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Call for 2024 Applications

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2024 Australia-Harvard Fellowships – Deadline October 9, 2023

Attention: Mid-career and senior Harvard-based researchers intending collaborative work in Australia. Also, Australian counterparts planning collaborative follow-ups at Harvard.

Who should apply?

This year, due to funding issues, our scope for Fellowship awards is narrowed to researchers and educators in biosciences and medicine. We seek applicants who:

- are normally based at Harvard University or one of its closely affiliated institutions;
- have links with scientific and medical research and/or education activities in Australia;
- were awarded their Ph.D. (or qualification of equal rigor) before 2020;
- alternatively, are Australia-based and seek funding to visit Harvard to follow up their collaborations with previously incoming Australia-Harvard Fellows.

Most favored will be those applicants who can demonstrate strong potential for 'break-through' impacts resulting from their collaborations. HCA Foundation values highly those projects which intend to use our contribution as 'seed capital'.

Examples:

- to build a launch pad for innovations which bring measurable benefits to humankind;
- groundwork that later attracts major funding - perhaps from government - for R & D and implementation;
- developing new teaching methods that transform students' capability for creative scientific solutions.

What does a Fellowship cover?

Australia-Harvard Fellowships are tenable at Australian research institutions and are administered by them. Each institution will negotiate details appropriate to the collaborative project involved. Typically, our Fellowship award is sufficient to cover the Fellow's return international travel, project-related travel within the country, and reasonable living and accommodation expenses for the period. Note that travel fares and daily rates used in calculating the total grant will vary depending on seniority and whether long or short stays are involved. Sometimes the host institution may offer to co-contribute, i.e. supplement our Fellowship funds in order to enhance the project's success potential. Such a co-contribution is encouraged and would be viewed favorably by the Selection Panel.

Visits of up to sabbatical duration are acceptable, although we find most applicants favor projects of two to three months. Some senior applicants may wish to propose shorter visits, perhaps to combine their presence at say, an international professional forum with their additional participation in seminars or instructional courses that are open to many Australian researchers or students. Australian science and medical educators, for example, may wish to consider inviting a Harvard-based peer to deliver specialist courses in educational techniques, preferably if promoters offer wide-ranging attendance.

Eligible Australia-based Fellows seeking to visit Harvard can be similarly funded but specific conditions will depend on travel and other policies of their Australian institutions.

Constraints / guidelines for applicants

- **Host institution to be 'eligible':** As an Australian philanthropic trust, HCA Foundation effectively 'donates' your Fellowship grant directly to your prime host institution, which must itself be 'eligible' to receive the donation. Fortunately, all the nation's universities and most research centers are so eligible, a status determined by Australia's tax office. In the unlikely event of doubt about your host's eligibility, please check with us.
- **Supplementary interactions:** As well as carrying out your research or educational program, you will be encouraged to spend up to two days per month interacting with educators in your vicinity. Examples: help to develop content for classroom demonstrations in your field, evening lectures for students, career advice.



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- **Selector preferences:** Applicants may be interested in selectors' experiences from previous Fellowship rounds. Selectors have found that, when faced with proposals of apparently equal merit, they prefer attributes such as projects that are clearly described, inbound Fellowship visits that offer good interaction with Australian peers, and those who are strongly endorsed by their intended collaborators. Applicants for out-bound Fellowships should demonstrate how Australia's research-base will benefit by extending their collaboration to Harvard's facilities.
- **Budgets:** Applicants are strongly recommended to consult their potential hosts for guidance as to reasonable living and accommodation allowances. (AUD 10,000 per month is a maximum guide figure, dependent on seniority). Universities and institutions can generally recommend appropriate levels of claim related to academic status, anticipated mobility and length of stay. Alternatively, please consult us for advice. Normally air travel is funded at economy fare levels.

How to apply:

The Application Template can be found at <https://hcaustralia.clubs.harvard.edu/article.html?aid=155>

Please submit a proposal addressing the following criteria:

- Outline the research and/or educational activities involved; the approximate dates and an indicative budget
- Describe the extent translational research is involved and the impacts you intend the collaboration to achieve.
- Describe your prior or current engagement with Australian research and education, if any.
- Include a short résumé and list of publications, plus names of two referees familiar with your field of endeavor.

Please email your application to <ahf@harvard.org.au>

The **Deadline** to receive applications for **2024 A-H Fellowships** is **October 9, 2023**.

We plan to advise successful applicants before the end of December 2023 or early January 2024.

What is Harvard Club of Australia Foundation?

HCA Foundation is an initiative of the Harvard Club of Australia. It supports learned exchange between Harvard University and Australia. HCA Foundation receives tax-deductible donations, principally from Club members and from Club-sponsored fund-raising activities such as its annual executive education program.

To date, Australia-Harvard Fellows have represented scientific fields as diverse as indigenous health policy, sleep-related safety and productivity, astronomy and astrophysics, bio-molecular engineering of micro-scale cardiac tissue, and a broad range of medical research topics. We have awarded more than 75 fellowships since starting in 2004.

Note that some details of this *Call for Applications* may be subject to change.

Before finalizing your application, please check our website to ensure you are reading the latest version.