Visiting Research Fellowship, Round 1 2020

This round supports Visiting Fellowships from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

Introduction

The Faculty of Arts Visiting Research Fellowships enable early and mid-career Faculty researchers to host Visiting Fellows of high standing at any stage in their career, to share and disseminate new and original ideas and/or techniques, initiate and undertake collaborative research, and facilitate interaction and training of Faculty staff and students.

The Fellow must be hosted by a Level A, B or C Faculty-based researcher (a Level D and E researcher may only apply as a member of a host team); all host researchers must have an outstanding track record relative to opportunity. Successful Fellows must be based full-time at the University for the duration of the Fellowship, which is a minimum of 1 week.

The Fellowship is valued up to AU$6,000 to be used towards travel and living costs for the Visiting Fellow. The Faculty provides no additional funding. One to two Fellowships will be awarded in each round providing that applications are of a competitive standard.

If the application is successful, the funds will be transferred to a department/Centre operating account, and the administration of these funds in accordance with the application will be the responsibility of the department/Centre. There are no carry forwards of funding beyond the specified term of the grant. The closing date for the expenditure of all funds will be advised in the award outcome.

Eligibility

a) Visiting Fellows must be from an organisation outside New South Wales, or from an international organisation.

b) Applications must be submitted by the Faculty host researcher or team.

c) Faculty of Arts hosts may only be named on one application per round.

d) As this scheme aims to assist early and mid-career researchers in establishing successful international research collaborations, the visiting Fellow must be hosted by a Level A, B or C Faculty-based researcher. Level D and E researchers can be included in a host team. Researchers from other Faculties may also be included, but at least two of the team members must come from the Faculty of Arts.

Assessment Criteria

Excellence will be the primary selection criterion.

The Selection Committee will consider:

- the track record relative to opportunity of the Fellow and of the host researcher(s);
- the proposed research; and,
- the benefits to the Faculty/University arising from the collaboration. The panel will consider the opportunity for a number of Faculty researchers to benefit from the visit, workshops for ECRs and HDR students and a public event if appropriate, value for money, and longer term outcomes including publications and funding applications.

Preference will be given to Fellows who do not already have well-established research collaborations with the Faculty of Arts. If a Fellow has an existing research collaboration with the Faculty, then the
application must detail how the proposed research is **new and different** from any existing collaboration.

**Preparing an Application**

Applicants are required to complete the application form using the specific section headings and order set out below.

**Research Plan (Question 3)**

This section should **be no more than 3 pages (A4 size at 12-point font size)** including references. The Selection Committee will not consider additional pages.

An outline of the proposed visit including:

a) A synopsis of current research activities of the Visiting Fellow as they relate to the proposed research detailed in 3b (200 words maximum).

b) Proposed research and other collaborative activities at the Faculty of Arts including aims and significance, and suitability of the research environment in the host Department/Centre. An explanation of how the proposed research aligns with the Faculty’s and University’s **Future-Shaping Research Priorities**. Applications for a Visiting Fellow who has an existing research collaboration with the Faculty of Arts must detail how the proposed research is new and different from the existing collaboration.

c) Specific benefits to the Faculty arising from the visit including:
   - Alignment with existing or developing research strengths within the host Department/Centre;
   - Training and transfer of skills and expertise, and dissemination of new knowledge to Faculty staff and students (preference will be given to Fellows who offer workshops and mentoring opportunities to early and mid-career researchers).

Statements that indicate the Visiting Fellow will merely continue their existing research in a different location will not be favourably regarded.

**Track Records (Question 4)**

**Curriculum Vitae of the proposed Visiting Fellow**

This section should be **no more than 5 pages (A4 size at 12-point font size)**. The Selection Committee will not consider additional pages.

The CV must include:

a) Qualifications and employment history (past ten years).


c) Best 10 career publications, including 1–2 sentences explaining the significance of each publication. The explanatory sentences can be prepared by the Faculty of Arts lead applicant if appropriate.

d) Selected awards and invited lectures.

e) All current research grants income (including any other funding for the proposed visit).

**Curriculum Vitae of the host researcher(s)**

Faculty of Arts host researchers can either nominate that (1) the assessment panel view their Pure profiles for information about their achievements, or (2) they can provide the following information. Please note that **all the host researchers on an application must use the same CV format** (nominate Pure profiles or provide CVs as per below).

This section should be no more than **5 pages for each host researcher (A4 size at 12-point font size)**. The Selection Committee will not consider additional pages.
The CV must include:

a) Qualifications and employment history (past ten years).
b) Refereed publications from 2015 to the present.
c) Best 10 career publications.
d) Awards and invited lectures.
e) All current research grants income (including any other funding for the proposed visit).

Ethics Clearance

Research that requires ethics clearance may not commence until the appropriate clearance has been obtained. It is the applicant’s responsibility to obtain and submit the approved clearances to the Faculty of Arts Research Office.

Assessment and Selection

A selection committee, chaired by the Faculty of Arts Associate Dean Research or nominee, will assess all eligible applications.

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Conditions of Award

The Fellowship is awarded under the following conditions:

1. The duration of the Fellowship shall be for a minimum of 1 week.
2. Fellows must be based full-time at the University for the duration of the Fellowship.
3. Only one Fellowship may be awarded to a Visiting Fellow and/or Faculty of Arts host in any one 12-month period.
4. Eligible Faculty of Arts hosts may only be named on one application per round.
5. The value of the Fellowship is up to $6,000. The Faculty provides no additional funding. Funding must be expended on travel, accommodation and living expenses for the Fellow.
6. Access to University library and other relevant infrastructure will be provided.
7. Visits must be conducted in the timeframe specified in the application and Fellowship funding must be expended by the deadline notified in the outcome email. Contact the FRM if there are any queries.
8. Within 18 months of the visit, the Fellow and at least one of their Faculty of Arts hosts must:
   • submit a joint application for research funding to an external funding body, or
   • have submitted a joint article for publication in a high ranking journal, or
   • submitted a joint book proposal to a reputable publisher, or
   • have submitted a joint book chapter for publication. NB: Failure to adhere to this condition will preclude the Faculty lead applicant from future rounds of the scheme.
9. Fellows are encouraged to engage, present and participate in workshops, seminars and similar activities with staff and higher degree research students of the Faculty/University. Note the Faculty cannot fund requests for event catering.
10. The Fellow agrees to comply with all lawful directions of the University, all laws and professional standards applicable to the Fellow’s engagement, including laws in relation to health and safety, the University’s Code of Conduct, Code of Conduct for Responsible Research Practice and policies on Discrimination and Harassment, Public Comment and Information and Communication Technology as varied or replaced by the University from time to time to the extent that such policies apply to holders of Honorary titles.

Reporting Requirements

Within four weeks of the visit, the Faculty of Arts host(s) is required to provide a one-page final report, submitted to the Faculty of Arts Research Office (artsro@mq.edu.au), covering all aspects of the research and collaboration.
Submission of Application
Completed applications must be submitted to: artsro@mq.edu.au by 5.00 pm Wednesday, 1 April 2020.

Outcome of Applications
Outcome of the applications should be notified to applicants by Wednesday, 20 May 2020.

Further Information
For further information, please contact the Faculty of Arts Research Office (artsro@mq.edu.au)