and/or [Phase 2](https://simplebooklet.com/phase2consensusstatementstheintermediaryhorizon))

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| (200 word limit) |

#### SECTION 4. PROFESSIONAL/CAREER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

**4.1 For what purpose are you requesting funds? (Tick all that apply)**

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|  | Conference attendance and presentation |
|  | Collaboration for a grant proposal specifically (this may include presentations, meeting and/or workshop at the place that is the focus of the visit) |
|  | Professional development course |
|  | Coaching and leadership development workshop/course |
|  | Other: Outline\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**4.2** Please detail your PACE activity, illustrating with specific examples and milestones that will be supported by PACE funding. **Please include the name of the activity and an indication that attendance will be possible (e.g., abstract acceptance at a conference). Note that this may be used in Centre updates or shared in public media.**

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| (200 word limit) |

**4.****3 Please describe how the funds will help to:**

1. support your career development
2. contribute to your field of research (specifically your research program)
3. provide the support you need to advance professionally

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| 1. word limit) |

#### SECTION 5. BUDGET

**5.1 Please provide itemised budget details** and attach any formal quotes from the provider of any courses, workshops, seminars (or other activities) that are requested.

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| **ACTIVITY/ITEM** | **COST** |
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#### SECTION 6. TRACK RECORD (CAREER TRAJECTORY)

Please include in your application a **5-page track record document** (applicant name in header on each page) which includes the following:

* + **Pages 1-3: CV presented in the format described below (3 pages only)**
  + **Page 4: Your top 10 publications in the last 10 years (one page only).**
  + **Page 5: Impact Statement (one page only)**

**Pages 1-3. CV presented in the format described below:**

* Career summary - including qualifications, employment, and appointment history
* Research support - including grants, awards, and fellowships
* Community engagement and participation
* Professional involvement – including committees, conference organisation, conference participation
* International standing - including invitations to speak, international committees
* Supervision and mentoring of research higher degree students, peers, and practitioners)
* Peer review involvement (including NHMRC, other granting organisations, manuscripts, editorial responsibilities)
* Industry relevant expertise and output
* Other information you think is vital to your application.

#### Page 4. Top 10 Publications in the last 10 years

Applicants are asked to list their top 10 career best publications over the last 10 years. For each publication we recommend reporting the Field Weighted Citation Impact and providing a brief written description of why each paper has been selected; the impact of the paper; and how it fits with this application and your broader career goals. Please note that the Field Weighted Citation Impact is for paper-specific publication only. If you need more details on what Field Weighted Citation Impact is [click here](https://service.elsevier.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/14894/supporthub/scopus/~/what-is-field-weighted-citation-impact-%28fwci%29%3F/). Field Weighted Citation Impact can be accessed on SciVal and Scopus.

Please do not report Journal Impact Factors and ‘Excellence in Research Australia’ metrics and do not use H index numbers. Please feel free to include creative works, other media formats and artistic outputs in the top ten publications.

#### Page 5. Impact Statement

In this section we ask you to reflect on the work you have conducted since the completion of your PhD and provide examples of how your research has impacted on the field (the impact of research as defined by the [National Health and Medical Research Council](https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/research-policy/research-translation-and-impact/research-impact) is “the verifiable outcomes that research makes to knowledge, health, the economy and/or society, and not the prospective or anticipated effects of the research”), in terms of inclusion in policies or programs and any translation of implementation of your research findings. Please provide examples of this. Examples include:

* Contribution to field of research – this may include the impact of previous research, including translation and commercialisation of research into health outcomes
* Patents – this information should include the type of patent, if the patent has been granted and if so when it was granted, to whom, and if it is still current.
* Collaborations

*\*Some parts of the track record examples are drawn from National Health and Medical Research Council guides (and other schemes such as the Australian Research Council) to assist you to develop your capabilities for grant submissions and fellowship applications.*

#### SECTION 7. SUBMISSION

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| Submission Instructions  1. Save this file as 2024-ALIVE-NGRN *[APPLICANTS SURNAME]* and submit it **as a single PDF document** (including your track record). If you cannot merge the documents to one single PDF file a WORD file is acceptable.  2. Email your application [alive-hub@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:alive-hub@unimelb.edu.au) with the subject title: 2024-ALIVE-NGRN Application- *[APPLICANTS SURNAME].*  Applications close at 5:00pm AEST on 2nd September 2024. No late applications will be accepted. |

Outcomes will be announced by 10th October 2024. In most instances we assume that the National Centre can coordinate the payments for travel, accommodation, courses, and workshops ahead with successful applicants. This will be discussed on award with applicants for the easiest approach for access to funds and support for capacity building.

Funding must be used within 12 months – for **PACE awards, any activities funded need to occur within this award timeframe and not be for a future event later than 12 months from receipt**. Any requests for project extension will need to apply formally to the ALIVE National Executive Research Leadership Committee of the Centre at least two months ahead of the 12-month deadline.

For more information about the funding program and timeline visit <https://go.unimelb.edu.au/s82s>. To join the Next Generation Researcher Network and/or the Lived-Experience Research Collective please apply here:

<https://nextgen.alivenetwork.com.au>

<https://livedexperience.alivenetwork.com.au>

To discuss your application, please contact the ALIVE HUB via [alive-hub@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:alive-hub@unimelb.edu.au)

