



DYASON FELLOWSHIPS

Guidelines

AIMS AND BACKGROUND

Edward Clarence Evelyn Dyason was a notable humanist, philanthropist and engineer in the city of Melbourne who in 1947 bequeathed the University half of his residuary estate for the advancement of education. The Edward Clarence Dyason Fund was established to provide the “Dyason Fellowships”, travel fellowships awarded by the University Council on the recommendation of the Dyason Fellowships Committee.

Dyason Fellowships fund University staff to undertake or host a short-term international visit that fosters significant and lasting research collaborations with leading international researchers. Fellowships are awarded across all disciplines as well as for interdisciplinary proposals.

Fellowship recipients are considered ambassadors of the University and activities should promote the University’s goal of being recognised as a globally engaged, comprehensive and research-intensive university that is uniquely positioned to respond to major social, economic and environmental challenges. Alignment with the University’s [strategic plan](#) is also of importance.

FUNDING PRIORITIES

The Dyason Fellowship Committee will observe the following funding priorities when deciding awards.

- One-third of Fellowships each round are reserved for applications from the Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences.
- Preference will be given to applications from Early Career Researchers (ECRs). ECRs are defined as researchers who have received their PhD within the last five years or have an eligible commensurate career interruption. Fifty-four per cent of awards last round were granted to ECRs.
- Where applications are of equal merit, preference will be given to proposals that have the potential to enhance relationships with the University’s international partner institutions. Please visit the [International Relations Office](#) resources page for more information.

FUNDING

The standard award is \$5,000, although in exceptional circumstances additional funding may be awarded if the request can be justified (e.g. medical condition, number of participants, nature of activity or length of Fellowship). In circumstances where the justification for additional funding is deemed satisfactory, total funding will not exceed \$10,000. Fellowships can be used as a contribution towards the total cost of a larger activity.

Eligible expenses include:

- international economy airfares
- accommodation
- venue and associated equipment hire for workshops and events
- Other ancillary costs related to the visit

Funds cannot be requested for direct research costs (such as salaries or bench fees), retrospective activity (any costs incurred before the date of award) or conference attendance.

ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must hold an appointment at the University of Melbourne at Academic Level A (6) or higher with a minimum of 0.5 FTE for the duration of the award.
- Honorary and adjunct academic staff are not eligible to apply. This includes honorary researchers from the Sir Peter MacCallum Department of Oncology, the Florey Department of Neuroscience and Mental Health, and the Medical Bionics Department.
- Previous recipients of Dyason Fellowships may not reapply to the scheme for a period of two years after the round in which the initial fellowship was granted.
- ECRs are encouraged to ask a mentor to review their application before submission.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed against the following weighted criteria. Applications that are incomplete, exceed the word limit or do not comply with the Guidelines will not be considered.

- Potential of the proposed visit to foster collaboration with leading international researchers that will lead to joint funding applications and/or joint publications (40%).
- Track record of the applicant and the potential for the activity to significantly enhance the applicant's portfolio of international research and collaborations (20%).
- Demonstrated capability of the international collaborator(s) to contribute to the proposed research (20%).
- Contribution to the University's Research and Research Training goal and targets as outlined in the University's strategy [Research at Melbourne: Ensuring excellence and impact to 2025](#) (20%).

KEY DATES

- Applications due: Friday, 30 March 2018, 5pm AEST
- Results released: Early June 2018
- Funds must be expended within 18 months of award

APPLICATION PROCESS

The Guidelines and Application Form can be found on the [scheme website](#). To submit your application:

1. Save the completed application as single PDF file named SURNAME_FACULTY_DYASON, where SURNAME is the Chief Investigator's surname. For example, Prof Jane Smith from the Faculty of Arts would name the file SMITH_ARTS_DYASON.
2. Submit the application as a **single PDF** file via Themis submissions workbench for approval by your Head of Department.
3. Submit the application as a **single PDF** file to dyason-fellowships@unimelb.edu.au.

FUNDING CONDITIONS

Funds will be made available on supply of a valid account string. A final report is due six weeks after the project end date. This final report must address the objectives stated in the original proposal and include a summary of all activities, including any variations. Although Fellowship outputs may take some time to achieve, the report should indicate when outputs (joint publications, funding applications, etc.) are expected. A faculty financial report must be submitted along with the final report to show all funds have been expended. Researchers who do not submit a final report will not be eligible for future internal funding at the University of Melbourne. Unspent funds are to be returned to the Dyason Trust. Dyason Fellowship recipients who leave the employment of the University of

Melbourne must relinquish awards.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Send enquiries to Peter Blight, Grants Officer (International), E: dyason-fellowships@unimelb.edu.au, Ph: +613 8344 6160.

PRIVACY POLICY

Applicant information will be made available to the Dyason Fellowship Committee, the Committee Secretariat Officer, administrative staff and (where necessary) professional advisers in order to assess candidates. The University of Melbourne has a comprehensive [Privacy Policy](#) that covers issues related to the responsible use and management of personal information. You are entitled to access personal information held by the University of Melbourne under freedom of information laws as explained on the [University Governance website](#).