

# Overseas Travelling Fellowship

## Conditions of Award



### **PURPOSE**

The Overseas Travelling Fellowship is the most prestigious award offered by the University to higher degree research students.

No more than two Travelling Fellowships will be awarded in any one year.

The Overseas Travelling Fellowship has been established to enable full-time or part-time PhD students who have demonstrated outstanding aptitude for independent research, to undertake short periods of further study or further research in approved universities or other institutions outside Australia, provided a clear advantage to the thesis and to the University is to be gained from the student's experience.

The recipient of the Travelling Fellowship is expected to be an exemplary ambassador for the University.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates for the Travelling Fellowship must:

- have been enrolled in the University for a PhD degree for at least 18 months at the time of departure (or an equivalent period part-time);
- have clearly demonstrated during this period an outstanding aptitude for independent research; and have gained unqualified support from his/ her supervisor for the proposed overseas visit;
- have gained approval from the overseas institution that he/she is acceptable for the proposed period of study;

The Travelling Fellowship will be awarded by the Higher Degree by research Scholarships Committee which shall take into account the merit of both the applicant and the application, and the financial resources available to the applicant.

A fellowship shall not be awarded where attendance at a conference or collection of primary data is the principal purpose of travel. A short list of applicants may be interviewed by the Higher Degree by Research Scholarships Committee.

The maximum period of tenure for the fellowship shall be six months. No application for extension will be granted unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### **BENEFITS**

The value of the fellowship will be an economy class return-trip airfare with student concession plus taxes and travel insurance (which can be arranged through the University).

The Higher Degree by Research Scholarships Committee may grant in addition the, the BankSA Travelling Award \$625.00.

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### APPLICATION

Applications should be submitted online through the Flinders University [Student Information System](#). Applicants will need to login to their OKTA dashboard to access the Student Information system and navigate to the My Scholarships tab to submit an application by the closing date of 30 April for awards tenable during the twelve months commencing July of the same year.

Applications must include a curriculum vitae, and indicate the arrangements for supervision during the applicant's absence. Applications shall indicate, with supporting statements from the candidate's supervisor(s), Head of the academic organisational unit or independent referee, that the candidate: (a) has shown outstanding aptitude for independent research; and (b) has clearly demonstrated that overseas travel would add significantly to his/her research; and (c) has prepared a detailed account of the research or study to be undertaken at the proposed overseas institution; and (d) has given a written undertaking to return to the University to complete his/her research immediately following the completion of the study abroad.

### AWARDEE INFORMATION

The holder of a Travelling Fellowship shall submit to the Higher Degree by research Scholarships on his/her return to the University a brief report describing the work undertaken during the tenure of the fellowship. The fellow may also be required to present an oral report to a meeting of the Higher Degree by Research Scholarships Committee.

The holder of a Travelling Fellowship will indicate in any publication arising from work undertaken during the tenure of the fellowship that financial support has been provided by Flinders University in the form of the Overseas Travelling Fellowship.

A fellow who obtains any other awards concurrent with the fellowship shall immediately inform the Student Finance and Scholarship Services Office. The fellow shall retain such other awards and the Higher Degree by research Scholarships Committee shall decide on the value of the fellowship after considering all circumstances. The Flinders University Overseas Travelling Fellowship and the Flinders University Overseas Field Trip Grant cannot be held concurrently.