

Round Opens: 29 April 2024
Round Closes: 31 May 2024
Decisions announced: July 2024

For 2025, SSSHARC will award up to 3 visiting research fellowships for outstanding early to mid-career researchers in the social sciences to collaborate with researchers from the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences (FASS) at the University of Sydney.

Prospective Fellows are invited to be part of the intellectual life of FASS. SSSHARC fellows will be hosted by a research collaborator (to be named in the application) from within the University of Sydney's Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Applicants should approach potential collaborators in advance of applying for the proposed Fellowship.

Successful applications will be selected by a committee including the SSSHARC Director, Associate Dean Research and other internal and external colleagues as required.

James Fellow in Social Sciences

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.

Fellows will be housed in the [Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre \(SSSHARC\)](#). Fellows must be distinguished researchers of international standing (relative to opportunity) in the social sciences. They will enhance research in 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, panel discussion, podcast or insight piece facilitated by SSSHARC.

Eligibility

Institutional affiliation to a university or equivalent research or cultural organisation is required. Applicants must have a higher degree or equivalent professional or community experience, and a track record of research publications and/or external grant success as appropriate. Fellowships must be taken up and fully spent in the calendar year allocated. The University is committed to equity, diversity and social inclusion. Applications from equity target groups and women are encouraged.

Selection Criteria

The applicant's proposed program of work should be in line with our mission to advance landmark research and establish SSSHARC as a research centre of international standing. 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 with wider audiences.

The key criteria that the committee will consider are:

- degree to which the applicant is an outstanding researcher of international standing (relative to opportunity)
- quality of the proposed research program
- quality of statement of support from the FASS Academic Host and any other collaborators from the University of Sydney
- quality and quantity of anticipated research outcomes shared between the applicant and University of Sydney research collaborators
- degree to which the activities associated with the fellowship will enhance SSSHARC's reputation for advanced and engaged research
- degree to which the proposed collaboration will yield new insights.

For 2025, the following additional criteria apply:

- commitment to prepare and submit a collaborative grant application with co-investigators from FASS, ideally with the University of Sydney as the administering organization if appropriate. Priority will be given to the competitive development of grant applications that diversify or internationalize FASS's existing funding streams
- degree to which the proposed slate of work advances and raises the profile of research already underway in SSSHARC and 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 as specified in the letter of award
- 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 organisation
- SSSHARC should be acknowledged in all publications, presentations, and communications that proceed from the fellowship.

General Conditions

Fellowship applications must be developed in consultation with a FASS researcher who will host the Fellow. All applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the FASS host indicating the nature of the collaboration, proposed research program, and any conflict of interest. FASS hosts can only provide one letter of support per Fellowship round and must provide current reports on outcomes from all previous SSSHARC Fellowships with which they have been associated.

Fellows must reside in Sydney for the duration of their fellowship, the substantial part of which must coincide with the Australian academic year (March to November) unless they are involved in activities, such as SSSHARC Institutes scheduled otherwise. Fellowship support is available for up to AUD 10,000 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 the length of the Fellowship.

The length of the Fellowship is flexible depending on the Fellow's other commitments and subject to co-funding from another institution. However, no additional stipend or living allowance is attached to this fellowship.

Fellowships must be taken up and funding fully spent in 2025.

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.

Additional Support

Fellows and projects will be profiled on the SSSHARC website and social media channels. SSSHARC can provide desk space, access to computing and printing facilities, and a Zoom-enabled meeting room as space permits. SSSHARC can facilitate expert review of funding applications in development. An induction will be provided to the Fellow and Academic Host once the Fellow arrives.

Post-award

Fellows and hosts must submit a short report at the end of the fellowship, with a follow-up report due one year later. The first report is a brief pre-formatted document submitted to the SSSHARC Director outlining the research activities undertaken during the fellowship. The follow-up report asks for a full description of all outcomes derived from the fellowship (publications, grant applications, etc.). Report content may be published on the SSSHARC website and included in the SSSHARC annual reports. Copies of resulting applications, publications, and reports would be welcomed.

Timeline

Deadline for applications: 31 May 2024

Decisions announced: July 2024

To apply for a SSSHARC Social Sciences Fellowship, please complete the online application form and attach the required documents.

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

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