

NCSEHE Visiting Fellowships

Purpose

- NCSEHE Visiting Fellowships aim to support the establishment of linkages and collaborative research projects between higher education equity researchers and NCSEHE.
- Fellowships will further the strategic aims of the NCSEHE Research and Policy Program:
 - **Building capacity.** To support the best researchers and practitioners at all career stages to examine diverse issues in higher education student equity, at various timepoints of the higher education lifecycle.
 - **Policy engagement.** To work with researchers, practitioners and policymakers to translate research findings into tangible policy and practice outcomes.
 - **Exemplify the conduct of research.** To conduct high-quality research on strategic priorities in-house and in partnership with leading and promising researchers in the field.
- The outputs from the visiting fellowships will comprise collaborative research outputs, such as publications and grants applications.

Details about the Visiting Fellowships

- The value of the NCSEHE Visiting Fellowship is up to AUD\$9,000 for domestic (Australia-based) applicants and AUD\$12,000 for international applicants. This will take the form of a grant and is intended to cover major costs associated with the residency component of the fellowship:
 - **Travel to Perth:** Return economy class air travel from the area of the fellow's institution to Perth, for co-location at NCSEHE on Curtin University's Bentley campus.
 - **Accommodation:** Residential accommodation on or near Curtin University for the duration of the fellow's residency.
- Applicants should cost their travel and accommodation requirements as part of their proposed budget.
- Applicants are responsible for funding and procuring travel insurance, and, in the case of international applicants, travel visas.
- Fellowships **do not** cover salary support or a living allowance.
- The tenure of a fellowship is usually for a **minimum of 30 days** and a **maximum of 60 days**.
- Fellows must be in residence at NCSEHE for **at least three weeks (21 days)** of their fellowship. Applicants who may not be able to undertake a visit of this duration (due to work, family or other reasons) may negotiate a shorter visit.
- Fellows will be provided with a workspace at NCSEHE for the duration of their visit, and access to the Curtin University library. Computing will be provided on request. However, specialised software (e.g., data analytical software) will not be provided.
- Fellows are expected to submit two reports following the conclusion of their fellowship.
 - The **first report** will be due **four weeks after the completion of the fellowship**, outlining the activities undertaken and expected outcomes from the work. Fellows should indicate at this point if they would like to apply for Adjunct status with NCSEHE.
 - The **second report** is due **one year after the conclusion of the fellowship**. This report should detail publications and any other output that can be attributed to the fellowship.

Eligibility

- NCSEHE Visiting Fellowships are open to Australian and international researchers.
- Applicants must have at least a higher degree, or equivalent professional or community experience, and a track record in higher education policy and equity research, such as publications (or equivalent outcomes) and/or external grant success as appropriate.
- Applicants must have an institutional affiliation to a university, governmental department, think-tank or other equivalent research or cultural organisation. Independent scholars are not eligible to apply.
- Approval to undertake the visiting fellowship must be provided by the applicant's institution. A letter of support from the applicant's manager must be provided as part of the application.
- International applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.
- Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates are eligible to apply if they have written support from their principal supervisor.

Selection criteria

- The **strength** and **value to NCSEHE** of a collaborative **research plan** developed by the applicant and agreed to by the Director of the NCSEHE Research and Policy Program.
- The **feasibility and quality of tangible research outputs** arising within one year of the conclusion of the visiting fellowship.
- The **track record** of the applicant, relative to opportunity. For HDR candidates, this is the demonstrated **potential** to develop a track record, relative to opportunity.

Applications

Applications should consist of:

- A **research plan**, outlining:
 - **Topic and key aims:** Outline the subject of the fellowship and its aims. (Maximum of 500 words)
 - **Major activities:** List the activities involved over the course of the fellowship. (Maximum two A4 pages)
 - **Expected research outputs:** Key outputs. (Maximum one A4 page)
 - **Timeframe:** Proposed start and end dates of the fellowship, and when major activities will occur. (Maximum one A4 page)
 - **Budget:** An indicative budget, including quoted costs for travel and proposed accommodation and indicating the funding sought from the fellowship grant.
- A **current CV**.

Applications should be submitted via email:

To: ncsehe@curtin.edu.au.

Subject: NCSEHE Visiting Fellowships 2024 – *Applicant Name, Institution*

Applications will **close at 4pm on Wednesday, 24 January 2024**.

Outcomes to be announced in mid-February 2024.

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