



GROUP OF EIGHT
EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS

Application pack
2011-2012

ABOUT THE GROUP OF EIGHT EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS

The Group of Eight (Go8) Australian universities offer eight fellowships to early career researchers in Europe each year.

The fellowships aim to further research collaboration between Australia and Europe. Go8 European Fellows receive up to AUD20,000 to support travel and living costs to work at a Go8 member university for up to six months.

Fellowships are open to citizens of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia and Slovakia. Further information on eligibility is provided in the Terms and Conditions on page 3.

The Go8 is a coalition of leading Australian universities. Member universities are:

- The University of Western Australia
- The University of Adelaide
- The University of Sydney
- The University of Queensland
- The University of New South Wales
- The University of Melbourne
- Monash University
- The Australian National University

For more information about the Go8 visit www.go8.edu.au.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Please read the application pack including the Terms and Conditions on page 3 to determine if you are eligible to apply.
2. You will need a prospective academic supervisor at a Go8 university to support and submit your application on your behalf. If you do not already have research contacts at a Go8 university, you will need to ascertain which Go8 universities have strengths in your particular research discipline/s and then contact a relevant academic to request his/her support. For assistance in your search please see gateway.go8.edu.au.
3. Complete the application form provided in this application pack including a brief research proposal on page 5.
4. Ask a person who knows your academic work to complete the referee report included in the application pack at pages 6 and 7.
5. Attach your curriculum vitae (CV)—maximum five pages.
6. Send your application pack (including the referee report) and CV by email to your prospective academic supervisor who will complete the letter of support and submit the application to the host university.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications open on 12 August 2011.

Applications close on 21 October 2011.

Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

All applicants will be informed of the outcomes in early December 2011.

DECLARATION

Successful applicants must agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the program. Please refer to page 3.

Please complete the following declaration by checking the box.

If awarded a fellowship, I agree to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the program.

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE Go8 EUROPEAN FELLOWSHIPS?

Please indicate by checking the relevant box.

Your university/institution

Embassy in home country

Friend/family

Internet, please specify website

Other, please specify

1. The Group of Eight¹ (Go8) Australian universities fund eight European Fellowships for early career researchers in Europe per year. Fellows will be based at a member university for a period of 16 weeks to six months.

2. The fellowships are open to citizens of Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Russia and Slovakia.

3. You are eligible to apply if you:

- a. have completed a PhD less than five years prior to the application closing date;
- b. are under 40 years of age at the application closing date;
- c. are a citizen of one of the designated countries listed in section 2 above;
- d. reside in one of the designated countries listed in section 2 above (it need not be the same country as your citizenship);
- e. have been employed (minimum half-time appointment) for at least six months prior to the application closing date by a university or research organisation (public or private) in one of the designated countries;
- f. have sufficient competency in English to be able to adequately communicate with researchers in the host university; and
- g. are eligible to obtain an Australian Visiting Academic Visa (subclass 419) or equivalent Australian visa.
www.immi.gov.au/skilled/specialist-entry/419/

4. Applicants will be restricted to a maximum of one application per year.

5. Applications must be received by the designated date. Late and/or incomplete applications will not be considered.

6. Each fellowship shall have a value of up to AUD20,000 divided as follows:

- a. AUD2,000 provided to the host School/College/Faculty/Department to meet incidental expenses; and
- b. Up to AUD18,000 for:
 - travel, including travel within Australia (up to AUD6,000), these funds will be provided as a reimbursement to the Fellow based on receipts/invoices; and
 - living away from home allowance to cover accommodation, food and the additional costs of living away from home (up to AUD12,000).

It is anticipated that fellows will continue to receive a salary from their employers in their home countries.

Fellows will be obliged to provide documentary evidence to substantiate their reimbursement for travel expenses. Documentary evidence may include invoices or credit card statements.

7. The period of each fellowship shall not be less than 16 weeks or more than six months.

8. The dates of the visit of each fellow will be mutually agreed between the fellow and hosting institution but will not exceed a period of six months. The fellowship will be commenced in the calendar year for which it is awarded.

9. Fellows will be obliged to:

- a. carry out active collaboration with staff of their host universities;
- b. be engaged full-time with the fellowship and not in any other employment, paid or unpaid, with any entity other than their home universities;
- c. make at least one public presentation regarding their research at their host universities;
- d. actively promote relationships between Australia and their home countries and between the Go8 universities and their home universities;
- e. live within easy commuting distance of their host universities;
- f. obtain an Australian Visiting Academic Visa (subclass 419) or equivalent Australian visa;
- g. comply at all times with the conditions of the relevant Australian visa;
- h. take out appropriate travel and medical insurance for themselves and any accompanying family members;
- i. acknowledge the Go8 Fellowship in academic articles which are published as a result of work carried out while in Australia or in partnership with Australian academics met while on the fellowship;
- j. agree to provide a two page report on their fellowship experience within three months of completion to the Go8 office, email: executive.director@go8.edu.au; and
- k. provide receipts/tax invoices/credit card statements in respect of approved travel expenses to support monies paid under the Fellowship.

10. Fellows are encouraged to visit other Go8 universities while in Australia. Contact details to arrange such visits are available from the Go8 office in Canberra. www.go8.edu.au

11. Fellows may be accompanied by a spouse and/or dependent children but will be entirely responsible for all costs associated with accompanying family members. Fellows should note that Australian law requires that all school-aged children residing in Australia who are on temporary visas, other than visitor visas of not more than three months, attend school and pay school fees. The cost associated with this schooling, including any additional English language instruction, is the responsibility of the fellow.

12. In the event that a fellow breaches the obligations of his/her fellowship, unless the breach has occurred due to factors beyond his/her control or for reasons acceptable to the host university, the Go8 will inform the Australian Department of Immigration of the breach. The fellow may then be required to leave Australia and refund all travel and stipend monies expended on his/her fellowship.

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NAME AND PERSONAL DETAILS

Title (Ms, Mr, Dr, Prof, etc.)		First name	
Surname			
Citizenship			
Passport number			
Date of birth			
Academic qualifications (e.g. PhD, Masters)			
Date PhD awarded			
Provide reasons for exemption if PhD was awarded more than five years ago (including family/caring responsibilities)			

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT DETAILS

Institution	
Department	
Current position	
Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	

FELLOWSHIP DETAILS

Preferred Go8 host university	
Preferred dates (min. 16 weeks, max. 24 weeks)	
Research discipline(s)	

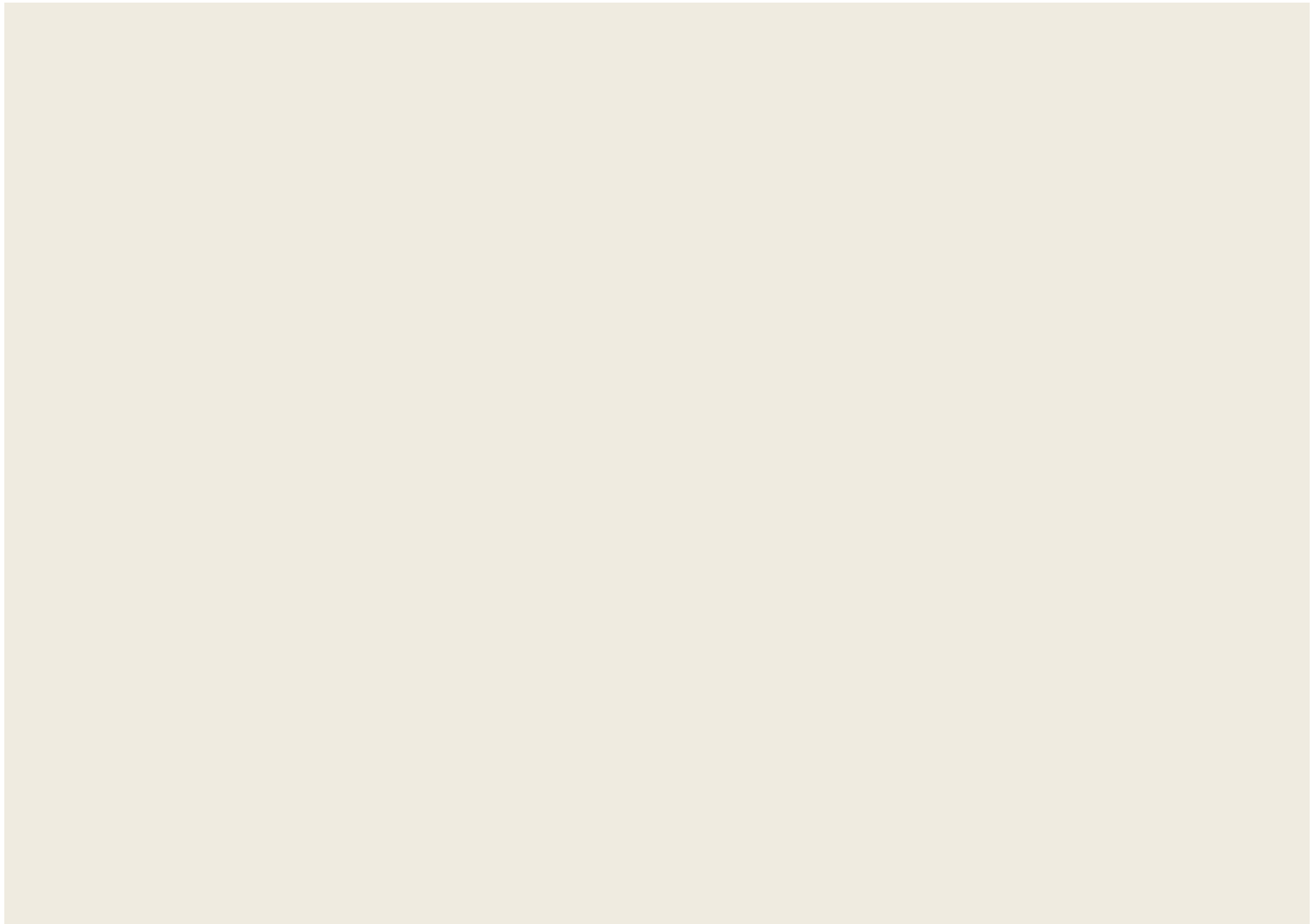
LANGUAGE ABILITY

Please rank your knowledge of English and any other language you speak by checking the box that corresponds to the appropriate level on a scale of 1 to 5. 1 = an excellent command of language usage; 5 = a basic knowledge

Language	Speaking ability					Reading ability					Writing ability				
English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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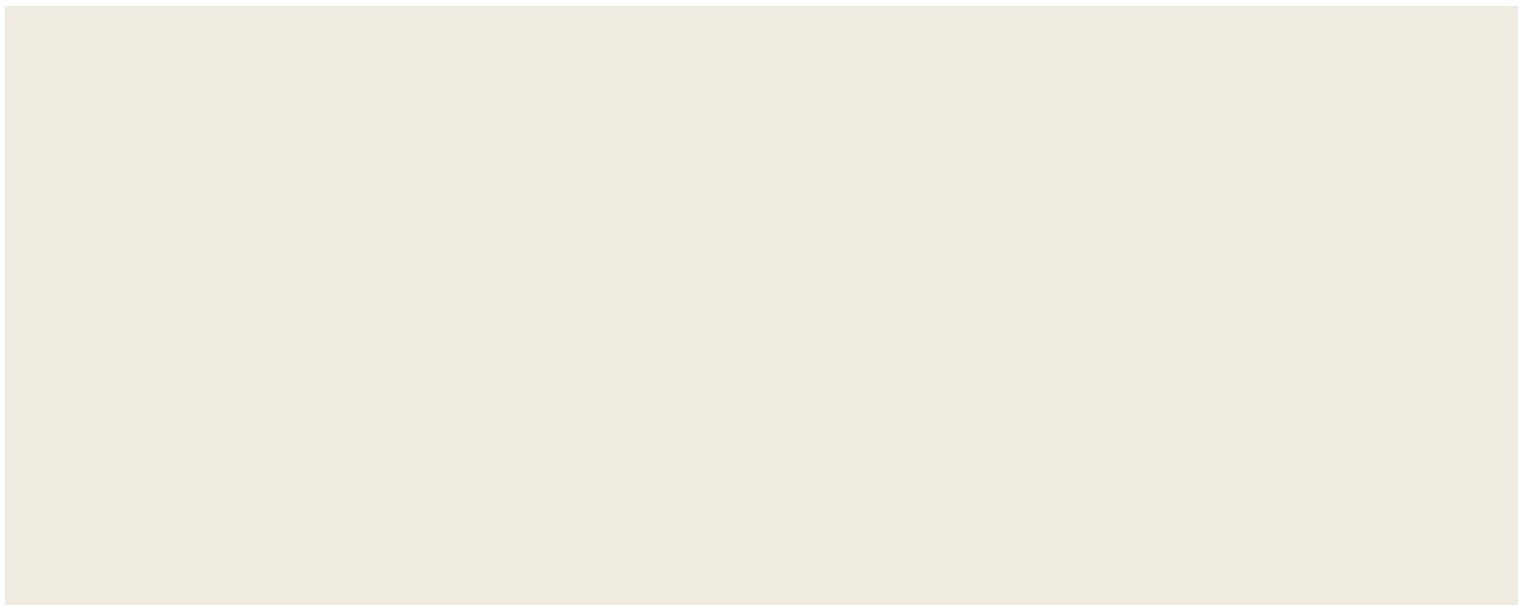
PROPOSAL

Briefly outline the research to be conducted if awarded a fellowship (maximum 300 words).



EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Please describe how you expect the Fellowship to advance your career. Please include details about why working with colleagues/research partners in Australia will be more beneficial for you and for your host university than communication by other means.



APPLICANT

Title (Ms, Mr, Dr, Prof, etc.)		First name	
Surname			
Research discipline			

REFEREE

Name	
Institution	
Department	
Current position	
Relationship to applicant	
Address	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	

HOW WOULD YOU RATE THE APPLICANT AGAINST THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES?

Quality	Excellent	Very good	Good	Fair	Weak	Not observed
Ability to organise and express ideas						
Critical and analytical ability						
Initiative and motivation						
Perseverance in pursuing aim						
Ability to plan and complete work						
Technical competence in proposed field						
Intellectual creativity						
Capacity to work without close supervision						
Ability to write coherently in English						

REPORT

Please specify below how long you have known the applicant, and in what capacity. Write candidly about the candidate's qualifications and suitability to undertake the proposed fellowship, elaborating where possible on the qualities listed on page 6.

APPLICANT

Surname	
First name	

PROSPECTIVE ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR

Name	
Institution	
Department	
Current position	
Telephone	
Fax	
Email	

AGREEMENT TO HOST THIS APPLICANT IN 2012

Please check the box below to confirm your support.

I agree to support the hosting of this applicant if the applicant is awarded a Go8 European Fellowship in 2012.

The host faculty/department will receive AUD2,000 to cover administrative costs associated with hosting the fellow.

Use the space below to outline your support to host this applicant in your department/faculty. Please outline the advantages to the department/faculty/university and to the applicant if he/she is awarded a Fellowship. If you are not acquainted with the applicant's academic work, the Go8 strongly recommends that you contact the applicant's referees before approving the application.

SIGNATURE OF PROSPECTIVE ACADEMIC SUPERVISOR

Signature		Date	
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It is the responsibility of the prospective academic supervisor to acquire the signature of the relevant budget unit manager/head of school/faculty and submit this application via the appropriate channels at his/her institution. See list on page 9 for the relevant contact officer in each Go8 university.

SIGNATURE OF RELEVANT BUDGET UNIT MANAGER/HEAD OF SCHOOL/FACULTY

Name			
Signature		Date	

STEP 1

Ensure you have completed the application pack including:

- declaration on page 2;
- all details on page 4; and
- research proposal on page 5 (maximum 300 words).

STEP 2

Send the application pack to a referee asking him/her to complete the referee report form on pages 6 and 7.

STEP 3

Attach your CV to the application pack (maximum five pages).

STEP 4

Send the application pack with your CV to your prospective academic supervisor at your preferred Go8 host university.

NOTE: Each applicant is responsible for making contact with a prospective academic supervisor in his/her research field who is willing to support the application.

- Ask your prospective academic supervisor to complete the letter of support on page 8.
- The prospective academic supervisor will submit the application directly to the Go8 host university.
- Only applications submitted by a prospective supervisor at a Go8 university will be considered.

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