

# Global Green Growth Institute – Future Earth Australia Fellowship Program

The inaugural Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and Future Earth Australia (FEA) hosted by the Australian Academy of Science will provide opportunities for **up to 8 early career researchers, professionals, and postgraduate students from FEA member organisations** to participate in a Fellowship program each financial year. The 2018-2019 call for applications is now open. There will be two selections rounds: one in 2018, and one in early 2019.

Fellowships for successful applicants will comprise research placements a minimum of 3 months and up to 6 months duration in one of GGGI's country offices or in its Headquarters in the Republic of Korea, along with a stipend and travel support for eligible applicants. The Fellowships are intended for individuals with an active academic or professional interest in sustainability and green growth research challenges and opportunities and a desire to gain hands-on experience working in a developing country. Please note that the Fellowship is not an entry route to employment at GGGI or FEA.

Applications will be competitively assessed, with those successful applicants receiving an FEA scholarship of AU\$3,000, and a letter of support with which to request travel grants or scholarships from their organisations. In addition, GGGI will provide monthly stipend of US\$500 to each successful candidate upon assignment.

## Objectives

The GGGI – Future Earth Australia Fellowship Program is intended to provide post-graduate students, early career researchers, and practitioners with an opportunity to gain hands on experience working on green growth / sustainability challenges and opportunities in developing countries.

Applicants to the Fellowship program may choose to either:

- Take part in a research project identified by GGGI and FEA. These projects will be advertised when available on the GGGI and FEA websites, and GGGI will arrange appropriate supervisors.
- Propose a research project in a GGGI country program that aligns with GGGI's and FEA's respective visions and missions. Applicants choosing to propose their own project should identify one or more potential supervisors, with arrangements for successful applicants to be agreed upon with GGGI prior to commencement.

## What does the Fellowship include?

Fellows will be placed with, or supported to undertake, a supervised research project of 3-6 months duration in a GGGI Member Country. GGGI will also assist in the visa application process by issuing a letter of support to successful applicants, and Fellows will receive a stipend of US\$500/month from GGGI during the assignment and an AU\$3,000 FEA scholarship. FEA will also provide a letter of support to assist successful applicants leverage travel grants from applicants' host institution(s). Fellows will be responsible for determining the tax implications of the stipend and FEA scholarship in their own personal circumstances. Applicants will be placed with a host organisation for the period

of the internship. Applicants will also be asked to write two blog posts for FEA, detailing their experiences for the broader community.

After their placement, Fellows will have an opportunity to publish and present the work resulting from the Fellowship through FEA and GGGI as appropriate, and to participate in a Fellows alumni network.

## Who is eligible to apply?

The Fellowship program is open to individuals who are studying at, employed by, or hold an honorary appointment with FEA Member Organisations (listed at the end of this document)) and who are:

- Currently enrolled in a post-graduate degree (PhD or Masters by research) in a sustainability related discipline;
- Early-career sustainability researchers (within five years of obtaining their PhD, excluding periods of parental or care-related leave); or
- Early-career sustainability practitioners within the first seven years of their substantive profession (excluding periods of parental or care-related leave).

GGGI and FEA particularly encourage applications from individuals of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent, and from culturally diverse backgrounds.

Applicants must ensure they can make arrangements with their university or employer to undertake the Fellowship placement on a full-time basis if successful.

## How will Fellows be selected?

A selection committee convened by GGGI and FEA will meet up to four times per annum, to select Fellows based on the following criteria:

- **Excellence:** demonstrated scientific and professional excellence with clear potential for leadership in sustainability research or practice.
- **Interest in and contribution to GGGI and FEA visions and missions:** demonstrated commitment to sustainability and green growth, and the added value for our organisations of supporting the Fellows participation in the program.
- **Capacity to leverage funding:** the applicant's ability to access other funding sources to support the Fellowship and/or the research placement.

In assessing applications, GGGI and FEA will also give consideration to the gender, age, career-stage and cultural and ethnic background of applicants in order to ensure diversity within the Fellowship program.

## How to apply?

To apply, applicants must submit:

- A cover letter outlining the reasons for their interest in the program and what they hope to achieve;
- A concise CV including names and contact details for at least two references; and
- If applicable, a letter from their supervisor or manager confirming his or her support for the application.

**If applicants are applying for one (or more) of the research placements advertised by GGGI**, they must give an indication of how they would approach and engage with the project, and how they would promote the outcomes. Applicants should also indicate whether they have been in contact with GGGI staff regarding the potential placement, and any additional funding that they might be able to access to support the project or Fellowship.

**If applicants are proposing their own project**, they must provide a concise (three-page) proposal outlining:

- Project title;
- Project objectives;
- Intended location;
- Project description indicating the proposed methodology, linkages to one or more GGGI thematic focus areas (i.e., energy, sustainable landscapes, green cities, water, or green finance), and expected outcomes and deliverables/work products;
- Project timeframe and completion date;
- Budget, including details of any funding required from GGGI or FEA;
- Ethics considerations as relevant;
- Publication or dissemination plans; and
- Confirmed or potential supervisors.

## Obligations for Fellows

Applicants agree that, if selected, they must:

- Submit reports on completion of their placement to both GGGI and FEA outlining their research and experience;
- Abide the laws of the hosting country during the period of their placement;
- Abide by the rules and policies of GGGI;
- Allow GGGI and FEA to use and publish their work, as needed; and
- Assign the intellectual property (IP) associated with their project to GGGI and FEA. In turn, FEA and GGGI will grant Fellows a license to use the project IP and relevant background IP for academic purposes.

## Application deadline

Applications will be assessed by the selection committee at least twice per annum or more frequently as required. Applications should plan for a minimum of three months between the submission and the start of the placement. It is anticipated that the first fellowship will begin in the third quarter of 2018.

Please submit your application to [futureearthaustralia@science.org.au](mailto:futureearthaustralia@science.org.au). Please note that incomplete applications will not be assessed.

## Future Earth Australia

Future Earth Australia (FEA) is the Australian node of the global [Future Earth](#) initiative. FEA is hosted by the Australian Academy of Science and is supported by organisational members comprising Australian universities and sustainability research organisations. It supports members and other sustainability researchers from across disciplines to engage and interact with governments, industry and NGOs and to link with international sustainability networks and programs. FEA also serves as an

international platform to Australian scientists for deep engagement with leaders in research, policy, business, industry, and the community to generate solutions and have an impact.

### Global Green Growth Institute

Headquartered in Seoul, Korea, and with offices in 26 developing and emerging economies, GGGI is a treaty-based international, inter-governmental organization founded to support and promote green growth. The organization partners with countries to help them build economies that grow strongly, are more efficient and sustainable in the use of natural resources, less carbon intensive, and more resilient to climate change. GGGI works with countries around the world, building their capacity and working collaboratively on green growth policies that can impact the lives of millions. To learn more about GGGI, see <http://www.gggi.org> and visit us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)

### Eligible host organisations:

#### **Australian Government agencies:**

Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO)

GeoSciences Australia

Australian Institute of Marine Science

#### **Universities:**

Queensland University of Technology

University of Queensland

Griffith University

Macquarie University

The University of Sydney

The University of New South Wales

Western Sydney University

The Australian National University

RMIT University

Deakin University

University of Adelaide