International Visiting Research Fellowships

As part of its international research collaboration, CHE developed a competitive program of International Visiting Research Fellowships, funding outstanding international scholars to visit Australia to work with members of the Centre on a research program of their choice. Successful applicants spent a period of at least four weeks at one or more of the Centre’s nodes, allowing sufficient time for visitors to take part in conferences and collaboratories, to meet local researchers and to establish deep-rooted research connections.

The first call, designed specifically for Distinguished International Visitors, was issued in late 2011. The response was overwhelming. Of particular note was the quality of applications from young academics. This led to the introduction, in 2012, of an International Early Career Research (ECR) program to bring scholars within eight years of gaining their PhD to CHE nodes throughout Australia. In 2015 a combined call for Distinguished, Mid-Career and Early Career Researcher applications was issued.

Fellows were provided with a return airfare from their home to Australia, accommodation, and travel between Australian nodes of the Centre. A contribution towards reimbursement of eligible living expenses was negotiable.

Applicants were eligible to apply if they were based at a university outside Australia (note: this included Australian citizens working at universities outside Australia). Previous awardees under the Early Career International Visiting Research (ECR) and Distinguished International Visitor (DIV) schemes were ineligible to apply.

A final call for applications was issued in 2015 for International Visiting Research Fellowships, to be taken over the period 1 July 2016 to the last working day for the relevant university in 2017 (on or just before 22 December). Applicants were asked to provide:

- An up-to-date academic CV of no more than six pages.
- A description, no longer than two A4 pages, of the proposed research to be undertaken during the Fellowship including: a statement of how the work related to the Centre’s overall research into the history of emotions in Europe 1100–1800, the program into which their work fell, and the proposed outcomes of the research (e.g. draft of an article, perhaps jointly authored with one or more CHE member(s), development of further research interchange and collaboration activities). It was expected that CHE support would be acknowledged in any publication deriving from the Fellowship.
- The name(s) of CHE staff with whom the applicant wished to collaborate, the preferred dates of the fellowship, and the preferred ‘home’ university for the duration of the visit. (It was hoped that successful applicants would take the opportunity to develop research associations with members of the Centre. Applicants were requested to seek advice on their proposed projects from appropriate CHE personnel before submitting their application.)
- For applicants whose doctorates had been conferred in the period 2007-2015: a statement of track record relative to experience and the names and contact details of two referees.