

# Federation Fellowships: supplementary round for Fellowships commencing in 2002

## Objectives

The Federation Fellowships were a major initiative arising from the Government's January 2001 statement *Backing Australia's Ability: an innovation action plan for the future*.

The aims of the Federation Fellowships are to:

- attract and retain leading Australian researchers in key positions;
- attract outstanding overseas researchers whose research is demonstrated to be of national benefit to Australia;
- support research that will result in economic, environmental and social benefits for Australia;
- expand Australia's knowledge base and research capability;
- support excellent, internationally competitive research by individuals; and
- build and sustain world-class research teams and linkages.

## Selection Process

Applications were assessed by a special committee drawn from the Expert Advisory Committees of the ARC.

## Selection Criteria

The primary assessment criteria for Fellowships are:

- investigator (50%);
- significance and innovation (20%);
- approach (10%); and
- national benefit (20%).

## Summary of Outcomes

Fifteen Fellowships were announced by the Prime Minister in September 2001. One Fellow subsequently declined to take up his award. Therefore, up to 11 Fellowships were available in the supplementary round.

There were 87 applications for Federation Fellowships in this supplementary round. One application was withdrawn during the selection process.

## **Gender**

Of the 11 successful candidates, one (Stampfl) is female.

## **Institutional affiliation**

Of the 11, two are from the ANU, two are from the University of Sydney, two are from CSIRO, one each are from The University of Melbourne, The University of Adelaide, Griffith University, James Cook University, Macquarie University.

## **Returning Australians**

There are three successful applicants in this category. All three are presently based overseas.

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| Lamb    | University of Cambridge, UK, Professor of Neuroscience (M App Sci, The University of Melbourne) |
| Stampfl | Northwestern University, Illinois, USA (PhD, La Trobe University)                               |
| Turner  | University of Bristol, UK, Royal Society Research Fellow (PhD, The University of Adelaide)      |

## **Foreign nationals attracted to Australia**

There are none in this category.

## **Age**

There are five successful applicants under the age of 44.