Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme

The prestigious Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme supports outstanding Australian and international researchers and research leaders to build Australia's research capacity, undertake innovative research programs and mentor early-career researchers.

The scheme is an integral part of the Australian Research Council's Discovery Program which supports high quality research essential to Australia’s innovation system for the development of new ideas, job creation, economic growth, and an enhanced quality of life in Australia.

The objectives of the Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme are to:

- attract and retain outstanding researchers and research leaders of international repute
- strengthen Australia’s international standing and increase world-class research capability in Australia
- provide an excellent research training environment and exemplary mentorship to nurture early-career researchers
- expand Australia’s knowledge base by supporting ground-breaking, internationally competitive research
- forge strong links among researchers, the international research community and/or industry
- support research that will result in economic, environmental, social and cultural benefits for Australia.

Up to 17 five-year Australian Laureate Fellowships may be awarded each year, providing a salary supplement of $117,620 plus on costs (2014), in addition to a Level E professorial salary provided by the Administering Organisation; funding for up to two Postdoctoral Research Associates (five years) and two Postgraduate Researchers (four years); and up to $300,000 per annum project funding.

In 2010 the Australian Government introduced the Kathleen Fitzpatrick Australian Laureate Fellowship awarded to a highly ranked female candidate from the humanities, arts and social science disciplines and the Georgina Sweet Australian Laureate Fellowship awarded to a highly ranked female candidate from the science and technology disciplines. These Fellowships include additional funding for recipients to undertake an ambassadorial role to promote women in research.

The Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme is part of the National Competitive Grants Program, which comprises two sub-programs: Discovery and Linkage. In addition to Australian Laureate Fellowships, the Discovery Program schemes are: Discovery Early Career Researcher Award; Discovery Indigenous; Discovery Projects and Future Fellowships.

Biographies of all Australian Laureate Fellows are available on the ARC website at www.arc.gov.au > Media > Announcement Kits.

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