**Certification of agreement to support MQRAS application**

The MQRAS 2024 Guidelines stipulate the following eligibility criteria:

* Lead Chief Investigators must be employed at Macquarie University until at least **30 June 2026.** Noting one of the priorities of the scheme is to seed additional external HERDC-reportable research income, applicants must be employed and able to submit applications for external research income with Macquarie as the Administering Organisation within 12 months of completing the MQRAS project.

An MQ researcher, whose contract does not extend until 30 June 2026, seeking to apply for the MQRAS as Lead Chief Investigator must provide written support from their Head of Department/School/Institute using this form. **Without the following signed certification, an exemption will not be granted under any circumstances.**

**Participant Details**

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| **MQ Lead CI** |  |
| **Current contract end date** |  |

**Certification by the Head of Department/School/Institute**

1. I acknowledge that the named Lead Chief Investigator is not currently employed until 30 June 2026; and
2. The named Lead Chief Investigator will in due course receive a contract that extends until at least 30 June 2026; and
3. If awarded, the named Lead Chief Investigator will be afforded workload allowances to lead their applied project, including the time and support from research mentors required to successfully lead the project as outlined in the application.

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| Full Name: |  |
| Position Title: |  |
| Signature: |  |
| Date: |  |

**Please attach this certification form to your Pure record as part of your MQRAS submission.**