



# MLFP

MAWSON LAKES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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## Starter Grant for Research Collaboration 2024 - Guidelines

### SUMMARY

The MLFP Steering Committee are now accepting proposals for MLFP Research Grants for the 2024 round. These grants are for the development of research collaboration between the three South Australian Universities (Adelaide, Flinders, and South Australia) and three Universities in Japan: Nagoya, Tsukuba and Waseda.

Funds will support international activities leading to high quality research collaborations in the scope of the Mawson Lakes Fellowship Program.

The Mawson Lakes Fellowship Program was established in 1998 as a commemorative project between South Australia and Japan. It grew out of the collaboration on the Multi-Function Polis, a proposal for a new city focusing on innovation in urban development and environmental practice which gave rise to the Mawson Lakes development in Northern Adelaide.

The objective of the MLFP is to provide financial support for the purposes of conducting research in urban planning, urban design, architecture, environmental management and related disciplines jointly between Australia and Japan. Examples of research areas include, but are not limited to:

- Smart cities in Australia and Japan
- Urban infrastructure
- Land use planning
- The urban development process
- Urban environments
- Urban quality of life
- Remote sensing for cities

These grants are designed to provide pump-priming and early contact partner outreach with the expectation that they will lead onto more substantive engagement resulting in high quality outputs, such as international research training for graduate students or early career faculty, publication of joint papers from collaborative research, or follow-on applications for joint research funding.

Proposals for virtual collaborations, such as joint virtual workshops or conferences, will also be considered.

Jointly drafted proposals should be submitted to [lwb@flinders.edu.au](mailto:lwb@flinders.edu.au) by the lead faculty/Principal Investigator from a South Australian University.

The deadline for submitting applications is **31 August 2023**.

Goals of this award are to facilitate:

- High quality and long-term research collaboration between faculty / researchers in areas of strategic importance to both Japan and Australia;
- The subsequent submission of collaborative research funding bids.
- The publication of high-quality joint research papers;

### ELIGIBILITY

Proposals are invited from the lead investigator at one of the South Australian Universities. To be eligible, the lead investigator should be permanent, tenured or tenure-track faculty or academic and research staff. Staff who are on contract must provide evidence of having a contract with their University for the period of the award.



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## FUNDING

Funding of up to A\$20,000 is available for each project. A detailed budget is required with the application. Any unspent funding will return to MLFP.

If the proposal includes travel (subject to any travel restrictions in place in 2022), Individual airfares are limited to a maximum of \$2000 and accommodation is limited to a maximum of A\$300 per night.

## DURATION/TIMING

Funded projects must be completed within one year of the nominated commencement date. All projects are to commence in 2024.

## INDICATIVE EXPENDITURE

Proposals may include collaborative activities such as:

- virtual or in-person (travel restrictions permitting) workshops, guest lectures and high-level seminars on multidisciplinary research areas with global impact;
- development of joint industry-research collaborations with global impact;
- delivery of a joint publication or other output resulting from collaborative research or scholarship activities;
- collection of preliminary data to augment a full proposal with potential for global impact to a funding agency;
- creation and support of joint resources such as websites, research collaboration sites, or other social networking tools to facilitate the dissemination of results.

The list above is indicative and is not intended to be comprehensive. Staff salary costs and conference attendance are not eligible for inclusion. Funding for the use of a partner's laboratory facilities should not be included.

## FORMAT AND GUIDELINES

Proposal Content: Research grant proposals are limited to five (5) pages and not less than 11 font and applicants must use the application form provided.

- Cover Page including the title of the project, principal investigator(s) contact information, duration of project, and list of up to five (5) key words.
- Project Description: specifically address who your collaborators are, objectives of the collaboration, how the proposed activities align with the goals of the MLFP, especially the potential for impact. The description should elaborate anticipated outputs and outcomes, including plans for the future development of the project and should be in sufficient detail that reviewers can evaluate the appropriateness and feasibility of how the project aims will be achieved. Please include a 'plain English' summary as some reviewers may come from outside of your discipline.
- Budget with justification

In addition, the following must be included in the proposal and does not count towards the content limit of the project description:

- Bio-sketch (2 page maximum) of the PI(s) including Education, Professional Appointments, Synergistic Activities relevant to this grant application, and up to ten (10) publications related to this research or scholarship.
- Letter(s) from authorised representatives confirming any additional funding contributions, if applicable.
- Letter of Support from the Dean of your Faculty or Division.
- Letter of Support from Japanese partner.

It will be the responsibility of researchers to receive appropriate ethics and bio-safety approval if required.



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## ADDITIONAL PROCEDURE FOR UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE RESEARCH PROPOSALS

University of Adelaide PI's are also required to submit a Research Funding Request (RFR) through the RME6 online system.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

The proposal and supporting documents should be submitted, as a pdf document, to the Mawson Lakes Fellowship Program Steering Committee via [lwb@flinders.edu.au](mailto:lwb@flinders.edu.au).

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals that meet the eligibility requirements will be reviewed and assessed against the criteria. The criteria for consideration will involve the extent to which each proposal:

1. Is within the scope of the Mawson Lakes Fellowship Program
2. Seeks to address a research problem of global importance, or of importance specifically to Japan and Australia
3. Brings together complementary expertise from the two institutions
4. Has clear and measurable objectives and activities aligned with the purpose of the project
5. Focuses on the achievement of concrete outcomes and results, including publications or other scholarly outputs
6. Has an early career researcher on the team (within 5 years of completing a PhD)
7. Has a clearly articulated and justified budget.

## REPORTING

Successful applicants are required to submit a two-page final report no later than three months after the end of the grant period. The report should include information on:

- A brief summary of the activities undertaken
- Project outcomes and achievements, including key findings, a brief assessment by the lead researcher on the impact (positive or negative) on their research
- Future plans and next steps
- Publications and other scholarly outputs
- Actual expenditure against the approved budget.

## ENQUIRIES

Enquiries should be directed to [lwb@flinders.edu.au](mailto:lwb@flinders.edu.au) or to the relevant South Australian University.

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