

The Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre (SSSHARC) is announcing four research Fellowships in 2021 for outstanding international researchers (relative to opportunity) to enhance our research culture at the University of Sydney. Each Fellowship supports up to AUD10,000 in costs for the fellow while at the University of Sydney. The value awarded will depend on the city of origin and length of tenure. The length of the Fellowship is assumed to be at least one month, but will depend on the applicant's availability and resources, including factors such as their capacity to access other funds to complement SSSHARC support.

Fellows must be outstanding researchers of international standing, who will enhance research in humanities and social sciences at the University of Sydney by participating in research-related activities including (1) collaborations with University of Sydney researchers, (2) talks or seminars, guest lectures, (3) HDR master classes, and (4) carrying out specific research while in Sydney. The Fellowships have different criteria, as follows:

**1. James Fellow in Social Sciences at SSSHARC**

Funded by the Ernest Athelstan James Bequest, which supports the furtherance of studies in the social sciences, this Fellowship is for a social sciences researcher.

Two Fellowships are available, one in semester 1 and the other in semester 2, 2021.

**2. Gilbert Fellow in Humanities at SSSHARC**

Funded by the John Anthony Gilbert (Arts) Bequest, which was in part established to support grants for visiting fellowships in the Faculty of Arts (as it was then known), this Fellowship is for a humanities researcher.

Two Fellowships are available, one in semester 1 and the other in semester 2, 2021.

**Selection Criteria**

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. Our work has three defining properties: motivation, depth and clarity.

- We are motivated by problems, and the goal of solving them using Humanities and Social Sciences concepts and methods.
- We tap into a degree of intellectual depth that is unique to the long history of Humanities and Social Sciences research at the University of Sydney.
- We are committed to clarity in the conduct and communication of research as a means to ensure the efficacy of our work.

SSSHARC's research culture fuses relevance with rigour, approaching difficult questions with creativity, intensity, and quickness.

Successful applications will be selected by SSSHARC Director Professor Nick Enfield in consultation with members of the Selection Committee and other expert colleagues as required.

**The key criteria that the committee will consider is the:**

- degree to which the applicant is an *outstanding researcher of international standing*
- 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*
- quality and quantity of anticipated *research collaborations* and outcomes between University of Sydney researchers and the applicant during the Fellowship

SSSHARC welcomes proposals adding value to the Fellowships through collaborations and co-funding arrangements with multi-disciplinary initiatives and other Sydney University entities (e.g., Office of Global Engagement), where relevant and possible (see [www.sydney.edu.au/research/centres](http://www.sydney.edu.au/research/centres)).

**Eligibility:** Applicants must have at least a higher degree or equivalent professional experience, research and publications. International applicants are strongly encouraged. Institutional affiliation to a University or equivalent research or cultural organisation is required.

**Timeframe:** Fellowships must be taken up and fully spent in the calendar year allocated. 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.

**Duration:** If the Fellowship is sought for a period shorter or longer than one month, a clear explanation should be included in the application with the proposed visit time.

Visiting Fellows should be present at the University of Sydney for the duration of the visit. If visits to other institutions occur during the fellowship, they should be communicated to SSSHARC.

**Responsibilities:** Fellows are invited to be part of the intellectual life of the Faculty. We provide a workspace including computer and printing facilities, and access to library resources. Visiting Fellows are formally 'hosted' by a local researcher from a relevant school within the University of Sydney's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. We encourage applicants to identify and approach potential hosts in advance of the proposed Fellowship. The academic host and their department will be the primary point of contact as representative of research within the relevant discipline(s) in the Faculty. A list of induction points will be provided to the fellow once the visit is confirmed.

**Budget:** The maximum allowance the SSSHARC Fellowship offers is AUD10,000 towards travel, accommodation and expenses dependent on the city of origin and length of stay.

**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:**

Call for applications: Thursday, 2 July 2020

**Extended deadline for applications: 5pm Friday, 28 August 2020 (AEST)**

SSSHARC selection committee announces decisions: Friday, 4 September 2020.

To apply for a Fellowship, please complete the online [SSSHARC Visiting Fellows application form](#) and attach the required CV if the URL is not available.

Further information about SSSHARC can be found at [www.sydney.edu.au/arts/sssharc](http://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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