

Rosewood Research Fellowship

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

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Introduction

Rosewood Research is a state-of-the-art grain research facility, our mission is to support the furtherance of research in Australia within the grains and bread related industries. We are an organisation whose heritage lies in providing cutting edge research, training facilities and services for the grains, flour milling, grains processing and grain-based food industries.

Applications are open in early 2023

About this Fellowship

Rosewood Research and the International Specialised Skills Institute (ISS Institute) are offering an international applied research Fellowship in the amount of \$12,500 (less GST) .

The 2023 Rosewood Research Fellowships award funds for two separate strands of research: one in nutrition in aged care and the other in artisan baking techniques, involving grain research.

Nutrition in Aged Care

The 2023 Rosewood Research International Fellowship (Nutrition in Aged Care) provides an opportunity for individuals to acquire higher-level skills and drive leading practice and innovation in Australia.

Objectives of the Fellowship are to:

- Provide an overview of the innovative aging approaches adopted internationally and quantify the outcomes
- Develop a review of the role of nutrition, food science & innovation in food is contributing to the world best outcomes for aging populations
- Evaluate the contribution of cereal and grain products role in the diet and better health outcomes
- Provide recommendations on how Australia may adopt some of the innovation aging findings

Applications should focus on the following areas:

- Nutrition in aged care settings
- World's best practice in valuing and supporting the contribution their aging population is making to their communities
- The social and emotional needs of the aging population and the role of diet and cereal /grain foods.

Artisan Baking Fellowship

(Vocational Education & Training)

The 2021 Rosewood Research International Fellowship (Artisan Baking) provides an opportunity for individuals to acquire higher-level skills and drive leading practice and innovation in Australia.

Objectives of the Fellowship are to:

- Research the artisan grains, milling and baking industry in Europe's most advanced and mature markets
- Develop an overview of the artisan farming, milling & baking training programs that are supporting the growth and maturity of these industries.
- Contrast this with the Australian artisan baking industry highlighting our strengths, weaknesses & recommendations for improvements.

Applications should focus on the following areas:

- Artisan baking educators

- World's best practice in making artisan baked food
- Grain techniques

International Specialised Skills Institute (ISS Institute)

The ISS Institute was founded 30 years ago, by a small group of innovative leaders who had a vision of building a community of industry specialists who would lead the up skilling of the Australian workforce. Investing in the development of talented, passionate and innovative Australians to develop new skills and knowledge and return to Australia to disseminate their learnings has, and continues to create a 'better skilled Australia.' Our Fellows represent abroad cross-section of industries and our Fellowship program creates impact in many ways including economic benefits, skills preservation, the personal and professional advancement of our Fellows, new thinking, practice and increased innovation in the workforce.

What is International Applied Research?

Applied research is an approach used to solve practical problems. This study and research is often used in education, training and across industries with the intention to generate actionable knowledge, to find solutions or develop innovative practice that has direct applications to the world. ISS Institute's Fellowship Program invests in Australians undertaking a form of applied research outside of Australia.

What are Skill Enhancements?

Skill enhancements are opportunities to develop skills, advance knowledge and identify innovation. Fellowships allow individuals to enhance their skills for the benefit of organisations and industries in Australia. Fellowships provide opportunities to identify problems or skill gaps in Australia, enable Fellows to identify best-practice and ways of addressing these and provide detailed recommendations so that innovative or new approaches can be implemented in industry.

How to apply for this Fellowship?

To apply for this Fellowship you are required to:

- Complete the Application Form
- Provide a current Curriculum Vitae (resume)
- Provide 1 x letter of support which indicates that your Fellowship field is relevant and will benefit the industry (eg. peak industry bodies, government agencies, professional associations, community organisation)
- Provide 1 x Employer Endorsement Letter (unless you are self-employed) indicating that you will be supported to meet the obligations associated with this Fellowship (this letter should be from your CEO, Director or Manager).

Email these documents to applications@issinstitute.org.au

Who can apply?

- Australian residents over the age of 18 years.
- Australian resident of Italian descent.
- Applicants can be located anywhere in Australia.

What does a Fellowship involve?

- Fellows must use their Fellowship payment to undertake applied international research.
- Overseas Fellowship research may include meeting knowledgeable leaders, conducting interviews,

observation, immersion in workplaces, undertaking specialised training or attending specialist conferences.

- Fellows must manage their Fellowship funds personally to arrange their international activities.
- Fellows must prepare a formal Fellowship Report documenting findings and recommendations for industry / skill enhancement in Australia within 12 months of receiving their Fellowship. ISS Institute will assist with the editing, design and publication of this Fellowship Report.
- Fellows participate in a Fellowship Induction Program and are proudly supported by ISS Institute staff throughout the Fellowship period (and beyond).
- Fellows must arrange for time off work with their employer to undertake the overseas applied research component of their Fellowship. While the Fellowship is being awarded to the individual and not their employer, it is important that the employer supports the individual's application and will enable to individual to meet Fellowship obligations.
- Fellows will be supported throughout their Fellowship by the ISS Institute team.

Selection Process

- Each submission will be evaluated by senior Italian Australian Foundation representatives and ISS Institute team members, who may draw upon specialist experts when evaluating applications.
- Short-listed applicants are then interviewed by a Selection Panel, made up of Italian Australian Foundation representatives and ISS Institute team members.
- Interviews may be conducted in person or by video-conference.
- The Selection Panel's decision is final and binding, and given the number of applications we receive we are unable to provide feedback on individual applications.
- Each applicant will be advised of the outcome of their application.

Conditions of Entry

1. Fellowship Application (including the attachments – Curriculum Vitae, 1 x letter of support, 1 x Employer Endorsement Letter) must be received by the ISS Institute by the closing date.
2. The duration of the applied research component varies depending on the aims of the Fellowship (done on a case by case basis).
3. Successful applicants will enter into a contractual agreement with ISS Institute to ensure that all Fellowship requirements are met.
4. Fellows must prepare a detailed Fellowship Report outlining their international research, findings and recommendations.
5. The Fellowship, including publication of the final Fellowship Report, must be completed within 12 months.
6. Fellows agree to disseminate their Fellowship learnings, findings and recommendations to peers, industry leaders and other relevant bodies and report back to the ISS Institute about these.
7. Our Fellows agree to be ambassadors of ISS Institute throughout their Fellowship and into the future.
8. Our Fellows agree to take part in periodic evaluation, generally via surveys, so we can capture the impact that a Fellowship has had at a personal, professional or industry level over time.
9. While Fellowship applicants can be undertaking tertiary studies, the Fellowship cannot be used to gain a tertiary qualification.
10. The Selection Panel's decision is final and binding.

11. Unsuccessful Fellowship applicants are welcome to apply for a Fellowship in the future.

Preparing your Fellowship Application

What are Letters of Support?

Letters of Support indicate that your Fellowship field is relevant and will benefit your industry or sector. Letters of Support can come from a peak industry body, industry/sector partner, government agencies, professional associations or community organisations. The best Letters of Support describe how the person/organisation may support your Fellowship, convey enthusiasm and lend credibility to the need for your proposed Fellowship.

Before approaching individuals who could provide you with a Letter of Support it is a good idea to make a list of potential supporters. Contact them, preferably over the phone or via email, and ask if they would be willing to provide you with a Letter of Support. It is a good idea to have a brief summary of your proposed Fellowship and explain how it will benefit your industry or sector when asking for a Letter of Support.

Don't forget to ask the person to put their Letter of Support on letterhead, then sign and date it.

What is an Employer Endorsement Letter?

An Employer Endorsement Letter shows that you have discussed your Fellowship Application with your employer (eg. CEO, Director or Senior Manager).

While it is the Fellow, and not the Fellow's employer, who receive the Fellowship it is important that your employer is aware that you are applying for a Fellowship. This ensures that your employer understands you will need to take leave from work (eg. Annual Leave, professional leave etc) to travel overseas, you will be completing a Fellowship Report and seeking opportunities to disseminate your Fellowship learnings and findings.

- Please submit your application through the online form.
- If you have questions when submitting your Fellowship application form please contact applications@issinstitute.org.au

Your employer may also want to assist you while you are developing your Fellowship Application, particularly if the skill enhancement areas you want to investigate are of relevance to your employer.

About the Fellowship Application questions

- So all members of the Selection Panel can best evaluate your Fellowship Application, it is a good idea to avoid industry / sector jargon.
- Make sure your answers are succinct, clear and to the point – there are restricted word limits per each question so it is best to be as concise as possible.

Fellowship Application questions guidance

You may want to consider the following tips when preparing responses to each of the Fellowship Application questions.

1. Please succinctly describe your Fellowship proposal? *[200 words, written in third person] **

Please introduce your Fellowship proposal succinctly in a clear and thoughtful way. In many respects, this is how you will convey your proposed Fellowship to your employer, your peers, and people you contact overseas who you would like to learn from.

2. Please describe the Fellowship area you are involved in. *(including any links you may have to industry/sector/education bodies if relevant)? Up to 200 words **

In this question we are looking to understand your current role/job and how it relates to your Fellowship proposal.

3. Please describe two or more skill enhancement areas related to your proposed Fellowship area you would like to investigate and why? Up to 300 words *

In this question we want to understand the areas that you have identified as needing skill enhancements and how these will benefit you and your industry/sector now and into the future. See the Fellowship Guidelines document for more information about skill enhancements.

4. Please discuss the evidence that validates / supports the need for research in this area? Up to 200 words. *

This question provides you with a chance to discuss leading practice occurring overseas, but which may not be evident or occurring in Australia.

5. Which overseas organisations / training programs / conferences / other do you aim to visit and develop connections with and why have you selected these? Up to 200 words *

In this question, we don't expect you to have organised a detailed itinerary or travel plan yet. However, there is an expectation that you will have identified leading practice and skill enhancement opportunities, including where these are located and who is offering them.

6. In what ways do you anticipate that your overseas investigations and findings will positively benefit and have impact on your industry/sector? Up to 300 words *

While we know you may not have the answers now, you will have no doubt thought about the ways in which your Fellowship may have a positive influence in Australia and this question is a chance to discuss that.

7. How will taking part in this Fellowship benefit you at a personal and/or professional level? Up to 300 words*

In this question we are interested in learning about how this Fellowship might assist you in achieving career goals now and into the future.

8. How do you intend sharing your Fellowship findings and recommendations with the relevant industry, sector and/or other influential areas (such as education, training or government) upon completion of your Fellowship? Up to 200 words *

A core component of any Fellowship is disseminating learnings and ideas with colleagues, peers, influential organisations / individuals, and government. In this question we are interested in learning about who you believe would benefit from the outcomes of your Fellowship and the ways you might share that information. Some dissemination examples include, presentations, conferences, articles, workshops, mentoring, events, media etc.

9. Have you ever undertaken another Fellowship, awarded by another organisation, that was related to this Fellowship topic? If yes, please describe. 150 words*

While you may have undertaken a Fellowship provided by another organisation in the past, we prefer that it does not closely resemble this one. However, if this Fellowship application builds upon your previous one it will still be considered.

10. How did you hear about this Fellowship?

Documents required:

Ensure that you have the following documents ready to submit as part of your Fellowship application:

- Curriculum vitae
- 1 x letter of support
- 1 x employer endorsement letter

Enquiries

ISS Institute welcomes applications from any individual who meets the conditions of entry. Whether you are familiar with preparing submissions or have never done so in the past, do feel free to contact us prior to or during the preparation of your Fellowship application.

If you have any questions please contact the ISS Institute team:

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