Applications are invited from researchers with an interest in statelessness – from PhD students to tenured academics – to visit the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness at Melbourne Law School between February and December 2019. Applications from non-academic visiting professionals will also be considered, if they propose an applied research project of relevance to the work of the Centre.

Overview

The Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness at Melbourne Law School was established in 2018 with the objective of undertaking research, teaching and engagement activities aimed at reducing statelessness and protecting the rights of stateless people in Australia, the Asia Pacific region, and as appropriate more broadly. The Centre offers Visiting Fellowships for up to two months. Visiting scholars are provided with a workspace, computer and library access. They are encouraged to give a short work-in-progress seminar and to participate in the academic life and work of the Centre including events and workshops.

Funding

The Centre accommodates both self-funded Visiting Fellows and those seeking a scholarship to cover parts of their expenses. Applications from self-funded Visiting Fellows will also be considered outside the application period, subject to the availability of space. Funding of up to AU$4000 is available for Visiting Fellows towards the costs of travel to, and accommodation in, Melbourne. As such, applicants should consider the cost implications before applying, as there may be additional expenses not covered by the fellowship. Visiting Fellows from outside Australia are responsible for obtaining and funding any necessary visas or insurance. Fellowships are funded jointly by the Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness and the Statelessness Hallmark Research Initiative.
Application Process

The Centre acknowledges the diversity of individuals doing research or working on statelessness around the globe. Applications are invited from researchers ranging from PhD students, postdoctoral researchers to tenured academics to visit the Centre. Applications from non-academic visiting professionals will also be considered, if they propose an applied research project of relevance to the work of the centre.

The Visiting Fellowships are to be taken up within the time frame from February to December 2019. Once accepted, Visiting Fellows are encouraged to consider timing their visits to coincide with any major Centre activities.

Applications must include the following in one PDF document:

- Curriculum vitae and list of publications
- Research plan (maximum 1000 words), outlining the research, proposed activities/collaboration during visiting period and contribution to the work of the Centre
- Proposed dates of the visit in 2019
- Indication of whether a Visiting Fellowship grant is sought. For those seeking funding, please provide a brief justification, including any other funding sought or secured to cover expenses (maximum 250 words)
- One letter of reference (for PhD students letter of reference from the PhD supervisor; for non-academic visitors letter of support from employer or other entity the visitor is professionally associated with).

Applications should have in the subject line “Visiting Fellowship Application” and be submitted to law-statelessness@unimelb.edu.au by the closing date of 30 September 2018. Applicants will be advised of the outcome in October 2018.