



MLFP

MAWSON LAKES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

MLFP

C/- University of Adelaide

Email: globalengagement@adelaide.edu.au

www.mlfp.com.au

Mawson Lakes Fellowship Program Seed Funding for Research Collaboration 2025 - Guidelines

SUMMARY

The MLFP Steering Committee are now accepting project proposals aimed at establishing lasting research collaboration between researchers from any of the three South Australian Universities (Adelaide, Flinders, and South Australia) and one or more of the following 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. Project proposals should clearly explain why cooperation between researchers from South Australian universities and the three stated Japanese universities is essential to achieving the project aims.

Background and programme objectives

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 has from the beginning be to provide financial support for the purposes of conducting joint South Australia-Japan research in urban planning, urban design, architecture, environmental management and related disciplines. Examples of research areas suitable for application under the MLFP programme include, but are not limited to:

- Land use planning
- Urban infrastructure (physical and digital)
- Built environment and the urban environment
- Urban quality of life and community planning
- Spatial analysis of relevance to cities and urban planning

Application process

MLFP research grants are intended as seed funding for pilot projects between researchers from South Australia and Japan. Project applications need to show the added-value of cooperation, and explain why Australia-Japan cooperation is essential to achieve the project objectives. Applicants should state how the MLFP funding is expected lead to lasting substantive cooperation, and how it will be used to support 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.

In summary, project applications should clearly explain the following:

- High academic quality of the application with clear objectives / research questions, problem statement, theoretical framing, methodological approach and expected outcomes for the joint research
- Explanation of why Australia-Japan research is essential to the proposed research
- Explanation of how the research project will lead to long term research collaboration between faculty / researchers in areas of strategic importance to both Japan and Australia;
- Relevant and measurable outputs resulting from the MLFP funding, such as for example the publication of high quality joint research papers and/or the subsequent submission of collaborative research funding bids.

ELIGIBILITY

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



MLFP

MAWSON LAKES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

MLFP

C/- University of Adelaide

Email: globalengagement@adelaide.edu.au

www.mlfp.com.au

DURATION/TIMING of funded projects

Funded proposals must be completed within one year of the nominated commencement date.

The funding will be provided for a one-year period; however, projects are expected to deliver lasting impact or have the potential to evolve into larger initiatives.

FUNDING

Funding for joint research activities, and for travel and accommodation to support the joint research is limited to a maximum of A\$20,000 per project. Individual airfares are limited to a maximum of \$2000 and accommodation is limited to a maximum of A\$300 per night. A detailed budget needs to be submitted with the application, showing realistic cost estimates to realise the project objectives up to the maximum project budget. Travel and accommodation costs are reimbursed against actual costs as evidenced by receipts. Any unspent funding will return to MLFP.

INDICATIVE EXPENDITURE

Funding will support the travel and subsistence costs associated with researchers spending time at the partner institution. Proposals that include opportunities for the exchange of postgraduates and PhD students are encouraged.

Proposals may include collaborative activities such as:

- Workshops, guest lecture and high-level seminars on multidisciplinary research areas with global impact
- Video-conference seminars
- Development of high-quality joint academic publications during or soon after completion of the research project
- Development of joint industry-research collaborations with global impact
- Collection of preliminary data to augment a full proposal with potential for global impact to a funding agency, and statement about the type of follow-up applications researchers will be developing
- Creation and support of joint resources such as websites, research collaboration sites, or other social networking tools to facilitate the dissemination of results, with evidence of lasting effect of such initiatives beyond the project lifetime

The list above is indicative and is not intended to be comprehensive. Staff salary costs and conference attendance fees are not eligible for funding from the MLFP programme. Funding for the use of a partner's laboratory facilities are not eligible for funding.

FORMAT AND GUIDELINES

Proposal Content: Research grant proposal applications should not exceed five (5) pages, with a minimum font size of 11pt. The application should include the following information:

- Cover Page including the title of the project, principal investigator(s) contact information, duration of project, and 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 programme, especially in relation to providing the basis for lasting cooperation and 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



MLFP

MAWSON LAKES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

MLFP

C/- University of Adelaide

Email: globalengagement@adelaide.edu.au

www.mlfp.com.au

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

- Biosketch (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.
- if applicable, letter(s) from authorised representatives confirming any additional funding contributions.
- 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 human research ethics and bio-safety approvals if required.

It is also the responsibility of the SA PI's to acquire relevant university approvals to apply for research funding under this programme and submit research funding requests or pre-approval applications through their relevant university research online systems (Research Master or equivalent).

APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS

The proposal and supporting documents should be submitted, as a pdf document, by the lead faculty/Principal Investigator from a South Australian University to globalengagement@adelaide.edu.au.

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis, and applicants will be notified of the results within 12 weeks.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE AND SELECTION CRITERIA

Proposals that meet the eligibility requirements are reviewed by the Mawson Lakes Fellowship Programme Steering Committee. 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 clearly defined research problem of relevance 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, focusing on realising concrete outcomes and results, including publications or other scholarly outputs.
5. Clearly requires Japan-Australia cooperation to realise the project objectives
6. Projects including early researchers (within five years of completing a PhD), particularly with mentoring opportunities, will be considered favourably.
7. Has a clearly articulated and justified budget.

PROJECT 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 to deepen cooperation
- Publications and other scholarly outputs realised as part of the project
- Actual expenditure against the approved budget.

ENQUIRIES



MLFP

MAWSON LAKES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

MLFP

C/- University of Adelaide

Email: globalengagement@adelaide.edu.au

www.mlfp.com.au

Formal enquiries should be directed to globalengagement@adelaide.edu.au. Applicants wishing to discuss substantive aspects of their project idea may contact a representative at one of the South Australia Universities, as follows.

The University of Adelaide

Professor Tim Legrand

tim.legrand@adelaide.edu.au

Professor Emma Baker

emma.baker@adelaide.edu.au

The University of South Australia

Professor Chris Leishman

Chris.leishman@unisa.edu.au

Professor Stefanie Dühr

stefanie.duehr@unisa.edu.au

Flinders University

Professor Huade Guan

huade.guan@flinders.edu.au



MLFP

MAWSON LAKES FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM