

AUSTRALIAN GERMAN ASSOCIATION INC.

**In conjunction with the
GOETHE-INSTITUT**

AGA Fellowship 2017

“Where Business, Academia and Culture meet”

INFORMATION SHEET

1. The Fellowship is made available jointly by the Australian German Association and the Goethe-Institut.
2. In 2017 there will be one Fellowship and one German language course offered. Candidates may apply for either the Fellowship alone or the Fellowship and the German language course. The AGA reserves the right to award an additional discretionary Fellowship pending the outcomes of the selection process outlined below.

There is no specific discipline or sector to which the Fellowship applies. The Fellowship is about the undertaking of a project of value to the Australian-German community and relationships between Australia and Germany.

3. The Fellowship has fostered awardees from:

*Business / Law / Politics / Engineering / Arts / Culture /
Literature / Music / Medicine / Science / Technology*

4. **The closing date for applications is 4 June 2017.**

5. The candidate must have excellent academic tertiary qualifications and the prospect of a promising career in business, law, science, engineering, technology, medicine, political studies or the arts.
6. The candidate will either hold an undergraduate or postgraduate degree, or have met the requirements for graduation at the time of application, with the expectation of graduating by 1st August 2017. If the candidate does not graduate, the Fellowship will be withdrawn.
7. The Research / Project undertaken is ordinarily between four and eight weeks (Research Phase).
8. If the candidate is awarded the German language course, the Research Phase can only commence after that course which is for a duration of eight weeks. The specific location of the course is to be agreed with the Goethe-Institut. The chosen candidate must be able to commence the language course in Q4/2017.
9. For the candidate to be able to undertake the Research Phase without the German language course, the candidate must possess sufficient German language proficiency in order to communicate effectively in their area of research / the Project.
10. To be considered for the German language course, the candidate must have a good working knowledge of the German language, but is below the necessary fluency to undertake the Project and would benefit from the German language course.

As a guide, the successful candidate's proficiency will be in the range from B1 to C1. A description of the applicable levels may be found on the Goethe-Institut web page:

<http://www.goethe.de/ins/de/prf/enindex.htm>

If unsure of your level of competency, use the following online test:

<http://www.goethe.de/cgi-bin/einstufungstest/einstufungstest.pl>

11. To be able to apply for the German language component of the Fellowship, applicants must not have been the recipient of a German Government scholarship (including a DAAD scholarship) during the last five years.
12. To apply for the Fellowship the applicant must not be 35 or over as at 1 August 2017.
13. The candidate is expected to spend the Research Phase of his/her time in Germany researching the Project for which the Fellowship was awarded. It is anticipated that this

would involve the awardee visiting centres of education, business and/or culture in Germany especially relevant to the Awardee's project.

14. The following items are the primary selection criteria which should be addressed in the application:

- **clearly outline the proposed Project, specifically the topic to be researched;**
- **outline the goals to be achieved by undertaking this project, and the benefit of the goals;**
- **describe how the results will be communicated to the relevant public in Australia;**
- **explain the methodology and proposed steps for practical implementation of the results/goals;**
- **explain how the project may be used to enhance Australian-German relations; and**
- **demonstrate a capacity to be a future ambassador for Australian-German relations.**

15. The fellowship provides for:

- Reimbursement of a return economy airfare from Australia to Germany
- AU \$6,000 allowance to facilitate travel throughout Germany for the Project
- General advice on itinerary. Where possible AGA will facilitate introductions to areas of particular interest to the Awardee however candidates should ensure that their Project does not assume that such introductions will be available.

Additionally, the German language fellowship provides for:

- eight weeks intensive language and cultural study with full accommodation and breakfast and one meal on course days

16. Other personal expenses including insurance, are to be met by the chosen candidate (a basic health, accident and public liability insurance is included as part of the language Fellowship for the duration of the Goethe-Institut course only).

17. Candidates must be:

- An Australian citizen, or
- A permanent resident of Australia who has lived in Australia for at least 5 years.

The Fellowship is not available to candidates holding German citizenship.

18. Each candidate agrees that the candidates' application is, if successful, subject to the following terms:

- (a) submission of a report on the results of your Project by 1 March 2018;

- (b) presentation of your report at the launch event for the 2018 fellowship, to be held in Melbourne mid-late March 2018;
- (c) the report is the candidate's own original work and all third party work will be appropriately acknowledged;
- (d) the report must acknowledge the support of the Australian German Association and the Goethe-Institut;
- (e) the candidate must not authorise the use of the report by any third party for commercial purposes without the express prior written consent of the Australian German Association and the Goethe-Institut;
- (f) the candidate authorises the Australian German Association and the Goethe-Institut to reproduce and publish in whole or in part the report, by any means, for the purpose of promoting the Fellowship and disseminating your report to their members and target audiences and for purposes otherwise consistent with the objectives of the Australian German Association and the Goethe-Institut. The candidate retains copyright and will be acknowledged as the author of the report; and
- (g) the candidate will for a period of at least 6 months post your return to Australia reasonably co-operate with any initiatives of the Australian German Association and/or the Goethe-Institut involving the promotion of the Fellowship or your report including:
 - (i) presenting your report to one or more meetings of the Australian German Association; and
 - (ii) provision of a condensed version of the report to the Goethe-Institut for publication.

19. The application form, accompanied by a copy of educational qualifications and birth certificate (or relevant page in the passport), should be returned by email to:

Alex Haberle

Email: fellowship@aga.org.au.

20. To ensure appropriate governance of the fellowship, email applications are subject to the following requirements:

- You must print, sign and scan the application form indicating your acceptance of the conditions of this Fellowship.
- If your application is shortlisted, you agree to submit an original academic transcript by mail or bring this along to an interview.

21. Applications will be reviewed and the selection process will occur during June and mid July 2017. Candidates on the shortlist will be requested to attend an interview (part of which will be conducted in German). The winners will be publically announced at a winner's presentation event to be held early to mid-July 2017.

For further information: Email: fellowship@aga.org.au

See also the following websites:

www.aga.org.au – contains details of past Fellowship winners and their papers
www.goethe.de/australia