



# HARVARD CLUB OF AUSTRALIA FOUNDATION

## *Preliminary Call for Applications*

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### **2012 Australia-Harvard Fellowships – deadline September 26, 2011**

**Attention:** Mid-career and senior Harvard-based researchers intending collaborative work in Australia.  
Also, Australian counterparts planning collaborative follow-ups at Harvard.

#### **Who should apply?**

Scientists, engineers and medical researchers who:

- are normally based at Harvard University or one of its closely affiliated institutions
- have links with scientific and technology research or education activities in Australia
- were awarded their Ph.D. before 2008 (or qualification of equal rigor)
- alternatively, are Australia-based and seek funding to visit Harvard to follow up previous collaborations.

#### **What does a Fellowship cover?**

**Australia-Harvard Fellowships** are tenable at Australian research institutions and are administered by them. Each will negotiate details appropriate to the collaborative project involved. Typically, a Fellowship award might be sufficient to cover, for example, the Fellow's travel to / from Australia, reasonable salary / living expenses in Australia for several months (\$US 9,000 per month is a guide figure), research-related travel within Australia, and perhaps purchases of research-specific materials, instruments or equipment. In some cases, the host institution may decide to enhance the project's outcomes by co-contributing, i.e. supplementing the Fellowship grant. Senior applicants may propose a shorter visit to participate in seminars or instructional courses that are open to many Australian researchers. Another option is the opportunity to undertake longer studies, for example, of sabbatical duration. Australian Fellows visiting Harvard can be similarly funded but specific conditions will depend on travel and other policies of their Australian host institutions.

#### **Any constraints / guidelines for applicants?**

- **Host institution to be 'eligible':** As an Australian philanthropic trust, HCA Foundation effectively 'donates' your Fellowship grant directly to your prime host institution, which must itself be 'eligible' to receive the donation. Fortunately, all of the nation's universities and most research centers are 'eligible', a status determined by Australia's tax office. In the unlikely event of doubt about your host's eligibility, please check with us.
- **Supplementary interactions:** As well as carrying out your research program, you will be encouraged to spend up to two days per month interacting with educators in your vicinity. Examples: help to develop content for classroom demonstrations in your field, evening lectures for students, career advice.
- **Selector preferences:** Applicants may be interested in selectors' experiences from previous Fellowship rounds. Selectors have found that, when faced with proposals of apparently equal merit, they prefer attributes such as projects that are clearly described, inbound Fellowship visits that offer more interaction with Australian peers, and applicants strongly endorsed by their intended collaborators. Applicants for out-bound Fellowships should demonstrate how Australia's research-base will benefit by extending their collaboration to Harvard's facilities.

#### **How to apply:**

Please submit a **short** proposal:

- Outline the research and/or educational activities you plan in Australia, together with indicative budget
- Explain the relevance of your collaboration to your host institution's research or educational objectives
- Describe your prior or current engagement with Australian research and education, if any.
- Include a short résumé and list of publications, plus names of two referees familiar with your field of endeavor.

E-mail your application to A-H Fellowship Secretary: **John Turner** at <ahf\_at\_harvard.org.au> [ For \_at\_ read @ ]  
Deadline for receipt of applications for 2012 A-H Fellowships is **September 26, 2011**.  
We plan to advise successful applicants before end-December, 2011.



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### **What is Harvard Club of Australia Foundation?**

HCA Foundation is an initiative of the Harvard Club of Australia. It supports learned exchange between Harvard University and Australia. HCA Foundation receives tax-deductible donations, principally from Club members and from Club-sponsored fund-raising activities such as its annual executive education program.

To date, Australia-Harvard Fellows have represented scientific fields as diverse as indigenous health policy, non-avian biology, climate change geology, bio-molecular engineering of micro-scale cardiac tissue, and a broad range of medical research topics. We have awarded twenty-nine Fellowships since 2005.

*Note that some details of this **Call for Applications** are preliminary and subject to change. Before finalising your application, please check our website to ensure you are reading the latest edition.*