Women’s Academic Fund

About the program
The Queensland Government’s Advance Queensland initiative focuses on growing the economy and creating jobs. This includes investing in science and innovation in order to attract and retain the best and brightest research minds, and encouraging researchers to keep working in their chosen profession.

The Advance Queensland Women’s Academic Fund supports women in maintaining their research careers, and supports Queensland organisations in promoting the achievements of Queensland’s female researchers.

Benefits
The program will:
• encourage university based female researchers to return to their research careers following maternity leave
• support female researchers to enhance their professional reputations through participation at national or international conferences as an invited presenter, or when participating on professional research committees
• promote lectures or presentations that highlight the contributions of Queensland’s female scientists.

A total pool of $900,000 is available over three years. Applications will continue to be accepted until the funding pool is exhausted.

Eligibility criteria
Maternity Funding:
Funding of up to $25,000 (excluding GST) is available for eligible organisations to employ a new researcher, or research /laboratory assistant, to assist primary researchers who have approved maternity leave. Applications must be for PhD qualified female researchers employed by a Queensland university who have approved maternity leave, and who intend to resume research duties following maternity leave.

Carer Funding:
Funding of up to $1,000 (excluding GST) for eligible female researchers to cover any relevant out-of-pocket child care or respite care expenses, in excess of their usual carer arrangements, while presenting at a national/international conference, or sitting on a professional research committee. Applications must be for PhD qualified female researchers employed by a Queensland university who have dependent children in their care or other family care responsibilities.

Women’s Lecture Funding:
Funding of up to $2,000 (excluding GST) is available for public or private sector organisations to arrange conferences, lectures or presentations highlighting the work of leading Queensland female researchers.

How to apply
Applications can be submitted online at any time.

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