



Information for Applicants

Festival of Urbanism Research projects sponsored by the Henry Halloran Trust for Early Career Researchers

Introduction

The University of Sydney, through the generous gift of Warren Halloran, has established the Henry Halloran Trust in honour of Henry Halloran, who was an active advocate for town planning in the first half of the twentieth century. He introduced and implemented new concepts of town planning in the many settlements he established as part of his contribution to nation building.

The objective of the trust is to promote scholarship, innovation and research in town planning, urban development and land management. This will be achieved through collaborative, cross-disciplinary and industry research that will support innovative approaches to urban and regional policy, planning and development issues.

The Trust's ambition is to become a leading voice and advocate for the advancement of liveable cities, thriving urban communities and sustainable development.

As part of the Festival of Urbanism Program in 2020 the Trust is preparing a monograph whose working title is "Making Better Places – lessons from the 2020 Bushfires and COVID 19."

The monograph will have a range of invited contributions on a range of urban issues such as housing and transport. We would also like to invite contributions from ECRs, which we intend to support with the provision of small research grants (maximum of 10k). This document calls for expressions of interest for these grants which we are calling 2020 Festival of Urbanism research grants. We are open-minded about what topic areas we will fund as long as the outcomes of the project is a scholarly contribution which could be utilised to make better places. When we think about better places we are interested in the themes of resilience, equity and efficiency.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for the FOU RGs include:

1. Quality of the application
2. Quality of the research team
3. Potential of the idea to have significant impact and/or relevance to public policy.
4. Value for money
5. What is the risk of the project not being able to be successfully completed? What risk mitigation strategy is included in the proposal?

Administrative issues

1. Applications for research funding should be made on the Research Project Application form.
2. All successful applicants would be expected to present their findings at a public seminar which would be hosted as part of the 2020 Festival of Urbanism in November 2020.
3. The Trust requires each research project to be written up as a concise accessible 'chapter' (approx. 5000 words) using a template supplied by the HHT as part of the 2020 FOU monograph. Chapters are required by Monday November 2.
4. Lead investigator has to be an Early Career Researcher (who has received their PhD after June 30th 2014). An allowance can be made for career interruptions. Note that not all members of the research team need to be ECRs.
5. Successful applicants would receive 40% of their project payments on the signing of the research contract, 45% on the completion of their chapter and the final payment after their contribution to the FOU.
6. Funds cannot be used for the payment of wages of the Investigators or for major equipment purchases

Applications for funding should be submitted to the Trust's Administration Manager - Ms Kim Beecroft (kim.beecroft@sydney.edu.au) on the Research Project application form by 3pm on Tuesday 14th July 2020. Please submit a Microsoft Word file.

All applicants will be notified about the outcome of their application by 21st July.