The University of Sydney is launching a generously endowed international fellowship program in sexuality studies. Supported by a bequest from the late Dr Gary Simes—a linguistic historian, bibliographer and University of Sydney graduate—the Hunt-Simes Visiting Chair of Sexuality Studies enables a number of Fellowships per year.

Fellows must be distinguished sexuality studies researchers of international standing in the humanities or social sciences. They will enhance research in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at the University of Sydney by

- advancing their own research program
- actively collaborating with one or more University of Sydney researchers, including co-publication and external grant application, as appropriate
- giving occasional presentations such as workshops, seminars in senior undergraduate or postgraduate courses, Higher Degree research (HDR) master classes and public lectures, with the scale of the presentation program negotiated in relation to the duration of the Fellowship.

Fellows must reside in Sydney for at least one month and up to three months, the substantial part of which must coincide with semester time (March—May and August—September). Fellowship support is available for up to AUD10,000 per month toward travel and accommodation while at the University of Sydney. The value awarded will depend on the Fellow’s city of origin and length of the Fellowship.

Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre
Fellows will be accommodated in the Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre (SSSHARC). The applicant’s proposed program of work should be in line with SSSHARC’s mission to advance landmark research in the humanities and social sciences. SSSHARC defines landmark research as work that has value for both its discipline via its engagement and advancement of critical scholarly issues and a wider public audience invested in social good. Applications will be assessed by a selection committee chaired by SSSHARC Directors Nick Enfield and Chris Hilliard in consultation with members of the Selection Committee and other expert colleagues as required.

Selection Criteria
The key criteria that the committee will consider is the:

- degree to which the applicant is an outstanding researcher of international standing in the area broadly defined as Sexuality Studies and including LGBTQI studies, queer studies, trans studies and their cognate fields
- quality of the proposed research program
- quality of statement of support from one or more FASS Academic Hosts
- quality and quantity of anticipated research collaborations and outcomes between University of Sydney researchers and the applicant during the Fellowship
• degree to which the applicant will enhance SSSHARC’s global profile
• degree to which the applicant will enhance research culture in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

SSSHARC welcomes applications that propose collaborations and co-funding arrangements with University of Sydney Multi-disciplinary Initiatives and other entities (e.g., Office of Global Engagement), where relevant and possible (see www.sydney.edu.au/research/centres).

Eligibility: Applicants must have at least a higher degree or equivalent professional experience, research and publications. Institutional affiliation to a University or equivalent research or cultural organisation is required. Fellowships are open to Australian (non-University of Sydney) and international researchers.

Timeframe: Fellowships must be taken up and funding fully spent in 2022. In cases where an arranged visit cannot go ahead as planned because of disruptions to international travel or other unexpected factors, it may be possible to reschedule the visit for a later period subject to consultation.

Budget and Duration: The grant supports up to AUD30,000 towards (1) return travel and (2) accommodation while in Sydney. The length of the Fellowship is flexible (beyond a minimum of one month), depending on Fellows’ other commitments. Budget of award for this Fellowship will be calculated based on actual travel costs and accommodation needs during period of residence in Sydney for the Fellowship. No stipend or living allowance is attached to this fellowship. The Fellow is expected to be based at the University of Sydney for the duration of the Fellowship.

Responsibilities: Fellows are invited to be part of the intellectual life of the Faculty. We provide a workspace including computer and printing facilities in SSSHARC, and access to library resources. Visiting Fellows are formally hosted by an Academic Host from a relevant school within the University of Sydney’s Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Applicants must identify and approach potential hosts in advance of the proposed Fellowship. The Academic Host and their department will be the primary point of contact in the relevant discipline(s) in the Faculty. A list of induction points will be provided to the Fellow once the visit is confirmed.

Visa and Travel Insurance: It is the Visiting Fellow’s responsibility to ensure they have the correct visa and travel insurance required for their stay. The Immigration and Relocation department at the University of Sydney will provide a letter of invitation to successful applicants which may be used for visa purposes.

Post-award: Visiting Fellows are asked to submit a report to the SSSHARC Director outlining their activities and outcomes of their visit. A summary of this report may be published on the SSSHARC website.

Timeline:
Deadline for applications: 5pm Friday, 30 July 2021 (AEST)
SSSHARC selection committee announces decisions: Friday, 13 August 2021

To apply for a fellowship, please complete the online SSSHARC Visiting Fellows application form and attach the required statement of support, and CV if the URL is not available.

Further information about SSSHARC can be found at www.sydney.edu.au/arts/sssharc
The University is committed to equity, diversity and social inclusion. Applications from equity target groups and women are encouraged.

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