

The International Specialised Skills Prospectus



About

The ISS Institute

The International Specialised Skills Institute is an independent, not-for-profit, national organisation providing opportunities for Australians to acquire skills and best practice in traditional and heritage trades, the arts, education, and leading-edge technologies through overseas applied research Fellowships.

The institute was founded in 1991 by Sir James Gobbo, former Governor of Victoria, to encourage investment in the development of Australia's Specialised skills.

The Institute builds shared learning, leadership and innovation across industry sectors. Fellowships focus on the identification of skill or knowledge gaps or areas requiring innovation. Fellows travel internationally to identify best-practice ways of addressing these. Upon return, Fellows disseminate findings, lead change and advocate for best practice with colleagues, government, industry and the broader community.

Our Fellows represent a broad 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, and increased innovation in the workplace.

Upskilling Australia in...

Architecture

Aged Care

Art and Design

Artisan Crafts

Building & Construction

Conservation

Education

Employment

Environment & Sustainability

Fashion

Food

Heritage Skills

Horticulture

Hospitality

Industry Development

Knitwear

Manufacturing

Sustainability

Taxidermy

Tiling

Tourism



AT A GLANCE

500 Fellows

28 Countries Visited

65 Industry Sectors

"The need for heritage trade skills in Australia has been recognised and well documented, especially building trades. The need for specialist heritage locksmithing skills has been overlooked, and risks being lost. Recent changes to training packages have not addressed the growing need to maintain the existing skills and develop new skillsets. Heritage listings continue to grow and diversify, and locksmith skills need to follow.

[My] Fellowship seeks to locate and investigate current best practices in conservation, maintenance and preservation of heritage locks and security products, by observing best practice in the UK and Europe. The primary outcomes will be skill development and increasing knowledge within the Australian locksmithing industry, sharing this best practice with a broad range of stakeholders including architects, furniture and building conservators and heritage consultants. Importantly, the journey of learning will be shared with apprentices from across Australia and inform and inspire their training in the future."

- Aaron Smith, 2017 George Alexander Foundation Fellow



Use of Funds

All funds donated by sponsors are directed straight back into the Institute for the advancement of the Fellows.

All donations to the ISS Institute go towards training, nurturing, and supporting each Fellow. As an Institute we meet with each fellow at least monthly, or more depending on the requirement of the Fellow.

The ISS Institute works with each Fellow on soft skills, writing skills, networking skills, as well as providing a community of practice.

The ISS Institute regularly holds conferences, networking, and alumni events to support the Fellows. Fellows become lifelong members of an esteemed group of people that are regularly in contact with the Institute.

In fact, there is a high level of respect and social standing associated with being an ISS Institute Fellow. Conversely there is a great deal of time and effort from the Institute that goes into supporting each Fellow to achieve their goals.

Please see below the ISS Institutes roles and responsibilities:

- Work with the partner representative to co-design the Fellowship priority areas.
- Work with partners to identify strategies to promote Fellowships to target audience.
- Develop appropriate promotional material.
- Develop Fellowship Guidelines and an appropriate Application Form.
- Facilitate the application and selection process.
- Induct the successful applicant/s.
- Educating Fellows through workshops and networking events.
- Manage the full Program and work with Fellows and key stakeholders.
- Support Fellows to complete all requirements.
- De-brief Fellow upon their return from international travel.
- Ensure that timely, relevant and impact-driven Fellowship Reports are developed by each Fellow (including editing and professional design)
- Support Fellows to connect with our Alumni
- Support Fellows to connect with people or organisations of influence to ensure that maximum impact is achieved.
- Ongoing promotion of the Fellow, Fellowship and sponsorship partner/s via social media.
- Milestone and evaluation reporting as per partnership agreement.



Donation Options

The ISS Institute is a registered charity that does not pay tax. All donations and bequests are fully tax deductible and go directly to the ISS Institute to help fund Fellowships and education programs for Fellows.

Single Donation

A single donation can be made at any time of the year to help fund the Sir James Gobbo Legacy Fellowship. This Fellowship was recently created with the passing of Sir James Gobbo AC CVO QC, who founded the ISS Institute in 1991. The Sir James Gobbo Legacy Fellowship supports rare and heritage skills, by assisting candidates who require further training overseas in order to build best practice and to further establish themselves here in Australia.

Bequest Donation

Family, friends and other loved ones are all accounted for when finalising your Will, however a donation to a non-for-profit like the ISS Institute can further propel the values you stand for. The generosity of your donation can assist Australians to realise their life goals and lead to lasting change within their industry. If you have worked in a heritage and vocational trade, education, the arts, or environmental services, you would be aware of how little funding is available to achieve best practice. Leaving a donation with us will allow future generations to receive the training required to bring about greater change within their field.

Below we have provided suggested wordings for placement within your Will. Of course we encourage you to seek the proper professional advice when updating your Will.

Bequest to ISS Institute for a fixed percentage (%) of your estate “I give to ISS Institute (ABN 22 165 043 213), for its general purposes, free of all duties %X of my residuary estate for which an authorised receipt from ISS Institute will be a sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee.”

Bequest to ISS Institute for a fixed amount (\$) of your estate “I give to ISS Institute (ABN 22 165 043 213), for its general purposes, free of all duties the sum of \$X for which an authorised receipt from ISS Institute will be a sufficient discharge for the executor(s) or trustee.”

Philanthropic Donation

Are you community minded and like to see broader change? Regular contributions to the ISS Institute can assist in making lasting change to the Australian workforce and realise the aspirations of skilled Australian workers. Tax deductible donations have broad impacts on the Australian workforce and sustaining specialised skills, some of which have few or no accredited courses in Australia.

Sponsor your own Fellowship

Have you noticed a skills shortage in Australia that requires addressing? Like many established companies and bodies, you can help fund your own Fellowship to address a skills gap. We have generously received funding from:

