



THE LAW FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP

The Law Foundation of South Australia has instituted a Fellowship, known as the “Law Foundation Fellowship”. The Law Foundation may (but is not bound to) award a Fellowship or Fellowships each year to successful applicants. A Fellowship will carry a grant of up to \$50,000 (inclusive of GST). At the discretion of the Foundation, Fellowship monies may be paid either by way of a lump sum or by instalments.

1. The Object

The object of the Fellowship is to provide funding to enable the successful applicant to undertake law-related study or research which will provide a benefit to the community of the State of South Australia, to the legal community and to the applicant.

2. Eligibility of Applicants

The Fellowship will be available to persons in either of the following two categories:

- (i) graduates of the Law Schools of the University of Adelaide, Flinders University, or University of South Australia*, or
- (ii) persons, not graduates of the above universities, but who have practised as legal practitioners in South Australia for a period of at least five years, and who hold a current practising certificate.

** Graduates of these or other universities who hold full-time academic positions are not eligible for the Fellowship.*

3. Eligible Programmes

Eligible programmes may take the form of either a programme of academic study or a major research study. It is a requirement of the Fellowship that the proposed study/research should occupy a period of no more than twelve months.

- (i) Academic Programme

This will be a course of law-related academic study taken outside of the State of South Australia and which has a demonstrable community/legal profession benefit.

(ii) Law Related Research

This may involve a law-related project designed to provide a significant update or extension of existing information and knowledge. The study/research will normally be undertaken outside of the State of South Australia.

The following are indicative of areas of study/research that might be considered to have benefit to the community/legal community.

Public Interest Law (such as consumer protection, human rights, welfare or environment law).

Community-Legal Relationships (such as legal aid, professional ethics, or access to justice issues).

Community Based Legal Services (such as dispute resolution processes or community legal centres).

4. Applications

Applications for the Fellowship will be invited through public advertisement each year or at such times determined by the Law Foundation.

Normally applications will close on 30 September with advice to the successful applicant provided before the end of November.

The Fellowship must be taken up by the end of the following year.

Applications should address the following:

- (i) personal details including copy of academic transcript and career achievements.
- (ii) details of the study or research proposed with full information about the proposed place or places of study/research.
- (iii) evidence of the applicant's being accepted or approved or eligibility for such study or research.
- (iv) a budget covering items such as travel, accommodation, expenses, fees and similar.
- (v) a review of how the proposed study/research meets the principal criterion of benefit to the community or legal community.
- (vi) the way(s) in which such benefit will be transmitted to the intending recipients.
- (vii) state whether the applicant is registered or required to be registered for GST.

5. Selection

Applications for the Fellowship will be considered by a sub-committee of the Law Foundation consisting of:

- The Dean of the School of Law at the University of Adelaide.
- The Dean of the School of Law at Flinders University.
- The Dean of the School of Law at University of South Australia
- The Chief Executive of the Law Society of South Australia.
- The Director of the Legal Services Commission.
- The Secretary of the Law Foundation.
- The Executive Officer of the Law Foundation.

The sub-committee shall consider all applications, interview short listed applicants and recommend to the Foundation the applicant it considers to be best suited for the Fellowship. This recommendation shall include an appraisal of the recommended applicant's proposal together with an appraisal of competing interviewed applicants' proposals. The final decision on the Law Foundation Fellowship shall be made by the Law Foundation.

The sub-committee will take account of:

- (i) *the capacity of the applicant to successfully complete the designated study or research.* Academic merit in the past and/or demonstrated relevant experience or research capacity and qualifications will be considered.
- (ii) *the quality of the proposal.* The academic programme or research proposed should indicate that the applicant has undertaken appropriate investigation of the options available, and has prepared a proposal which reflects such investigation.
- (iii) *the benefit to the community and/or legal community.* The sub-committee will assess the extent to which proposals will provide short or longer term benefit through the role of the successful applicant, through an increase in knowledge, information, or through new ideas and directions.
- (iv) *the applicant's proposal for communicating/sharing the outcomes of study or research.*

6. Reporting

The successful candidate:

- (a) may be required to report to the Foundation from time to time during the course of the study and to provide a periodic accounting of expenditure of funds;
- (b) will be required to report at the conclusion of the study by providing a written report to the Foundation as to the outcome and achievements of the study;

- (c) will be required, within a reasonable time of the completion of the course of study, to provide such public addresses, seminars, continuing legal education seminars and articles as may be reasonably requested by the Foundation that may promote to both the community at large and the legal community the benefit of the undertaken study.

At the conclusion of the Fellowship the successful applicant, in addition to providing a report on the outcome of the study, will be required to provide a report as to the expenditure of monies received. The Foundation reserves the right to require an audit of such expenditure.

7. Other Awards or Financial Assistance

The successful candidate must inform the Executive Officer of the Foundation if the candidate obtains any other award or financial assistance. The candidate will normally be required to retain such other award and the Foundation after considering all the circumstances will decide whether an adjustment, if any, shall be made to the amount of the Fellowship grant. Any such adjustment shall not be to the overall disadvantage of the candidate.

8. Termination of the Award

The Fellowship may be terminated by the Foundation for reason of breaches of the conditions of the award or on the recommendation of the host institution or organisation.