

Alternative Fellowship Types

Attention adventurous and curious minds! Are you located in a remote or isolated area, but longing to explore more populated parts of Australia to bring back knowledge and new ways of doing things to benefit your community? Or perhaps you're looking to learn from unique, yet unsafe areas, or you cannot physically travel? Are you seeking to maximise the impact of your project by partnering with an Indigenous applicant? Look no further! Our Alternative Fellowship Types are just what you need to expand your horizons and achieve your goals.

Read more on the following pages:

Domestic Churchill Fellowships

[About this option](#)

The WCMT recognises that for some applicants who live in very remote parts of Australia (including External Territories) travelling domestically can be just as challenging and beneficial as travelling overseas. People living in these areas may apply to undertake a Churchill Fellowship domestically- this means travelling to and within Australia only (no overseas travel). The application requirements are the same for these Fellowships, including the ability to demonstrate the benefit to their community upon their return, evidence of experience in their field and providing information about who they will be visiting and why.

[Eligibility](#)

Applicants must live in either one of the following External Territories:

- Norfolk Island
- the Cocos (Keeling) Islands
- Ashmore and Cartier Islands
- Christmas Island
- the Coral Sea Islands
- the Australian Antarctic Territory
- the Territory of the Heard and McDonald Islands

OR

- live in a very remote Australian community

The term 'very remote' is used to refer to areas that are far from major population centers and are characterised by sparse population, rugged terrain, and limited infrastructure. The ASGS 2016 Map (located at the end of this document) will be used as a guide with residents of 'very remote' locations being accepted for consideration of domestic travel for Churchill Fellowships. Contact the Trust should you require more guidance or have questions about whether your place of residence is considered 'very remote'.

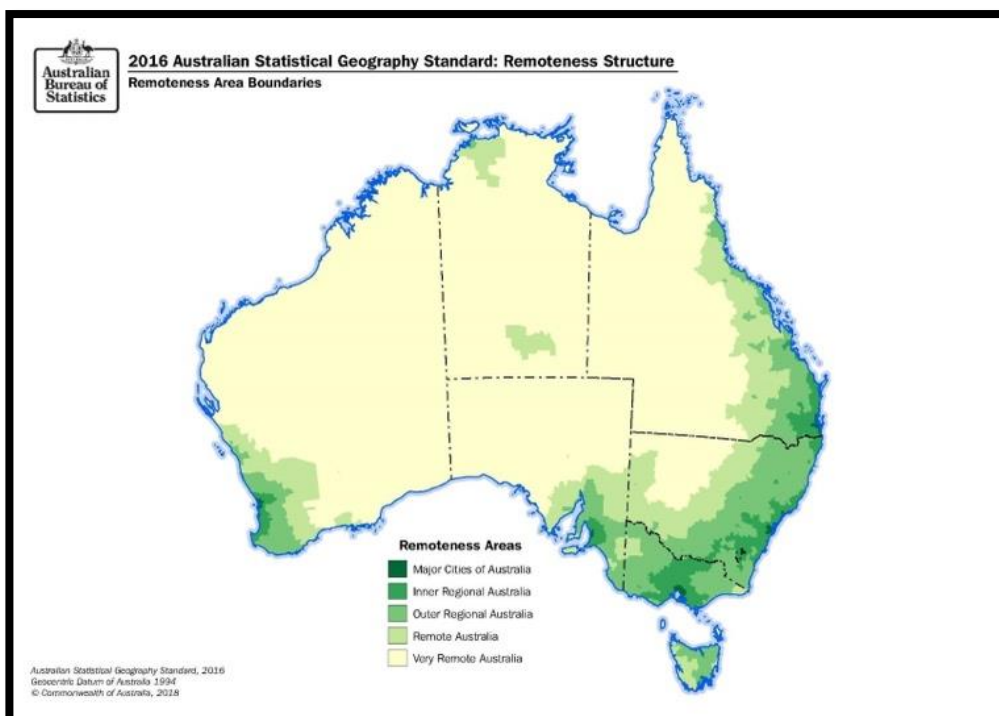
[Is there any information required from the applicant *in addition* to the application form?](#)

The applicant will need to indicate in the application form that they would like to be considered for the “Domestic Fellowship” within the Alternative Fellowship Type field. When selected a new field will open asking how you are eligible for this Alternative Fellowship Type. In the “Reason for Application” section, when asked why you need to travel overseas and what new knowledge you hope to gain overseas, you will need to instead respond with how travelling domestically will support your project aim. One of the questions your project referee is asked is why overseas investigation is necessary, for these questions they will need to respond with why domestic travel is necessary.

[Are there any different funding or insurance details the applicant should be aware of?](#)

Successful applicants will still be given an adequate allowance for hotels and living expenses to carry out their Fellowship. Flights and other transport will be covered by the Trust. Successful applicants will be covered by the Trust’s insurance while travelling.

If you are interested in applying for this Alternative Fellowship Type, please contact the Churchill Trust to discuss on 02 6247 8333.



Virtual or Hybrid Churchill Fellowships

About this option

The WCMT recognises that for some applicants leaving Australia for four to eight weeks is very difficult or not at all possible. Reasons why applicants may not be able to travel overseas or undertake longer-term travel include, having a disability, having carer responsibilities or owning a small business (e.g. running a farm).

For this reason we offer two alternative Fellowships:

- A) The Virtual Fellowship option is for applicants who are unable to undertake overseas travel and enables them to complete a Fellowship virtually (e.g. through virtual meetings).
- B) The Hybrid Fellowship option is for applicants who can conduct overseas travel for a short period of time who may need to complete the remainder of the Fellowship virtually. There is a minimum requirement for overseas travel time for hybrid Fellowships but it will be considered on a case-by-case basis depending on the destination/s and the associated costs.

Eligibility

- Applicants who have a disability preventing them from travelling overseas for extended periods of time, if at all
- Applicants who have caring responsibilities meaning they cannot be absent for extended periods of time, if at all
- Applicants who own a small business and cannot be absent from their workplace for extended periods of time, if it all e.g. farmers
- Applicants who need to travel to a particular destination for part of their Fellowship but are not able to due to border closures or the country being deemed not safe for travel. This option is for Hybrid Fellowships only.

Is there any information required from the applicant *in addition* to the application form?

The applicant will need to indicate in the application form that they would like to be considered for the “Virtual Fellowship” or “Hybrid Fellowship” within the Alternative Fellowship Type field. When selected a new field will open asking how you are eligible for this Alternative Fellowship Type. When an applicant is completing the itinerary section of the application form, they will need to check the “virtual” checkbox for every itinerary line they plan to do virtually.

Are there any different funding or insurance details the applicant should be aware of?

The Churchill Trust will provide successful applicants with adequate funding enabling them to successfully complete their Hybrid or Virtual Fellowship. The funding for the overseas travel component of the Fellowship will remain as it is for a standard Fellowship. For the virtual component of the Fellowship, funding is available should a Fellow require monetary support to enable them to fully focus on their research e.g. renting an Airbnb while conducting their Fellowship meetings. One week of this allowance will be withheld until the report has been approved. Successful applicants conducting their Fellowship as a virtual or hybrid Fellowship will be covered by travel insurance.

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Joint Churchill Fellowships

[About this option](#)

A joint Fellowship is for applicants who have a project on issues that affect Australian First Nations peoples that is justifiably strengthened by having at least one Indigenous Australian's perspective on the topic. For example, a joint Fellowship could comprise two applicants, one Indigenous Australian and one non-Indigenous Australian, collaborating on the project; or could comprise two Indigenous Australian applicants collaborating on the project.

[Eligibility](#)

- At least one of the applicants must be Indigenous Australian
- The project must focus on issues that primarily affect Australian First Nations peoples

[Is there any information required from the applicant *in addition* to application form?](#)

The applicant will need to indicate within the application form that they would like to be considered for the "Joint Fellowship" within the Alternative Fellowship Type field. When selected a new field will open asking how you are eligible for this Alternative Fellowship Type.

Applications that indicate they would like to be considered for a "Joint Fellowship" will be assessed jointly and if successful, both applicants will be recognised as Churchill Fellows.

Applicants will complete one application form individually. Within the form there is a field called "name of your joint applicant" which is where they can state their application partner's name.

Applicants will complete their own details in the following sections of the form:

- Contact details and demographics
- Education and study
- Employment and volunteering
- Achievements
- Personal reference
- One question in the Reason for Application section "What experience do you have to undertake the project?"

Applicants will need to input the same information into the following sections:

- Project overview
- Project description
- Reasons for application (except for the question “What experience do you have to undertake the project?”)
- Video pitch
- Proposed itinerary
- Project reference

The video pitch can be completed individually or together, it is up to the joint applicants.

[Are there any different funding or insurance details the applicant should be aware of?](#)

The Churchill Trust will provide the joint Fellows with adequate funds to complete their Churchill Fellowship. Travel and overseas living expenses will be budgeted as a standard individual Churchill Fellow and funds transferred into their individual bank accounts for them to manage individually. Funds that may be shared are for items that can be collectively used such as car hire. Each individual Fellow will be covered by the Churchill Trust’s insurance policy while travelling.

[Are there any differences with the interview process for joint applicants?](#)

When applying as a joint application, you will not be considered individually as you have advised that the project requires the two people listed within the application. Joint applicants will be interviewed together and may be given an extended interview time. If required, we can make arrangements for joint applicants to be interviewed in different states through online interviews.

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