



Monash European and EU Centre

International Research Fellowships 2011-2012

Call for applications

Closing date for applications: 7 March 2011

The International Research Fellowship Programme provides funding support to international visiting fellows at the Monash European and EU Centre, Monash University (Caulfield campus) in Melbourne, Australia, for periods of up to one month.

Grants of up to A\$11,000 are available to assist with airfares, visa processing, accommodation and living away from home expenses while in Melbourne.

The purpose of this initiative is to

- Build collaboration between Monash University researchers in European and European Studies and partners elsewhere in Australia or overseas in research themes of interest to the Monash European and EU Centre;
- Provide stimulus and growth to the Centre's research environment;
- Strengthen the research profile of the Centre.

Information for applicants

- Visiting Academics are encouraged to visit Monash during semester periods:
 - March to June
 - July to November.
- Conditions of the fellowship:
 - Visiting Fellows must be in residence in Melbourne during the time of their fellowship;
 - Visiting Fellows will be provided with office space and will have access to a networked computer with access to email and the Internet;
 - They will have access to Monash University Library;
 - Visiting Fellows are to continue to be employed by their home institution while undertaking research in Australia;
 - If you are not Australian, you must satisfy relevant visa requirements, which Monash University Human Resources Division will discuss with successful candidates.
 - The grant is not for specifically teaching and lecturing, however the recipient shall be required to deliver at least one public lecture or research seminar, and to take an active role with the Centre's Higher Degree by Research students;
 - Fellows will be encouraged to take part in the activities of the Centre, including outreach initiatives, conferences and seminars.

Application procedure

1. Application form:

The completed application form must be submitted by the closing date, along with a 1-2 page description of the proposed research project, a current CV and details of two referees.

An application form is attached. For more information, please contact Pascaline Winand (email: pascaline.winand@monash.edu or phone +61 3 9903 4633) or Kirsty MacLeod (email: Kirsten.Macleod@monash.edu or phone +61 3 9903 4639)

2. Project proposal:

The International Research Fellowship Programme is highly competitive. The quality of the written application is of paramount importance.

3. Referee reports:

Applicants provide the names of two referees who are willing to support their application. Referees should submit their confidential comments on the applicant's research proposal directly to the Monash European and EU Centre by email, fax or post, by the closing date:

Applications and referee reports should be sent by email, fax or post to:

- Email: europecentre@monash.edu
- Fax: +61 3 9903 4686
- Postal address: Attn: International Research Fellowships, Professor Pascaline Winand, Director, Monash European and EU Centre, PO Box 197, Caulfield East VIC 3145, Australia

About the European and EU Centre

The Monash European and EU Centre (MEEUC) is one of just three centres funded by the External Relations Directorate of the European Commission in Australia and of 26 such EU Centres worldwide. Formally launched in Melbourne on 31 July 2006, the Centre is a joint undertaking by the Commission in Brussels and Monash University in Melbourne.

The multidisciplinary Centre encompassing the Faculties of Arts, Business and Economics, and Law at Monash University provides teaching, research and outreach programmes on European and European Union matters.

Key strengths of the Centre include the research expertise of its members and its multidisciplinary Master in European and International Studies. The Centre works closely with the Monash University Prato Centre in Italy, with the Monash Asia Institute and with other key Centres and Institutes at Monash University.

The Centre also collaborates with EU Centres in the Asia-Pacific and beyond, and with universities providing research and teaching on Europe and the EU. This includes the *Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques* (Sciences Po) in Paris, France, the Institute for European Studies of the *Université Libre de Bruxelles* (Brussels, Belgium), the European Union Centre of Excellence at the University of Pittsburgh (USA), the National Centre for Research on Europe (University of Canterbury, Christchurch), the Centre for European Studies (ANU) in Canberra, the Innovative Universities European Union Centre at LaTrobe University and the European Studies Centre at Sichuan University (China).

The Centre works collaboratively with FEAST (Forum for Europe-Australia Science and Technology Cooperation), the Contemporary European Studies Association of Australia (CESAA), the Delegation of the European Union to Australia and New Zealand, the embassies of EU member states in Australia and communities of European origin in Melbourne.

In 2009, the MEEUC was awarded a Jean Monnet Chair (Professor Pascaline Winand) and together with three Centres of EU Studies within the region (the National Centre for Research on Europe, University of Canterbury, New Zealand, Fudan University in China and Keio University in Japan) became part of a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence Asia-Pacific. In 2010 the MEEUC also won an *Erasmus Mundus* award together with the University of Limerick (lead applicant), the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and eight other universities.