



THE AUSTRALIAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE AT ATHENS

ΑΥΣΤΡΑΛΙΑΝΟ ΑΡΧΑΙΟΛΟΓΙΚΟ ΙΝΣΤΙΤΟΥΤΟ ΑΘΗΝΩΝ

AAIA HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

The AAIA welcomes applications for a Higher Degree by 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 - 31 December 2027.

Applications should be emailed to arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au by noon in Sydney on Friday, 11 September 2026.

1. Purpose

The purpose of the Fellowship is to support students undertaking dissertation research that leads to a higher degree by research qualification to spend time based at the AAIA in Athens to undertake that 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 a registered Higher Degree by Research student at an Australian university or an Australian citizen registered for a postgraduate-level research degree at a university overseas. An applicant must also be a member in good standing of the AAIA.

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 31 December 2027.
- 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 recommendation from the applicant's dissertation supervisor. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that their supervisor has sent the letter of recommendation directly to arts.aaia@sydney.edu.au by the application deadline.

7. Fellowship Responsibilities

- 1) All Fellows are required 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 on their activities undertaken as part of the Fellowship 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 fellowship period and should be submitted to publications@aaia.gr.

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.
- 6) AAIA reserves the right to withdraw the award from a successful applicant if changes are made to dates and/or activities as stated in the application.

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.

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