

ECU Visiting Professorship 2019 Guidelines

1. Overview

In recognising the valuable input of internationally recognised researchers to the growth of research disciplines and collaborations, ECU is offering up to two Visiting Professorships to host outstanding researchers from overseas academic institutions. These awards are designed to build capability within ECU by encouraging collaboration within and external to the university, and by bringing international research leaders to our campuses.

Each fellowship will be awarded up to \$20,000 to contribute to airfares, accommodation, incidental costs and any honorarium.

2. Purpose

To bring international research leaders to ECU for a period of residency, during which time they may contribute to a number of activities including, but not limited to:

- expanding capacity and capability in the specific discipline area;
- cultivating new, and consolidating established, partnerships;
- mentoring of HDR students and Early and Middle Career Researchers;
- being actively involved in university seminars, workshops and such like;
- presenting a public lecture; and engaging with the local and national media.

EOIs are sought across four broad discipline areas:

- Health-related Research
- Science and Engineering
- Arts, Humanities and the Performing Arts
- Education, Business, Law

3. Eligibility

Nominated applicants must have:

1. a continuing appointment at their home institution for the period of the Fellowship
2. be an international leader in their field.

The visiting Fellow must be based full time at ECU for the period of the fellowship – this will be a minimum of 2 weeks but no longer than 12 weeks.

4. Funding

Awarded amount to be provided into a project account within the School. Please note these funds will be available from January 2019 and must be expended by 31 December 2019.

5. Budget

The ECU Visiting Professorship funding is to be used only as outlined in the application and for no other purpose.

Please note Visiting Professors are deemed employees of University for Fringe Benefit Purposes. Thus, when developing the budget, consideration should be given to tax implications and all costings should be reviewed by your School Finance Officer before submission.

In line with the HR Policy PL185 / hr152 Appointment – Emeritus Professor, Honorary, Adjunct & Visiting Academic Staff, the School will provide office accommodation, telephone and computing facilities, laboratory space etc. as required to host the successful applicant, **including** project costs over and above the awarded Fellowship funding. **This commitment must be detailed in the budget and letter of support.**

Funds can be used to support costs associated with the Fellowship including:

- Reasonable travel costs, to Perth and return. In exceptional circumstances, consideration may be given to supporting costs for partner and/or family travelling with the Fellow – these costs must be fully justified.
- Accommodation and living expenses – Please use [ATO Standard Per Diem Rates](#)
- An honorarium
- Project and collaboration costs
- Workshop, public lectures

Funds cannot be used to support:

- Salary
- Teaching or marking support
- Scholarships
- Conference attendance and associated costs

Please note the Host Researcher is responsible for organising venues and catering and should include any associated costs in the budget.

6. Application process

Key Dates

Application Deadline:	22 June 2018
Awards announced:	3 August 2018
All funds must be used by:	31st December 2019
Report Deadline:	3 months after visit.

For further information on the ECU Visiting Professorships Award please contact Linda Penny, Manager Research Support. research@ecu.edu.au.

Applications to be sent to Lorraine Dunbar, Awards Coordinator, research@ecu.edu.au by the application deadline **22 June 2018**.

Assessment Criteria

The Visiting Professors will be internationally outstanding and based outside of Australia (a CV needs to be provided with the application). Their research will align with ECU's research priorities and they will actively contribute to the growth of the nominated discipline area at ECU. In addition to their academic work, it is expected they will give at least one public lecture during their stay. They will be instrumental in developing collaborations across the discipline area within and external to ECU.

It is expected that the Visiting Professor will spend a minimum of 2 weeks and maximum of 12 weeks at ECU. ***Please note the Visiting Fellow is responsible for organising their own visa.***

The excellence of the nominated Visiting Professor's and the host Academic's CVs will be significant determinants in the award of a Visiting Professor Fellowship. The Selection Panel will take into consideration:

- the track records of the nominee and the host academic;
- the strategic alignment of the nominee, ECU's research priorities and the host School's priority research areas;
- the collaborative research project /program and benefits likely to arise from the collaboration including the potential for building new linkages with international research institutions of excellence, activities leading to the submission of applications to external funding bodies;
- the strength of the outreach program including mentoring of early and middle career researchers and public lectures;
- The overall return on investment (and value for money) of the proposed program.

7. Selection Process

Applications will be reviewed by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, the Director Office of Research and Innovation and senior research staff. Outcomes will be advised to the Host Academic in writing by 3 August 2018.

8. Administration and Reporting requirements

Funding will be allocated to successful applicants from 2019 and must be expended by 31 December 2019. The funds must be placed in a separate account in the School for ease of reporting.

The University may recoup any funds not spent by the end of the calendar year. Any variations to the budget must be approved by the Director, Office of Research and Innovation at research@ecu.edu.au

The Host Academic will provide a brief report to the Director, Office of Research and Innovation 3 months after visit. The report will list the activities and outcomes of the Fellowship and will be accompanied by a summary of the benefits to the School/Discipline/University signed by the Dean of School.