

CLUB MELBOURNE FELLOWSHIP 2020 APPLICATION GUIDE

“Club Melbourne is Program of highly educated, highly skilled and passionate advocates working together for the benefit of every Victorian. It’s a collaboration that truly brings the world to Melbourne.”

Peter King, Chief Executive, Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

CLUB MELBOURNE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The Club Melbourne Ambassador Program is an invitation-only group of Victoria's elite thinkers and leaders, working together to establish, secure and host international conferences that promote our state's expertise around the world and bring thought leadership to Victoria.

Club Melbourne is owned and led by Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in support and collaboration with the Melbourne Convention Bureau and the State Government of Victoria.

Delivering over 150 international conferences since 2005, Club Melbourne Ambassadors have played a direct role in boosting the Victorian economy by more than \$950 million, making it one of the most influential ambassador programs in the world.

Through securing, establishing and hosting international conferences in Melbourne, Club Melbourne provides enormous community benefits through education, research, networking and legacies.

Club Melbourne reflects the calibre of Melbourne's intellectual, medical, academic, business and cultural life. It brings together leaders in diverse fields with a common goal to contribute to Victoria's economic growth and global reputation.

In celebration of its 10th anniversary, the Program launched its annual Club Melbourne Fellowship in 2015.

CLUB MELBOURNE FELLOWSHIP

The Club Melbourne Fellowship aims to support the next generation of Melbourne's research leaders and potential future Club Melbourne Ambassadors. The Club Melbourne Fellowship is focused on delivering community benefits through education, networking and collaboration.

The awarded Fellow is welcomed into the prestigious Club Melbourne network for one year through key event invitations and receives funds of \$10,000 to support costs for research that must include but is not limited to attendance at an international conference specifically enabling access to a program of research.

One Fellowship is available annually for a Victorian based mid-career researcher, including the following:

- Invitations to attend all of Club Melbourne's annual core events for the year,
- The opportunity to present their research at the End of Year Club Melbourne event,
- Promotion to the exclusive Club Melbourne network including profiling of the Fellow on the Club Melbourne website, e-newsletter and social media channels,
- Funding of \$10,000 to support costs for research that must include but is not limited to attendance at an international conference specifically for enabling access to a program of research.
- Attendance at the Club Melbourne Anniversary Dinner for the official award presentation.

CLUB MELBOURNE FELLOWSHIP GUIDELINES

FINALISTS

Applications are managed by the Research Office from each Victorian university and research institute. The Research Offices are permitted to submit a maximum of one application to Club Melbourne. From these applications a finalists group will be determined.

The Fellowship finalists will be offered the following:

- Invitation to attend the Club Melbourne Anniversary Dinner,
- Promotion to the exclusive Club Melbourne network including profiling of the finalists on the Club Melbourne website and social media channels,
- Profile included in promotional opportunities as they arise.

ELIGIBILITY

To qualify for consideration for the 2020 Club Melbourne Fellowship, applicants must be:

- Within 5 years from conferral of PhD or with career disruptions* within 10 years from conferral of PhD,
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia,
- A current Victorian resident and currently affiliated with a Victorian university or research institute (adjunct/honorary status is not eligible),
- Applying for funds to support costs for research and attendance at an international conference specifically for enabling access to a relevant program of research.

**Career disruptions account for maternal or paternal leave only.*

KEY DATES

31 January 2020	Applications open
27 March 2020	Applications close (University/Institute Research Office submission deadline)
1 June 2020	Finalist applications due (Research Office submit finalist to CMAP)
June - July 2020	Judging term
31 July 2020	Shortlisted finalists announced
August 2020	2020 Fellow announced at Club Melbourne Anniversary Dinner
August 2020 – August 2021	Term of the 2020 Club Melbourne Fellowship

HOW TO APPLY

****Please ensure you read this guideline document carefully before completing the application form****

1. Download and complete all sections of the Club Melbourne Fellowship Application Form. All information must be clear and concise. Please ensure all supporting documents are certified copies of the originals as applications will not be returned.
2. Submit your application to your Research Office for their review and consideration by 5.00pm Friday 27 March 2020. Please contact your Research Office directly to confirm how your application form and supporting documents should be submitted.
3. Each Research Office is responsible for determining ONE finalist (per Victorian university or research institute) to submit to Club Melbourne. Individual applications will not be accepted.
4. The chosen finalist application must be submitted via email to cmap@mcec.com.au by the relevant Research Office as a single Word document attachment, with confirmation of the single application in the body of the email. The required supporting documents (photo, short bio and proof of residency) must also be attached to the same email. This email must be received before 5.00pm(EST) on Monday 1 June 2020.

**Research office applications close 5.00pm(EST) on Friday 27 March 2020.
Finalist applications close 5.00pm(EST) on Monday 1 June 2020.**

Late applications will not be accepted.

JUDGING PROCESS

The initial selection process will be undertaken by each Victorian university and institute, and managed by the Research Offices according to the criteria and eligibility outlined in this guideline document.

Eligible applications submitted to Club Melbourne will be reviewed by a judging panel of Club Melbourne Ambassadors who are best able to evaluate their merit. Applications are judged anonymously.

JUDGING CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Demonstrated research excellence through academic and research achievements, awards, publications, and potential impact and or benefits their research will have for the Victorian economy.
- Demonstrated characteristics of interdisciplinary collaboration, community engagement or support, leadership, and initiative.
- How much attendance at the identified international conference and proposed research would enhance career progression.

FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Requirements of the 2020 Club Melbourne Fellow include:

- Attendance at Club Melbourne Anniversary Dinner to accept the Fellowship as part of the event formalities.
- Attendance at an international conference specifically for enabling access to a program of research.
- Submission of a report on the conference experience to Club Melbourne four weeks post-conference attendance.

Please also refer to the terms and conditions outline in the document below.

CONTACT

For more information on the Club Melbourne Ambassador Program and the 2020 Club Melbourne Fellowship, please visit clubmelbourne.com.au or contact Club Melbourne on cmap@mcec.com.au.

For more information on the application process within your university or research institute, please contact your Research Office directly.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

Through submitting an application for consideration for the 2020 Club Melbourne Fellowship, it is believed the applicant and the involved parties agree to the following terms and conditions:

- Successful applicants must agree to allow Club Melbourne to publicise the information included in the application and of the applicant throughout their Fellowship term and for promotional use for future years.
- Successful applicants must comply with the reporting and financial requirements outlined by Club Melbourne.
- Successful applicants are not eligible to apply for future Club Melbourne Fellowships.
- All arrangements regarding the research project, international conference and related activities are the responsibility of the successful applicant.
- Successful applicants must comply with the Fellowship Requirements as outlined in this guidelines document.
- Club Melbourne reserves the right to withdraw funding should the Club Melbourne Fellowship terms and conditions not be observed.