Adelaide University

International Fellows Award

Launching Futures, Connecting Minds



Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge the Kaurna, Boandik, and Barngarla First Nations Peoples and their Elders past and present, who are the Traditional Owners of the lands that are home to our campuses across Adelaide and South Australia.



Foreword from Professor Gallagher



The International Fellows Award exemplifies Adelaide University's ongoing commitment to strengthening global collaboration, enabling transformative research and encouraging the exchange of knowledge and ideas.

By welcoming distinguished scholars from top-ranked institutions worldwide, we foster a vibrant exchange of ideas that transcends borders.

This program not only enriches our academic community but also creates high-impact partnerships aligned with our Signature Research Themes and global ambitions.

Fellows engage deeply with our researchers and students, driving innovation and co-creating solutions to pressing global challenges.

Our program goes beyond a traditional Fellowship – it's a gateway to enduring international alliances, impactful contributions to society, and a shared pursuit of knowledge that shapes a better future for all.

I look forward to welcoming our Fellows to Adelaide University into a vibrant community where diverse perspectives fuel bold solutions to global issues.

Professor Jessica Gallagher

Deputy Vice Chancellor – International and External Engagement, Adelaide University

About the program



A hub for global thinkers, innovators, entrepreneurs and researchers.

Adelaide University's International Fellows Award is designed to bring some of the very best academic and research minds from around the globe to South Australia to work with our researchers and students on key global challenges.

Connecting high-calibre, globally recognised researchers from leading international universities and research environments to the Adelaide University community, this program enriches our research, teaching and learning activities and promotes innovative, impactful partnerships.

Ultimately, the program aims to foster long-term international collaboration and increase international co-publications, joint research projects and global academic impact.

This is a unique opportunity for Fellows to advance their research in a supported and focussed way at Australia's newest university.

Come and collaborate with us to shape what's next for a better world.

Forge global connections

Step into a vibrant academic ecosystem at Adelaide University.

Australia's most connected university

Benefit from the strength of our 7,000+ industry, education and research collaborators to unlock new opportunities and drive innovation and impact.

Where world-class research meets world-class living

A unique opportunity to engage in world-class research in one of the most liveable cities in the world.



2027/2028 Fellowship information

Program details

Up to 20 Fellowships will be awarded in the 2027 round to a value of AUD$22,000 each. In addition, up to five Fellowships may be awarded for commencement in 2028 to a value of $25,000 each as part of a pilot initiative to support applicants who require longer lead times due to institutional or other significant constraints.

Applicants seeking a 2028 Fellowship in this round must provide a clear justification for the extended lead time as part of their application. Requests will be assessed alongside the standard selection criteria. The 2028 allocation available through this pilot represents only a portion of the Fellowships expected to be offered for 2028. A separate future call is anticipated for the remaining 2028 Fellowships.

Funding for the 2027/28 round will be provided to the host unit and can be used to support the Fellow's participation in the Fellowship. Eligible expenses include international travel to Australia, accommodation in Adelaide, visitor visa application fees, public transport, taxis and rideshare services, meals, and other approved costs directly related to the Fellow's visit and Fellowship activities. Funding may also support activities that contribute to the objectives of the Fellowship, including collaboration with Adelaide University researchers, engagement with students, and participation in seminars, workshops, masterclasses, public lectures, and other agreed Fellowship activities. All expenditure must comply with Adelaide University policies and procedures.

Visits should ideally be between four to eight weeks, with shorter visits considered on a case-by-case basis. The proposed visit must align with Adelaide University's strategic priorities, areas of institutional strength, and/or Signature Research Themes. While undertaking their Fellowship, each Fellow must engage in collaborative research with Adelaide University academics, participate in community outreach and speaking opportunities, such as public lectures or masterclasses, and engage with higher degree by research (HDR) candidates and/or coursework students.

About Adelaide University



Where ideas become action

Adelaide University stands for progress. We are a new kind of university for the future, committed to making a transformative impact in our world – and yours.

We're transforming teaching and learning by developing Australia's most accessible, contemporary and future-focused curriculum, providing greater access to education, and undertaking future-making research of scale and focus with impact that transcends borders.

At Adelaide University, our role is more than just educating students; we empower students to transform themselves, their communities and the world. We foster an environment where students not only develop academically, but also cultivate the skills, values and mindset needed to effect positive change.

Our approach is shaped in partnership with industry, embedded with work-integrated learning, digitally underpinned, internationally informed and connected, reflective of our research, and geared to respond to skills shortages that are central to economic growth and the betterment of communities, globally.

79 in the world*

Ranked #79 in the world

And 8th nationally in the 2027 QS World University Rankings

Member of the Group of Eight

Australia's leading research-intensive universities

$4.7 billion contribution

Adelaide University's activities will contribute an estimated $4.7 billion a year to the Australian economy.

Global networks

Australia's most connected university

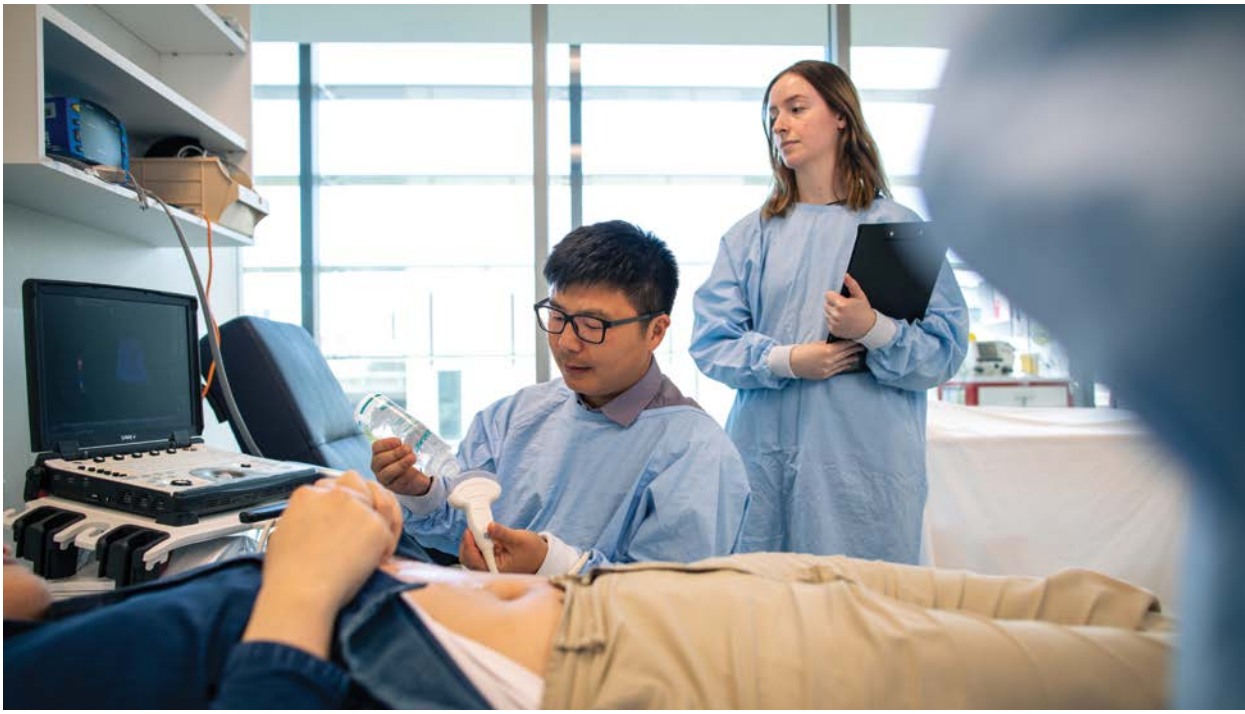


Adelaide University is committed to becoming the destination of choice for the best global researchers, innovators, thinkers, and entrepreneurs in our priority areas.

Our network of strategic global partnerships with world-leading higher education institutions, research centres, corporations and government agencies will enable knowledge sharing and collaboration at scale to collectively tackle the most pressing global needs and achieve greater positive impact for all.

In all fields, collaboration drives us. A reimagined research engine fit for the 21st century, our interconnected approach enables us to dream big and deliver meaningful change.

Through our powerful global partnerships, we will break down barriers, unlock new ways of thinking and doing, and become an engine for innovation.



Our Signature Research Themes

Adelaide University's research excellence and impact is fuelled by our unique locations, close campus–industry proximity, world-class research infrastructure, vibrant graduate researcher cohorts, outstanding research talent, and strategic alliances. Across every area, our breakthroughs move beyond the lab and into communities where they can make a real difference.

Home to more than 5,000 researchers, we are committed to conducting multidisciplinary research of the highest global standing through five Signature Research Themes aligned to local, national and global priorities.

Creative & Cultural

Our creative and cultural research is innovative and equitable, promoting cutting-edge creative practices and thriving communities. Building on Adelaide as the home of creative arts festivals, we work to strengthen cultural institutions and support the longevity of the creative industries. We aim to be global leaders in First Nations' creative and cultural research.

Defence & National Security

As a hub for research and innovation in sovereign capability, we research real-world solutions for defence and national security. Established ethical frameworks and human-centred design underpin all our defence research, including our work to upskill the next generation of researchers in the field.

Food, Agriculture & Wine

Our picturesque Waite Campus, complete with its own fully functioning vineyard, is home to the Southern Hemisphere's largest concentration of agriculture and wine research expertise. We're leveraging South Australia's food and wine advantage to tackle global demand for food, fuel and fibre using high-tech advances, and directly build Australia's climate resilience.

Personal & Societal Health

Armed with cutting-edge digital technology, we're building the health systems of the future. Our preventive research keeps people healthy and out of hospital, easing burdens on healthcare systems. Our breakthroughs aim to reduce social inequities, develop better treatments and improve outcomes for First Nations Peoples.

Sustainable Green Transition

Our research works to protect and restore the environment, while also contributing to improving social and economic prosperity. Anchored by South Australia's strategic advantage in world-leading renewable energy, our research capitalises on the state's unique environment as a "natural laboratory". Our research tackles global sustainability challenges, including climate adaptation, biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, water management and industrial transformation for a net zero future.





Our Colleges

Our academic and educational offerings are organised within six Colleges and discipline-based schools and further complemented by our research institutes and centres.

College of Business and Law

This College fosters future leaders in business and law, equipping students with the knowledge and skills to navigate complex global challenges. Through industry partnerships and cutting-edge research, we drive innovation in legal and business education.

College of Creative Arts, Design and Humanities

Dedicated to fostering creativity and critical thinking, this College nurtures the next generation of artists, designers, and humanities scholars. By integrating cultural awareness with digital innovation, we ensure graduates are equipped for diverse and evolving industries.

College of Engineering and Information Technology

This College is at the forefront of technological advancement, driving research and education in engineering, computing, and digital technologies. By collaborating with industry and government, we play a key role in shaping the future of infrastructure and innovation.

College of Health

With a focus on excellence in healthcare education and research, this College develops future health professionals and advances medical discoveries. Through clinical partnerships and cutting-edge research, we support the wellbeing of local and global communities.

College of Science

This College drives discovery and scientific innovation, contributing to advancements in environmental science, biotechnology, and fundamental research. By fostering hands-on learning and global collaborations, we prepare students for impactful careers in STEM fields.

College of Education, Behavioural and Social Sciences

Committed to shaping future educators, psychologists, and social scientists, this College plays a crucial role in building stronger communities. By integrating research-led teaching with real-world applications, we enhance learning, social equity, and policy development.

About Adelaide

As one of Australia's most liveable cities, Adelaide is shaped by stories. The first of these stories created by the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains. We are a celebration of diversity and inclusion with a strong sense of community.

Adelaide is boutique and accessible. It balances the best of urban living with striking natural landscapes and a close connection to the regions – from picturesque coastlines and rolling hills to open parklands, plains and vineyards – you are never too far away.

There is an ever-evolving skyline and an urban renewal that boasts brilliant hospitality, cultural and sporting institutions, and reimagined precincts – presenting the perfect backdrop and host city for national and international events.





We are a society that embraces technological opportunities in education, energy, space, advanced manufacturing, food and wine, creative industries and health services. It's a learner's city for curious minds. We are transformational, setting our own pace for life through advancement and discovery.





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