



Guidelines

Practitioner-in-Residence Program

The Practitioner in Residence Program allows an experienced practitioner to undertake a period of supported research in residence at the University working on a project that is of interest to the Trust. The practitioner is supervised by an academic and writes a short and accessible paper at the conclusion of their residency. In addition, each “graduating” practitioner will deliver a public lecture on their findings.

This is meant to be a short term project – usually a two to three month period, which is unlikely to be full time (good practitioners’ would be unable to spend too long away from their day job). As a result we are looking for topics/interests that are well formed, and where the practitioner has a specific interest or aptitude. If someone wants to commence researching a “new” project they should enrol in a research degree, not become a practitioner-in-residence.

On the other hand we aren’t interested in a project where the practitioner does not want to engage with the literature or existing scholarship. If they just want to spend some time writing down what is in their head (aka as a soapbox piece), they should simply take their laptop on a vacation.

Supervision:

The practitioner will be supervised by the Co-ordinator of the program, Dr Michael Bounds. This would usually involve weekly meetings.

At the commencement of their residency, training in the use of the University’s online journal collection will be provided.

The output

A good final paper will:

- Highlight from the practitioner’s perspective why the issue/topic is important;

- Document the “current state of play” in planning practice looking at both local and non-local examples;
- Provide a concise but comprehensive discussion about what light the scholarly literature can shine on the issue;
- Make some suggestions about further research in the area.

It will be about 20-30 pages in length, written using the Trust’s document template.

Dr Bounds will review a draft of the final paper. His comments should be used to write the final version of the paper. The final paper will also be reviewed by two University of Sydney academics – their comments should also be used to finalise the paper.

Payment:

Where the practitioner has no other full time income an honorarium will be negotiated. This will be less than a wage and certainly will not reflect professional consulting rates. Where the practitioner is working full time, an arrangement will be negotiated with their employer.

Selection criteria

1. Experience/standing of the practitioner;
2. A well-formed research proposal that can be delivered in 2-3 months (see over for an outline)
3. A demonstrated connection to scholarship
4. The relevance of the topic for the Trust and the profession (eg would anyone attend a public lecture on the topic)

A sub-committee of the Advisory Board will select Practitioners-in-Residence from the applications on hand each year. The Trust reserves the right not to appoint any Practitioners if it considers that the applications are not of sufficient merit. Applications should be submitted via email to

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Guidelines for Henry Halloran Trust “Practitioner in Residence” Proposal EOI

(1000 words not including CV)

1. Introduction

Provides a background to the issue and highlights its importance to the Trust and Urban Planning practice. Addresses the current state of play from a local and wider perspective.

2. Research Question

Provides a clear statement in a few sentences of the question to be addressed in the paper.

3. Justification

Provides a brief statement of why this particular research question is important and the kind of impact its resolution or an increased understanding of its nature might have on planning or the related research area. Reference to contemporary literature in support of this contention would be useful.

4. Preliminary Literature

A preliminary literature review to identify relevant work in the scholarly literature in relation to urban planning or the related research area.

5. Framework and contribution of research

The PIR is founded on the desire to deploy the practical insights of the practitioner in a scholarly framework. Here you can provide a few paragraphs on your experience on the issue and how you intend to approach the research

6. Proposed research methodology

This section will identify sources of empirical data to support the arguments addressed in the paper. It should be noted that given the brevity of the PIR candidature it is not practicable for the PIR to undertake original research interviews or surveys due to ethics requirements. This does not preclude the use of published industry and public domain material and on record statements by players in the field. It is expected that the paper will be securely founded in matters of fact.

7. CV

Attach your CV.