

ANZSOG Academic Fellows Program

Fellowship Information Guide — 2027 Round

About the Program

The ANZSOG Academic Fellows Program brings leading scholars into ANZSOG's work to strengthen the connection between academic knowledge and public sector practice. Fellows contribute to knowledge exchange, engage with practitioners, and help shape thinking on the governance challenges that matter most.

The Academic Fellows Program is designed for scholars interested in translating research into public sector practice and engaging with senior practitioner audiences across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Fellows work with ANZSOG to bring their expertise into conversation with public sector leaders through teaching, dialogue and practitioner-facing publications.

What ANZSOG offers Fellows

Fellows benefit from:

- Direct, sustained access to senior public sector professionals across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand
- A platform to translate academic expertise for practitioner audiences through published outputs
- Connection to a collegial peer community of academics and practitioners
- Publishing and research translation support, engagement and network-building across ANZSOG's partner institutions

Fellowship Streams

The fellowship is organised into two streams to accommodate international and domestic fellows with both streams sharing an engagement framework

Resident Academic Fellows - from ANZSOG's member universities (see list below) - Fellows typically engage more frequently with ANZSOG programs across the year through in-person and hybrid participation scheduled around agreed activities.

Visiting Academic Fellows- from any global university- contribute through a shorter in-country engagement period combined with ongoing online participation across the fellowship year.

12 month Engagement Period in practice

The fellowship runs over a 12-month engagement period. This does not require Fellows to be based at ANZSOG full-time during the year.

Instead, fellowship activities are planned in consultation with Fellows and scheduled at several points across the year rather than delivered as a single block of engagement. Engagement typically involves a small number of teaching contributions, participation in knowledge exchange events, and completion of practitioner focused written outputs.

For Resident Fellows, in-person engagement usually takes place through several short visits during the year (primarily in Melbourne, and occasionally Sydney), aligned with agreed activities.

Visiting Fellows typically spend four to eight weeks in Australia during the fellowship period (usually Melbourne), with additional online participation across the year.

Where travel is required to support agreed fellowship activities across Australia and New Zealand, ANZSOG works with Fellows to provide appropriate flights, accommodation and logistical support.

Applicants are encouraged to discuss anticipated availability with their Head of School or Supervisor before applying.

	Resident Academic Fellow	Visiting Academic Fellow
Funding	Up to \$35,000	Up to \$15,000
Engagement period (non-continuous)	12 months	12 months
Location	Engagement scheduled across the year through several short visits (primarily Melbourne), aligned with program activities and Fellow availability	Between four and eight weeks in-country (typically Melbourne), with additional online participation across the fellowship year.
Eligibility	ANZSOG member universities (AU / NZ)	Any university globally
Post PhD or equivalent	More than 5 years	More than 5 years

What Fellows Do

ANZSOG runs the engagement formats and the calendar, providing translation, communication and engagement expertise to support our Fellows. Fellows bring the academic expertise and content. All fellows — Resident and Visiting — engage through the following framework. ANZSOG schedules engagement activities in consultation with Fellows, aligning contributions with program priorities and practitioner audiences across the year. These activities are typically scheduled at several points during the year rather than delivered continuously.

A. Insights Output

- 1 issues paper — practitioner-facing translation piece (~1,000 words), published by ANZSOG
- 1 final report — a substantive translation piece, published by ANZSOG

B. Knowledge Exchange & Engagement Activities

Fellows contribute to engagement activities that bring their expertise into conversation with practitioner audiences. These may include guest lectures, executive teaching, panels, masterclasses, video recordings, practitioner roundtables, workshops, policy conversations and ANZSOG-led dialogue events. The precise mix and timing of activities will be agreed with each Fellow and aligned with their area of expertise, practitioner needs and ANZSOG's program calendar. Activities will typically be scheduled at different points across the fellowship year rather than delivered within a single teaching block.

C. Contribution to ANZSOG's Ecosystem

Fellows are expected to contribute to ANZSOG's broader work through engagement with staff and teams. This may include providing advisory or program input, reviewing relevant materials, contributing to internal discussions and peer exchange, and participating in the intellectual life of the organisation.

Fellows may commence their engagement in either January or July 2027

What makes a strong application?

Strong applications typically:

- address a contemporary public governance or policy challenge
 - demonstrate experience engaging with policy, government or practitioner audiences
 - show readiness to contribute to executive-level learning environments
 - align clearly with ANZSOG's Areas of Focus
 - describe a fellowship focus that can realistically be achieved within the 12-month engagement period
 - demonstrate how their research and expertise could be translated into high-quality practitioner-facing outputs and insights
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How to Apply

Applications are assessed in four stages:

Stage 1	Submit your Expression of Interest using the form. You will be asked about your fellowship focus, the topics you can contribute to, and any knowledge exchange events you are proposing. Attach your CV (3 pages max) and a brief supervisor endorsement.
Stage 2	Shortlisted applicants will be invited to an interview September 4, 2026 (about 60 mins)
Stage 3	Outcomes communicated to all applicants, mid-September 2026.
Stage 4	Fellowship commences on agreed date in 2027.

Selection Criteria

Applications are assessed against the following selection criteria followed by panel interviews with shortlisted candidates. All criteria are considered; no single criterion is weighted above others.

1	Academic track record Outstanding research profile in fields relevant to ANZSOG's Areas of Focus, relative to opportunity
2	Knowledge Exchange Demonstrated experience connecting expertise with policy, government and practice audiences
3	Topic alignment The extent to which your expertise maps to ANZSOG's program and engagement priorities
4	Fellowship focus Clarity and relevance of your proposed area of focus to contemporary public governance challenges
5	Feasibility The fellowship is realistic and achievable within the 12-month engagement period
6	Equity, diversity and breadth ANZSOG is committed to a cohort that reflects the diversity of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand and covers a breadth of Areas of Focus

Ready to apply?

Applications for the 2027 round close 31 August 2026.

To submit Expression of Interest or for any questions, contact insights@anzsog.edu.au

Appendix A — ANZSOG Member Universities (Resident Fellows)

Resident Fellow applicants must be substantively employed at one of the following institutions:

- Australian National University
- Curtin University
- Griffith University
- Monash University
- University of New South Wales
- University of Sydney
- University of Tasmania
- Victoria University of Wellington
- Charles Darwin University
- Flinders University
- Melbourne Business School
- University of Melbourne
- University of Queensland
- University of Canberra
- University of Adelaide

Appendix B — ANZSOG Areas of Focus and Topic List

The following topics guide fellowship selection and engagement planning. Applicants are asked to identify which topics they are confident speaking or teaching to.

- ☐ Delivering public value
- ☐ Government in a market economy
- ☐ Designing public policies and programs
- ☐ Decision-making under uncertainty
- ☐ Managing public sector organisations
- ☐ Governing by the rules (law, regulation and ethics)
- ☐ Leading public sector change
- ☐ Public financial management
- ☐ First Nations and Māori governance and public administration
- ☐ Developing policy acumen
- ☐ Evidence-informed policymaking
- ☐ Policy advisory practice
- ☐ Program evaluation
- ☐ Regulatory reform
- ☐ Digital government, data and emerging technologies