



Australian Laureate Fellowships

The Australian Research Council's (ARC) prestigious Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme reflects the Australian Government's commitment to excellence in research by supporting world-class Australian and international researchers to conduct research in Australia and to build Australia's research capacity, undertake innovative research programs and mentor early career researchers.

The Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme is an integral part of the ARC's Discovery Program. The intended outcome of the Discovery Program is to contribute to the growth of Australia's research and innovation capacity. Increasing Australia's research and innovation capacity generates new knowledge and results in the development of new technologies, products and ideas, the creation of jobs, 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 reputation, with exceptional ability to lead, collaborate, mentor and supervise, and enhance their capacity to create an enduring legacy
- build focus and scale in research by forging new links among researchers, the international research community and/or industry and other research end-users
- support a program of innovative and ground-breaking research that addresses a significant problem or gap in knowledge
- create a cohesive research program and implementation plan that represents value for money
- provide an excellent research training environment and exemplary opportunity to nurture early or mid-career researchers
- produce new or advanced knowledge resulting from the outcomes of the research with economic, commercial, environmental, social and/or cultural benefits for Australia, and to enhance research in Australian Government priority areas.

Up to 17 five-year Australian Laureate Fellowships may be awarded each year. Preference is given to researchers who will play a significant and sustained leadership and mentoring role in building Australia's internationally competitive research capacity.

The Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme provides funding for an Australian Laureate Fellow salary towards a Professorial Level E (or equivalent) salary for 5 consecutive years, funding for 2 Postdoctoral Research Associates (5 years), 2 Postgraduate Researchers (4 years), and up to \$300,000 per year in project funding.

The Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme includes two named Laureate awards: the Kathleen Fitzpatrick and Georgina Sweet Laureates. These named Laureates recognise exceptional female researchers who will also undertake an ambassadorial role to promote women in research and to mentor early career researchers, particularly women, to encourage them to enter and establish a career in research in Australia. A Kathleen Fitzpatrick Australian Laureate Fellowship will be available to a highly ranked female candidate from the Humanities, Arts and Social Science disciplines, and a Georgina Sweet Australian Laureate Fellowship will be available to a highly ranked female candidate from the Science and Technology disciplines. The Kathleen Fitzpatrick and Georgina Sweet Laureate Fellows are awarded additional funding of up to \$20,000 per year for use as part of the ambassadorial role to promote women in research.

For further information on the Australian Laureate Fellowships scheme, including information on eligibility, refer to the relevant Grant Guidelines and Grant Agreements which are available on [GrantConnect](#).