School of Literature, Art and Media (SLAM)  
Visiting Research Fellowship Guidelines

The School of Literature, Art and Media (SLAM) in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences offers a Visiting Research Fellowship Scheme. This scheme enables international and Australian scholars to undertake research for periods of normally no less than a fortnight and no more than 6 months in a well supported and engaged research environment.

Fellows are provided with office space, computer facilities and library borrowing privileges, as well as access to research libraries and University facilities and events. There is no stipend associated with the fellowship. No financial support is offered for travel or residential accommodation.

We welcome applications from early career researchers through to senior scholars. Visiting Fellows are expected to participate in the research cultures of SLAM and the Faculty through such activities as attending relevant research seminars, presenting work-in-progress and leading graduate masterclasses.

Eligibility
Applicants must be able to demonstrate the relevance of their proposed research to current research activities or interests in the School. To this end, applicants must have secured the active support of one or more colleagues in SLAM who will stand as sponsors for the application. Once your application has been received, this sponsor will provide a statement of support.

Applicants must have at least a higher degree or equivalent professional experience, research and publications. International applicants are strongly encouraged. Proficiency in both written and spoken English is expected of all Fellows. The Fellowship is not available to people whose current or most recent affiliation is the University of Sydney.

Assessment and Selection Criteria
The SLAM Research Directors’ Network, chaired by the Head of School, will assess applications.

Selection criteria include:
• The scholarly merits of the proposed research;
• The research standing of the applicant;
• The enhancement of national and/or international research networks;
• The strategic fit between the proposed research and current research activities or interests in the School.

Preparing an application
Applicants need to make contact with the academic staff member at SLAM (Departmental Sponsor) who will support the application. If your application is successful, this person will be your point of institutional contact during the fellowship. Applicants must carry out this initial step before completing the application form.

Candidates are required to:
• Attach a Project Outline that describes the significance and proposed outcomes of the research as well as demonstrates the strategic fit between the project and ongoing research activities or interests in the School. (750 word maximum);
• Attach a Research and Publications CV (5 page maximum);
• Early Career Researchers (those within five years of award of PhD) should additionally supply one letter of recommendation.

When proposing the timing and duration of the visit please bear in mind the semester dates http://sydney.edu.au/study/study-dates.html and visa processing times.
Visas
Successful fellows should note that a visa will be required to enter Australia. The immigration area in the University Human Resources Department can advise in relation to obtaining the appropriate visa. Please note that if you intend to stay in Australia for more than three months the relevant visa may take up to 4 months to be approved.

Closing Dates
There are two application cycles a year with closing dates of 7 April and 25 August respectively. Applications are to be submitted by the deadline to s.taylor@sydney.edu.au.

Out-of-cycle applications may be considered in exceptional circumstances.