

SSN Visiting Scholars Program 2020 Guidelines and Application Criteria

The Deakin Science and Society Network (SSN) promotes interdisciplinary research that bridges STEM and HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) disciplines. We aim to support science-literate social research and socially-engaged science that makes an impact.

The SSN Visiting Scholars Program is designed to provide emerging scholars engaged in exciting interdisciplinary research an opportunity to be hosted at any School, Strategic Research Centre or Institute of Deakin University for a period of 1-3 months. Visiting Scholars should be engaged in research activities that align with one of the SSN's four research themes:

- Environmental Challenges
- Healthy Futures
- Indigenous Knowledges
- Data Cultures

Earliest commencement date: Jan 27, 2020; latest commencement date Nov 1, 2020.

See website for further details on research themes and theme leaders:

<http://ssn.deakin.edu.au>

Program Aims

The scheme aims to be of benefit to the Visiting Scholars, SSN and Deakin more widely. It is designed to establish new collaborations and to make an important contribution to SSN's (and Deakin's) research culture. The visit should advance the Visiting Scholar's own research and increase opportunities for collaboration with Deakin researchers.

During their residency, Visiting Scholars will lead or participate in activities, such as:

- Writing joint publications
- Developing collaborative grant applications
- Organising and presenting research seminars
- Organising and presenting workshops for PhD candidates and Early Career Researchers (ECRs)
- development of links with relevant industry, government and/or international partners

Funding

Visiting Scholars will receive complimentary accommodation at the Deakin Burwood or Geelong residential facilities and are eligible for a stipend of \$500AUD a month.

Application process

To be eligible, applicants must have **either** submitted their PhD for examination prior to the application closing date, **or** had their PhD conferred within the last twelve months prior to the application closing date (that is, PhD conferred 30th November 2018 or later).

- Deadline for applications: **31 October 2019**
- Successful applicants will be notified by the **end of November 2019**.

Interested scholars should, in the first instance, contact a scholar at Deakin whose work is aligned with that of the applicant, with a request to host their stay and support their application. Applicants will be hosted within a School or SRC, and all applications require the support of relevant Heads of Budget centre (School/SRC/Institute).

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The extent to which the research program of the Applicant is interdisciplinary, innovative and aligned with one or more SSN Themes
- The Applicant's track record of publications, collaboration and active contribution to academic life as a student and ECR
- Existing links with Deakin academics or the potential for such links
- The potential for the proposed research and associated activities to enrich the SSN and Deakin research environment

Completed application forms should be submitted to ssn-info@deakin.edu.au