

ARC Centre of Excellence in Vision Science

Guidelines for Visiting Fellowships

1. Chief Investigators are invited to propose visiting scientists to be granted membership of the Vision Centre with the status of Visiting Fellow. This category is intended for established vision scientists who will be undertaking research with one or more Centre investigators during a sabbatical or other visit to a Centre laboratory, usually with the aim of obtaining outputs such as peer-reviewed publications. The planned research should fall clearly within the Centre's "Big Question" research areas, but it need not be related to one of the currently funded research projects.
2. The Centre has a budget for funding Visiting Fellows, currently \$50k p.a. across the whole Centre. Funding can only be provided towards travel and accommodation expenses; no payments will be made for salary or allowances, etc. As a guideline, the possible funding will be on a sliding scale, from a maximum of \$3k for a one-month visit to a maximum of \$10k for a visit of six-months or longer. Shorter term visits by very important visitors may receive some funding at the discretion of the Director. For applicants granted funding, payment will be made to the visitor upon production of receipts. The Centre also welcomes requests for Visiting Fellow status for self-funded visitors who are working with CIs on Centre Projects.
3. Applications will be considered competitively by the Research Director, four times per annum, with closing dates of 15 January, 15 April, 15 July and 15 October; applications should be submitted as far in advance of the planned visit as practical.
4. The application should include the following information:
 - Contact details for the nominated Visiting Fellow
 - The dates of the anticipated visit
 - A short description of the planned research (a paragraph to a page)
 - A short description of the anticipated outcomes (a sentence or a paragraph)
 - The visitor's short CV
 - Details of any funding requested
 - A statement of any other funding that the applicant will be receiving.
5. The Visiting Fellow will be expected to undertake research substantially full-time, to participate in Centre activities, and to deliver at least one seminar (or lecture) each 3 months of his/her visit.
6. Any resulting publications should list the Centre (node) address and acknowledge the support of the ARC.
7. At the end of the visit, the Fellow should submit a short (~1 page) report on what was accomplished.

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