

# IASH HDR Fellowship Scheme

## Fellowship Details

The [Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities](#) (IASH) offers a limited number of fellowships for University of Queensland doctoral candidates and MPhil students who wish to take part in the intellectual life of the Institute within one of its research units.

Founded in July 2015, IASH seeks to promote high level research in traditional humanities disciplines such as history, philosophy, and literature, while also engaging with more recent developments in the humanities, including cultural studies, communication, and science communication. The Institute consists of a number of full-time research-focused academics, postdoctoral fellows, faculty fellows, and visiting fellows. Areas of research focus include intellectual and literary history, history of science, and critical and cultural studies. The Institute is also home to a 5-year Australian Research Council Laureate project on Science and Secularization, led by Professor Peter Harrison, the Institute Director.

The IASH HDR fellowships are granted for one semester, and provide a chance for graduate students to be located in a research-intensive institute where they will benefit from the collegial and interdisciplinary environment of IASH. As well as being physically located in IASH, successful applicants will have the opportunity to present part of their work in progress, receive feedback on their research, and partake in the Institute's regular master classes and work in progress seminars. This is an excellent opportunity for graduate students who are well-advanced in their research to concentrate on writing their dissertation, develop their academic network, and be exposed to new ideas in a collegial environment. The fellowships are specifically designed to encourage the timely completion of the HDR Fellow's dissertation rather than delay it.

HDR Fellows will be assigned a desk and use of the Institute's facilities for the term of the fellowship. HDR Fellows will also be allocated a mentor within IASH. Existing arrangements with current supervisors and schools will continue during the fellowship. These fellowships do not include financial support, and taking up the fellowship does not in any way alter or defer a candidate's scholarship, which will continue as normal.

## Application Requirements

Graduate students seeking these fellowships must be currently enrolled in a PhD or MPhil program at the University of Queensland and remain so during the tenure of the fellowship. Priority will be given to applicants who will have completed their confirmation milestone prior to beginning the fellowship.

Applicants are required to submit the following materials to the Fellowship Coordinator by email at [iash.ea@uq.edu.au](mailto:iash.ea@uq.edu.au):

- a curriculum vitae;
- a description (1.5 page maximum) of the applicant's thesis topic, indicating:
  - (1) what aspect or chapter(s) they will focus on completing while at IASH
  - (2) how this relates to research within IASH (available on the 'research' page of the [IASH website](#))
  - (3) how the fellowship will benefit the applicant;
  - (4) if relevant, a brief statement of any factors that have impinged or accelerated research progress during candidature
- an email sent to the Fellowship Coordinator recommending the applicant and in support of the application from the applicant's principal advisor.

## **Expectations during the Fellowship**

Recipients are required to be in residence during the period of their fellowship and to participate in the IASH seminar program, specifically HDR Work in Progress seminars (WIPS), as well as other Institute activities occurring during the applicant's residency. HDR supervisors will also be invited to attend any Institute activities involving their students.

At the end of the research period fellows will be required to provide a brief report of the goals accomplished during the tenure of the fellowship, including a list of any publications or material being prepared for publication, arising out of research conducted while a HDR Fellow at IASH. This will be circulated among IASH staff members as well as the HDR Fellow's supervisor, Postgraduate Coordinator, and HDR Liaison officer. A meeting will also be arranged between the HDR Fellow, the IASH mentor, and the Fellow's supervisory team in order to discuss the achievements of the term.

Prospective applicants with questions about the scheme or their suitability are encouraged to get in touch with the Fellowship Coordinator at [iash.ea@uq.edu.au](mailto:iash.ea@uq.edu.au) prior to applying.