

UniSA Visiting Research Fellowships - transforming our world in partnership



## UniSA Visiting Research Fellowships

From 2021, 100 researchers from around the world will travel to South Australia to collaborate with UniSA's research leaders. Together, they will have in their sights the big issues — from COVID-19 to child protection, from mental health to information security, and from user-friendly design to economic transformation. As well as finding solutions to complex issues we face as a global society, their discoveries will help our local businesses, communities and society to grow and prosper.

# 100 Fellowships each year, for five years 500 researchers

Collaborations that will transform, inspire and bring the change we wish to see for the world, from South Australia.







### Bringing the world to SA to tackle the big issues

When researchers work alone, they produce great outcomes. When researchers collaborate and combine their exceptional talents, remarkable outcomes are achieved.

This sums up the importance of the UniSA Visiting Research Fellowships scheme. As a researcher myself, I am acutely aware of how collaboration amongst peers produces the best global outcomes.

2020 has taught us that partnership for business and community health and growth is critical.

By bringing the top research Fellows from around the world to Adelaide to work in proximity with my UniSA colleagues—many of whom are also world-leaders—the impact of their work will be magnified. They will also have the opportunity to connect with business and community, which are dual inspirations for innovation. These partnerships will help both local and global communities to thrive.

I hope you will join me in supporting this initiative and be a part of the change our world needs.

Yours sincerely

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**Professor Marnie Hughes-Warrington** 

Deputy Vice Chancellor: Research and Enterprise, University of South Australia



## In 2021, the UniSA Visiting Research Fellowships scheme will commence

We will invite Fellows from top 100-ranked institutions worldwide to join us at UniSA. We will also invite Australian Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Indigenous researchers, and researchers from DFAT-aid assisted countries. We want to invest in truly global partnership for change.

- ▶ 100 Fellowships;
- ► Each year, for five years;
- ► For a total of 500 Fellowships;
- Covering a broad range of important research topics.

The residency of each Fellowship will last for a month and will attract a stipend of \$15,000 AUD, for flights, accommodation and incidentals to meet the costs of administering the scheme, materials and access to our research facilities, and public events.

The Fellows will work in collaboration with UniSA's researchers to generate ideas, papers, grants, and practices designed to support local and global business and community health and growth.

For every donation of \$15,000 to allow a single researcher visit, the UniSA Visiting Research Fellowship will be known in your name. UniSA will then match each philanthropic gift, 1:1, meaning two Fellows will have the opportunity to visit and two Fellowships will be known in your name.

### It has never been more urgent to prioritise research for the solutions we seek

To answer the questions that keep us all up at night, we need to invest in research. We need to invest in the brightest minds who imagine the questions, test the possibilities and provide the answers.

This is why at UniSA, we have created the **UniSA Visiting Research Fellowships** scheme to bring the world's most talented minds and practitioners to Adelaide to work in partnership with our researchers, and with business and community.

By collaborating and combining their expertise, they will enhance their research and produce exceptional outcomes that will benefit us all.

This collaboration is an extraordinary opportunity fo everyone involved:

- ► For our researchers at UniSA to expand their networks and further their own work;
- ► For the visiting Fellows to advance their research in a supported and focussed way;
- For philanthropic individuals who want to help our communities to thrive:
- For local businesses who can benefit from the findings;

For South Australia by focussing the world on our research capability and belief in the power of partnership for change.

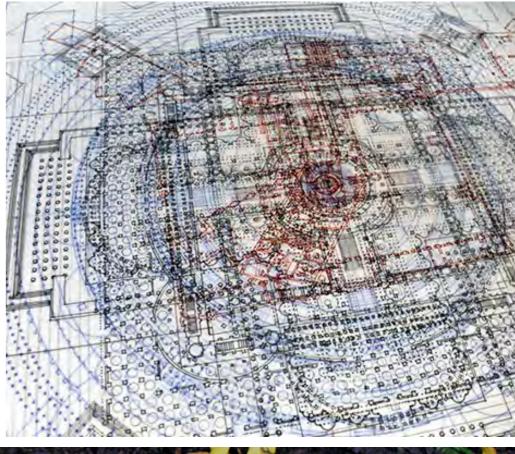
**And most importantly**, for our global community who will ultimately benefit from the myriad of global issues that will be considered.











## Tackling the big issues together

It is vital that we further our partnership with business and community to pursue the ideas and find the solutions that will bring about positive change. We want the world to be part of this too.

The Fellows will collaborate together on a vast range of issues - from COVID 19 to homelessness, economic equality to water security, and many more, such as:

- waste management;
- climate change;
- mental health;
- child protection;
- artificial intelligence;
- sustainable manufacturing;
- food security;

- precision medicine;
- arts futures;
- technology and society;
- user-centred design;
- ► Aboriginal business development;
- older people and aging well;
- gender and diversity in the workplace;
- mental health in the workplace; plus many more.

With hundreds of Fellowships available, the breadth of research will be expansive.

Furthermore, it has been proven that when researchers co-publish with someone internationally in leading journals, the work is more likely to be cited and adopted. Think of this as world-leading change with South Australia signalled as its hub.



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### **Ensuring inclusion and diversity**

As part of these 500 Fellowships, there will be up to 25 positions each year that will be specifically available for researchers who identify as having Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, Indigenous or First Nation status, and from DFAT-aid recipient countries.

### Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Visiting Research Fellowships

From foundation, UniSA has committed to being the University of Choice for Australian Aboriginal Peoples.

Our dedication to providing opportunities for those who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, Indigenous or First Nation status, will continue through this scheme. We believe in the power of Indigenousled research, including lived and practice-based knowledges, and the benefits it provides for individuals to personally thrive and for communities to succeed as a whole.

This is part of our commitment to growing the community of Australian Aboriginal researchers, and supporting Indigenous and First-Nation led research globally.

#### DFAT-Aid Assisted Country Visiting Research Fellowships: collaboration with our Region and the World

Research is everyone's business, globally. By creating positions for research Fellows from DFAT-aid recipient countries, we are encouraging research that will drive innovation for business and community health and growth in our Region—the Indo-Pacific—and across the World. We will also benefit from the diversity of perspectives that we know can drive outstanding innovations.





### **Benefits to South Australia**

#### Re-Introducing South Australia to the world

Aside from the clear benefits for research, this scheme provides the means for leading professionals to see beautiful Adelaide and make the most of what our State has to offer.

An additional benefit of this scheme is being able to showcase our best kept secret to the world, the somewhat hidden treasure, South Australia.

Our home will be on display and this scheme will help to grow our reputation internationally;

- ► We will be the focal point for the wealth of knowledge;
- We will house the outcomes;
- ► The researchers will return home and share their stories and memories of South Australia;
- By citing the University of South Australia in the published papers, we will be embedded in research history.

This scheme also allows UniSA to demonstrate the incredible work already being explored by our leading researchers, and the gamechanging outcomes they have already discovered.

### **Economic benefits for South Australia**

The UniSA Visiting Research Fellowship scheme will help to strengthen the State's recovering economy.

By bringing in hundreds of talented researchers to Adelaide for at least a month, we are generating local business and increasing revenue.

Importantly for the State's economy, the discoveries that are found as part of the UniSA Visiting Fellowship scheme have the real potential to lead to future investment from international businesses.

In return, the discoveries that are uncovered also have the potential to benefit local businesses that have a similar interest and aid with their future successes.

# How you can bring the World to UniSA, and take UniSA to the World

This scheme helps to put you in the driving seat for global change. Think about the benefits for our state, country and world that can come from the connection of people who want to make a better world. They may answer questions that you are deeply interested in, or reveal ideas that show the power of UniSA being an enterprise for good.

When you make a commitment of \$15,000 per year x five years, the UniSA Visiting Research Fellowship will be known in your name and will highlight your fundamental support for innovation and progressing research.

The University will match this funding and will meet the costs of administering the scheme and access to our research facilities.

This initiative is your chance to benefit from the new knowledge explored by researchers concentrating on aligned topics of interest to you or your company.

Anonymous gifts are also possible, if that is your wish too.

#### How you will benefit:

- ▶ Personally name the Visiting Research Fellowships;
- UniSA will then match each \$15,000 gift received, and two Fellowships will be known in your name;
- Have the unique opportunity to host the Fellowship recipients—some of the world's most exceptional talents—at a private function or speaking engagement;
- Your name will be included on all of the published papers generated during the visit;
- ➤ You will enjoy a reception at UniSA with the Fellowship recipients and UniSA Collaborators, hosted by UniSA;
- You have the opportunity to choose which research area you would like to support.



By supporting the UniSA Visiting Research Fellowships Fund—and partnering in area of your personal interest—you have the ability to tap into genius of some of the brightest minds in the world.

The UniSA Visiting Research Fellowships will be transformative—not only for the recipients of the Fellowships but also for the students and research community with whom they will interact at UniSA, as well as the broader community we serve.

The University of South Australia would be delighted to provide further information about the UniSA Visiting Research Fellowships scheme.

For any questions you might have please contact:

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#### **Acknowledgement of Country**

UniSA respects the Kaurna, Boandik and Bangarla peoples' spiritual relationship with their country. Artist: Ngupulya Pumani

Find out more about the University's commitment to reconciliation at unisa.edu.au/RAP

