



THE AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AT ATHENS

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AAIA ESTABLISHED RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

GENERAL INFORMATION

It is important to be specific about what you want to do during the Fellowship period, especially for applicants who plan to undertake research in Greece, because the AAIA must make a formal application for a permit for certain types of research-related activities in Greece. Foreign researchers are not permitted to apply directly for research-related permits in Greece.

In Greece, a permit is required to handle and study objects in museums, and the researcher must specify if drawing, photography or other methods of recording will be undertaken. Most museums do allow visitors to photograph material on display but this must usually be without a flash.

In Greece, a permit is required to undertake original data collection on an archaeological site. You must provide evidence that you have the permission of the permit holder to undertake the data collection you plan to do, if you, yourself, are not the permit holder.

As the AAIA submits the permit application for research in Greece on behalf of the researcher, the AAIA will work with the successful applicant on this process after confirmation of acceptance of the award. If you have any questions about your proposed activities with regard to Greek permit requirements or access arrangements in Greece, please contact aaia@otenet.gr.

If you plan to undertake research elsewhere in the Mediterranean for any part of this Fellowship, please contact the [AAIA Director](#) to discuss your plans in advance of submitting your application to ensure you are engaged appropriately in any essential permission processes.

RESEARCH PROJECT PROPOSAL

The Research Project Proposal should be no more than 1000 words in total and include the following sections and information:

Project Introduction

What is the overarching project about?

What specific research questions are you asking in the overarching project?

Why is the overarching project significant not only to scholarship but also to society more broadly?

Research Context

How has the overarching topic been approached before?

What is the problem with this that has led to your overarching project now?



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Fellowship Period Activities

*What aspects of your overarching project will you be addressing during the Fellowship period?
What, exactly, do you plan to do during the Fellowship period? Please be as specific as possible.
What methodologies do you plan to use? (E.g. photography; drawing; bibliographic research.)
Why is it essential to undertake these activities overseas?*

Outputs and Career Progression

*What outputs will arise from the Fellowship period?
How else will you disseminate your project results?
How will this Fellowship help advance your career?*

ITINERARY GUIDELINES

Please provide specific dates, or a specific period, in which you plan to undertake your activities in relation to this Fellowship. If you plan to visit more than one place or museum, think about how much time you will need to allocate to each and provide that information in your itinerary.

Applicants are advised that during July and August, access to study material in Greek museums may be limited, and many of the major research libraries in Athens are closed during August, and some in September.

BUDGET GUIDELINES

Please provide a full, itemised budget for your activities to be undertaken during the Fellowship period. It is expected that this will include travel, accommodation, and subsistence costs.

Please include the details of other funding applications in relation to the activities you propose to undertake during the Fellowship period, including the amount applied for; which budget costs each will cover; and outcome (or outcome dates).

Applicants are encouraged to stay in the AAlA hostel in Athens. Please contact aaia@otonet.gr for current rates and availability. If you do not intend to stay in the AAlA hostel while in Athens, please provide justification for this decision (this does not form part of the assessment of your application).



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AAIA ESTABLISHED RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

The AAIA welcomes applications for an Established Research Fellowship relating to research that fits within at least one of the AAIA's [current research themes](#).

All projects must have a Hellenic component, although comparative study is welcomed.

The Fellowship is tenable for up to twelve weeks and must be undertaken between 1 January 2027 and 30 June 2028.

Applications should be emailed to arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au by noon in Sydney on 10 April 2026.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Fellowship is to support Established Researchers to spend time based at the AAIA in Athens to undertake research. Research may also be undertaken elsewhere, justification for which must be articulated in the application.

2. Areas of Research

- 1) The project must fall under at least one of the AAIA's current Research Themes.
- 2) A Hellenic component is essential, although comparative study is welcomed.

3. Eligibility

An applicant must be beyond 7 years from the year of PhD degree award.

An applicant must also meet at least one of the following conditions:

- 1) have received their PhD from an Australian university
- 2) be employed at the time of application by an Australian university
- 3) be an Australian citizen based overseas at the time of application

4. Value

- 1) Up to \$2500 for travel expenses to/from Greece (or elsewhere with justification).
- 2) Up to twelve consecutive weeks of accommodation in the AAIA Hostel in Athens without charge.

5. Duration

- 1) The duration of the Fellowship is up to twelve consecutive weeks.
- 2) The Fellowship must be undertaken in its entirety between 1 January 2027 and 30 June 2028.
- 3) Fellows are expected to be based at the Institute in Athens for at least four weeks of their Fellowship period. Periods to be spent outside of Athens must be justified in the Fellowship Research Project Proposal.

6. Application Requirements

- 1) A completed Application Form.
- 2) A completed Research Project Proposal as outlined in the Application Guidelines.
- 3) A confidential letter of academic recommendation. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their referee has sent the letter of recommendation directly to arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au by the application deadline.

7. Fellowship Responsibilities

- 1) All Fellows are asked to offer a public lecture in Athens during their Fellowship period on a research topic of their choosing that is relevant to the remit of the AAIA.
- 2) All Fellows are required to offer to give a public lecture based upon their Fellowship research to their local Friends Group, if there is one, to be held within twelve months of completing the Fellowship period.
- 3) All Fellows must refrain from acting in a way that may damage the relations of the Institute with the Greek authorities or other Foreign Schools and Institutes.
- 4) Misconduct or activities that may damage the relations of the Institute with the Greek authorities and other Foreign Schools and Institutes may lead to the suspension of the Fellowship.
- 5) All Fellows are responsible to the Director of the AAIA or any delegates.
- 6) All Fellows must write an article for a non-specialist audience on their activities undertaken as part of the Fellowship for publication in the annual AAIA *Bulletin* when requested by the AAIA.

8. Assessment Procedure

- 1) Applications are judged on the following criteria:
 - i) the overarching project's originality
 - ii) the overarching project's relationship to existing research in the field
 - iii) the scholarly importance of the project
 - iv) the benefit to society of the overarching project
 - v) the cost-effectiveness of the research to be undertaken during the fellowship period
 - vi) the justification of the need to undertake the fellowship-period research as outlined in the application
 - vii) the benefit of the fellowship period to the applicant's career
 - viii) intended outputs arising from the overarching project
- 2) Applications are assessed by the AAIA Research Committee. Those who undertake the assessment of applications are required to give an undertaking that all information acquired in the discharge of their duties be kept confidential and not be transmitted to any persons other than in accordance with the prescribed procedures for the selection process. Information provided to assessors in an application for funding will only be used for the purposes of evaluating the proposal.
- 3) Those who undertake the assessment of applications for funds are required to declare actual or potential conflicts of interest.
- 4) Applicants are informed by email of the outcome of their application.
- 5) Competition for support is intense, and it is anticipated that many high-quality applications may not receive support. Appeals may not be made against the academic judgement of the assessors. The sole ground on which an appeal may be made is one of improper procedure. Anyone wishing to make an appeal against a decision should write to the Director no later than 30 days after the result of the application is emailed, citing the specific decision and setting out clearly the substantive basis of the appeal. Only applicants themselves may appeal. The Director will respond in writing within 30 days of receipt of the appeal.

9. Conditions of Award

Recipients of awards are made aware of any conditions that may be attached to the award at the time of award, as these may be specific to the project, and are required to confirm acceptance of those conditions.

10. Equal Opportunities

The AAIA is committed to a policy of equal opportunities in that applicants will receive equal treatment, regardless of race, sexual orientation, religion, gender, age, or disability.

11. Ethics Policy

All applicants are required to indicate that they have read and will comply with the policies and standards concerning research ethics of the countries in which they are travelling and working while undertaking the Fellowship.

12. Health and Safety

All applicants are required to indicate that they have read and will comply with the the policies and standards concerning health and safety of the countries in which they are travelling and working while undertaking the Fellowship.

13. Data Protection

All Fellows must abide by the [European Union's General Data Protection Regulations](#) in the undertaking of any Fellowship research undertaken within the European Union.

13. Visas and Insurance

Responsibility for all visas and insurance (e.g. travel; health) pertaining to their Fellowship period and activities lies with the Fellow.

14. Access to Sites, Libraries, Archives, and Museums

Applicants are advised that during July and August, access to study materials in Greek museums may be limited, and many of the major research libraries in Athens are closed during August, and some in September. Applicants are advised to check access arrangements with organisations relevant to their research prior to submitting their application to the AAIA.

February 2026