

Round Opens: 2 May 2022
Round Closes: 30 May 2022
Decisions announced: Early July 2022

For 2023, SSSHARC will award up to four visiting research fellowships for outstanding national or international researchers in sexuality studies (broadly construed) collaborating with researchers from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at the University of Sydney. Fellows must reside in Sydney for at least one month and up to three months, the substantial part of which must coincide with the Australian academic year (March to November) or be scheduled to enable the delivery of a Hunt-Simes Institute in Sexuality Studies.

Fellowship support is available for up to AUD\$10,000 per month toward return travel and accommodation while at the University of Sydney. The value awarded will depend on the fellow's city of origin and length of proposed visit. Successful applications will be selected by the SSSHARC Director and Associate Dean Research in consultation with disciplinary expert colleagues as required.

SSSHARC Hunt-Simes Chair of Sexuality Studies Fellowships

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

Fellows will be accommodated in the [Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre \(SSSHARC\)](#). Fellows must be distinguished sexuality studies researchers of international standing (relative to opportunity) 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, on new or existing projects, co-publications and/or external grant applications, as appropriate
- giving presentations such as workshops, seminars in senior undergraduate or postgraduate courses or Higher Degree research (HDR) master classes, with the scale of the presentation program negotiated in relation to the duration of the Fellowship
- delivering at least one outward-facing public talk or panel discussion facilitated by SSSHARC.

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. SSSHARC defines landmark research as work that has value to its discipline via the advancement of critical scholarly research, policy or creative practice and its engagement of a wider public audience.

The key criteria that the selection committee will consider are:

- degree to which the applicant is an outstanding researcher of international standing (relative to opportunity) in sexuality studies, 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 research collaborations and anticipated outcomes shared between the applicant and University of Sydney researchers
- degree to which the applicant will enhance SSSHARC's reputation for advanced and engaged research
- degree to which the applicant will enhance research culture in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

Applicants must agree to the following requirements:

- visiting fellows should be present at the University of Sydney for the duration of the fellowship (at least one month)
- target funding schemes and rounds should be clearly identified with eligibility confirmed in advance
- where relevant, grant applications should specify the University of Sydney as the administering organization
- SSSHARC should be acknowledged in all publications and presentations that proceed from the fellowship.

Hunt-Simes Institute in Sexuality Studies at SSSHARC (HISS@SSSHARC)

Sexuality Studies fellows may also be appointed to assist in the development and delivery of the Hunt-Simes Institute in Sexuality Studies (HISS@SSSHARC). Launching in 2023, HISS@SSSHARC will be timed to coincide with Sydney Mardi Gras, Sydney World Pride or other events of relevance to the LGBTQI+ community. The purpose of HISS@SSSHARC is to raise the international reputation of the University of Sydney in the area of sexuality studies via the provision of high-quality graduate masterclasses that will attract outstanding early-career researchers from across Sydney and other Australian and international universities. While there are similar initiatives of longstanding in the UK, Europe and the US, none serve the Asia Pacific region or have the disciplinary breadth that will be represented by HISS@SSSHARC, which encourages the participation of researchers from the full breadth of the Social Sciences and Humanities, including Economics, and Education and Social Work. Applicants for the SSSHAARC Hunt-Simes Chair of Sexuality Studies Fellowships are invited to indicate their interest in participating in HISS@SSSHARC in 2023, 2024 or 2025.

Additional Criteria Relevant to HISS@SSSHARC

- quality of anticipated masterclass content and pedagogy
- evidence of excellence in HDR research training (relative to opportunity)
- degree to which the proposed content consolidates or expands the annual theme of the HISS, if relevant
- calibre of proposed public lecture or panel presentation
- potential for LGBTQI+ community engagement.

Eligibility

Institutional affiliation to a University or equivalent research or cultural organisation is required. Applicants must have at least a higher degree or equivalent professional or creative practice experience and evidence of impact or standing. Fellowships must be taken up and funding fully spent in 2023. Fellowships are open to Australian (non-University of Sydney) and international

researchers. The University of Sydney is committed to equity, diversity and social inclusion. Applications from target groups and women are encouraged.

Post-award

The length of the Fellowship is flexible (beyond a minimum of one month), depending on the Fellow's 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. No additional stipend or living allowance is attached to this fellowship.

It is the 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.

Fellows and Academic Hosts must submit a report to the SSSHARC Director outlining the research activities undertaken at the end of the fellowship and a follow-up report one year later. Report content may be published on the SSSHARC website and included in the SSSHARC annual report. Copies of resulting applications, publications and reports would be welcomed.

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. Fellows are formally hosted by a researcher from a relevant school within the University of Sydney's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Applicants should approach potential hosts in advance of applying for the proposed Fellowship. Induction points will be provided to the Fellow and Academic Host once the visit is confirmed.

Timeline:

Deadline for applications: 5pm, 30 May 2022 (AEST)

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To apply for a SSSHARC Hunt-Simes Chair of Sexuality Studies Fellowship, please complete the online application form and attach the required CV if an URL is not available.

Further information about SSSHARC can be found at www.sydney.edu.au/arts/sssharc

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