



# THE AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AT ATHENS

ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΝΟ ΑΡΧΑΙΟΛΟΓΙΚΟ ΙΝΣΤΙΤΟΥΤΟ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ

## AAIA RAPID RESEARCH GRANT

### TERMS & CONDITIONS

The AAIA Rapid Research Grant aims to allow researchers to capitalise upon flexibility in their schedules as their academic year progresses in order to produce a discrete output.

The Grant is tenable for up to four consecutive weeks and must be undertaken between 1 May 2026 – 31 December 2026.

Applications should be emailed to [arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au](mailto:arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au) by noon in Sydney on 10 April 2026.

#### 1. Purpose

The purpose of the Grant is to support researchers to spend time based at the AAIA in Athens for up to four consecutive weeks to undertake research that leads to a discrete output (e.g. dissertation chapter; peer review journal article; competitive grant application). 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 a member in good standing of the AAIA.

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

- 1) be a registered HDR student at an Australian university
- 2) be an Australian citizen enrolled in an HDR programme at an overseas university
- 3) have received their PhD from an Australian university
- 4) be employed at the time of application by an Australian university
- 5) be an Australian citizen based overseas at the time of application

#### 4. Value

- 1) Up to \$5000 for travel to/from Greece (or elsewhere with justification) and accommodation expenses.

#### 5. Duration

- 1) The duration of the Grant is up to four consecutive weeks.
- 2) The Grant must be undertaken in its entirety between 1 May 2026 and 31 December 2026.
- 3) Award Holders are expected to reside at the AAIA Hostel in Athens during their Grant period. Time spent outside of Athens must be justified in the Project Proposal.

#### 6. Application Requirements

- 1) A completed Application Form.
- 2) A completed Research Project Proposal, Budget and Itinerary 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](mailto:arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au) by the application deadline.

## **7. Award Holder Responsibilities**

- 1) All Award Holders must acknowledge the AAIA in any publication and presentation outputs arising from the Grant activities.
- 2) All Award Holders are required to offer to give a public lecture in Athens during their Grant period on a research topic of their choosing that is relevant to the remit of the AAIA. The timing of the Grant may mean that this cannot be realised.
- 3) All Award Holders are required to offer to offer a public lecture based upon their Grant research to their local Friends Group, if there is one, to be held within twelve months of completing the Grant period.
- 4) All Award Holders must write an article on their activities undertaken as part of the Grant for publication in the annual AAIA *Bulletin*. This should be 500 words with one 300dpi full colour image, and it should be written for a non-specialist audience. The deadline is 1 February following the Grant period and should be submitted to [publications@aaia.gr](mailto:publications@aaia.gr)
- 5) All Award Holders 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.
- 6) 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 Grant.
- 7) All Award Holders are responsible to the Director of the AAIA or any delegates.

## **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 Grant period
  - vi) the justification of the need to undertake the Grant-period research as outlined in the application
  - vii) the benefit of the Grant period to the applicant's career
  - viii) intended outputs arising from the Grant period and 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 AAIA 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 Grant Award.

## **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 Grant Award.

## **13. Data Protection**

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

## **13. Visas and Insurance**

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

## **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.

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