



2026 Associate Positions

Federal Court of Australia (Perth Registry)

Associate positions

The Hon Justice Katrina Banks-Smith invites applications for two associate positions (Associate and Research Associate) at the Federal Court of Australia (Perth Registry) commencing 19 January 2026.

Associates are covered by the [Federal Court of Australia Enterprise Agreement 2024–2027](#). Both positions are remunerated at the same level and the associates are expected to work collaboratively in providing support to the judge.

Unless an applicant specifies otherwise, applicants will be considered for both positions and need only apply once.

Position overview

The Associate provides high-level legal and administrative support to the judge, communicating with solicitors, counsel and litigants. Duties include providing in-court support, undertaking specific legal tasks and proofing draft judgments. The Associate role also includes supporting the judge when working interstate, including travel as appropriate, and communicating with other chambers, registry and court staff.

The Research Associate provides legal and research support to their judge. Tasks include researching a broad range of legal issues, drafting research notes and proofing draft judgments. The Research Associate performs some of the tasks of the Associate when required.

These roles require articulate, energetic and resilient people who can build positive professional relationships.

Position description

Further information about the jurisdiction of the Federal Court of Australia and the role of an Associate and Research Associate can be found in the Position Description (see link to careers portal below).

How to apply

To apply, please review the Position Description and complete the application form on the Court's [careers portal](#). The on-line application process includes the provision of a curriculum vitae, an academic statement and a statement addressing why an applicant wishes to be considered for the position.

If you have any issues with applying please email hr@fedcourt.gov.au.

Applications close at 5.00 pm (AWST) on 7 March 2025.

Contact officer

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