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Australians awarded extraordinary opportunities

106 Australians have been awarded 2009 Churchill Fellowships with topics ranging from assisting indigenous communities to climate change, the national curriculum for schools, and chronic illness, to emergency response, orchestral and operatic conducting and curating techniques for art galleries.

The Churchill Trust, established as one of Sir Winston's last requests, provides annual Fellowships for Australians to travel overseas to experience new opportunities, to make contacts with the best in their fields, and to bring the experience back to benefit Australia.

"The 106 Fellowships this year are valued at more than \$2.6 million and cover the broadest range of topics – reflecting the fact applicants design their own Fellowships in their field of expertise," said Mr Paul Tys, CEO. "They will have an opportunity of a lifetime to experience the best in the world and to make their mark on Australian society when they return."

Key Statistics for 2009 Fellowships include:

NSW (and Norfolk Island) – 29 Fellowships – topics include microfinance, using abandoned dogs to rehabilitate prisoners, improving travel choices for those with a disability, techniques to reduce night time crime, transitioning young people from school to careers, and taking an holistic healthcare approach for the acting profession.

Victoria – 21 Fellowships – topics include managing chronic disease, court-based support services, responding to adolescent violence, climate change responses, technological innovations in animation sound design, curatorial models for art museums, watchmaking, classical music teaching and helping children with learning difficulties.

Queensland – 19 Fellowships – topics include post-mining land-use, managed grazing, growing indigenous owned enterprises, assisting communities recovering from traumatic events, children with hearing loss, operatic/vocal interpretation and energy efficiency.

Western Australia – 13 Fellowships – topics include the impact of prenatal alcohol exposure, learning outside the classroom programs, re-entry services for prisoners, child sexual abuse intervention strategies in remote communities, patient blood management programs and the impact of climate change on crustacean fisheries.

South Australia – 9 Fellowships – topics include large scale pollination services, rehabilitation of complex adult cochlear implantees, researching historical lute collections, managing sleep problems, and accelerating educational outcomes for indigenous students.

ACT – 7 Fellowships – topics include road-related child injury prevention programs, orchestral and opera conducting and identifying lost portraits of Australians killed in the First World War.

Tasmania – 4 Fellowships – topics include aural development strategies in vocal performance/teaching, land-based search/rescue coordination, and French bow making.

Northern Territory – 4 Fellowships – topics include psychological support for people affected by trauma, screen writing, capacity building relating to indigenous community cultural festivals and painting with light techniques to tell stories and connect communities.

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2010 Applications: open 1 November 2009. Full list and more information: www.churchilltrust.com.au

NEW SOUTH WALES

Ms Katherine ALEXANDER - SUMMER HILL

To study contemporary challenges faced by professionals working within the child protection field - U.K., Norway, USA

Ms Isabel BAKER - BEECROFT

The Dr Dorothea Sandars Churchill Fellowship to investigate innovation in physiotherapy for children with acquired spinal cord injury - USA, Canada, U.K., Italy

Dr Cristina BORNHOFEN - ASHFIELD

To visit centres of excellence in brain injury rehabilitation to gain knowledge and experience of new rehabilitation approaches - USA, U.K.

Ms Lynne CHALLINOR - HAZELBROOK

To study educational and therapeutic benefits of using abandoned dogs in the rehabilitation of prisoners - USA, Canada

Detective Sergeant Stephen DODD - PARRAMATTA

To study the operational training and education of law enforcement personnel in the area of human source management - USA, Canada, U.K., Ireland

Ms Elaena GARDNER - SUMMER HILL

To investigate city-based bicycle advocacy organisations - USA, Canada, U.K.

Ms Sally GOSS - NEUTRAL BAY

To explore referral processes and sustainability for support groups for women with late diagnosed/poor prognosis gynaecological cancers - Canada, USA, Ireland, U.K.

Mr Jonathan GREENACRE - STANMORE

To explore how AusAID can assist microfinance providers to transition from using donor subsidies to private funds - USA, Philippines, Cambodia, Bangladesh, Indonesia

Mrs Heather GWILLIAM - MT RIVERVIEW

To visit schools, agencies, government departments and vocational projects that are enhancing the transitions of young people into employment and training - Singapore, U.K.

Mr Grant HARPER - WAGGA WAGGA

The Lord Mayor's Bushfire Appeal Churchill Fellowship to research and develop an automated, rapid multi-media national emergency incident update and notification system - USA

Mr Anthony HATCH - GLOSSODIA

To undertake research and training in the area of large animal technical rescue - USA, U.K.

Dr Kerry HODGE - EPPING

The Nancy Fairfax Churchill Fellowship to investigate innovative programs for gifted preschoolers and teacher training in gifted early education - USA, Canada, U.K.

Dr Caron JANDER - HARBORD

To study improvements in international health protection standards for jockeys - U.K., Ireland, France, Germany

Mr Andre JANECKI - SURRY HILLS

To visit producers and manufacturers of materials and technologies required for the development of a sea kayak for double leg amputees - France, Austria, USA, Canada

Ms Jennifer LAWLESS - WARRIMOO

The Northern Districts (Sydney) Education Centre Churchill Fellowship to study the teaching of history to primary school students - Canada, U.K.

Dr Sarah MADDISON - DULWICH HILL

To explore sustainable structures and processes in Indigenous representative organisations - USA, Canada

Ms Carol MARRA - DARLINGTON

The A.V. Jennings Churchill Fellowship to study passive design methods which can accommodate severe climate patterns while providing solutions for human comfort - Japan, China, Philippines

Ms Suzanne MATTHEWS - SURRY HILLS

To compare regulatory and planning models which reduce crime in the night time economy - Canada, USA, U.K., France, Netherlands, Germany

Mr Joseph MITCHELL - DULWICH HILL

To study multidisciplinary services for refugee children experiencing mental health and behavioural issues as a result of trauma - Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, Sweden, Canada, USA

Ms Megan O'BRIEN - MONTEREY

To investigate approaches by legal organisations and courts in balancing the privacy interests of legal system participants with open access to court information on the internet - USA, Canada, U.K.

Miss Lucy O'SHEA - MOSMAN

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to study the repair and maintenance of functional and tuning mechanisms of the harp - Italy

Mrs Diana PALMER - TUMUT

The Blakeney Millar Churchill Fellowship to study the provision of accessible, relevant information enabling people with disabilities to make informed travel choices - USA, Canada, Greece, U.K., China

Mr Toby RAEBURN - LIVERPOOL

To investigate nurse lead mental health services amongst disadvantaged populations - USA

Dr Mark SETON - SOUTH PENRITH

The Gilbert Spottiswood Churchill Fellowship to study holistic healthcare for actors in training and in the workplace - U.K., Ireland

Mr Andrew STEAD - EVELEIGH

To investigate programs that assist scientists and engineers to validate technologies and markets for research outcomes - USA, U.K., Israel

Ms Tracy SULLIVAN - JAMISONTOWN

To observe the teaching practices and methodologies of key World History curriculum designers and teachers to aid in the development of a National Curriculum in World History - USA

Miss Sarah TRACTON - EDGECLIFF

To study innovation in access modifications in cinemas and venues for audiences with a disability - USA, U.K., Belgium, Germany

Mr James WANNAN - PYMBLE

To undertake advanced research into viola d'amore using the expertise of Marianne Ronez - France, Switzerland, Austria

VICTORIA

Ms Lisa ANDERSON - FRANKSTON

To study Indigenous community education and leadership - Canada

Ms Angela BALLARD - BALNARRING BEACH

To study sexual assault prevention and intervention in a military environment - USA, Canada, U.K.

Mr Nicholas BOCHNER - WEST FOOTSCRAY

The Dame Roma Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to study the use of improvisation in teaching classical music - U.K.

Mr Nicholas BOLTO - MITCHAM

To undertake a review of innovation in court based information, support and referral services - USA, U.K., Netherlands, Switzerland, Italy, New Zealand, Vietnam

Ms Joanna BOSSE - THORNBURY

To develop new curatorial models for Australian art museums to work with Indigenous artists and their communities - Canada, USA

Ms Monique CONHEADY - BRUNSWICK

To investigate public transport systems utilising the latest technology to incorporate newer forms of transit such as bicycles and car sharing - China, Germany, Switzerland, France, Spain, USA, Columbia

Dr Catherine CROCK - CAMBERWELL

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to investigate the benefits of family involvement in effective healthcare by examining patient and family centred care models - USA

Dr Nola FIRTH - BULLENGAROOK

To assess resilience programs for children who have specific learning disabilities - USA, Canada, U.K.

Dr Anne HOLLAND - FITZROY NORTH

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to discover new ways to deliver Pulmonary Rehabilitation for Australians with chronic lung disease - U.K., Norway, Spain, USA, Canada

Dr Cynthia HOLLAND - PARKVILLE

The Jack Brockhoff Foundation Churchill Fellowship to gather data related to established children's programs catering for members of households significantly affected by either chronic illness or trauma in a parent - USA

Ms Joanne HOWARD - MURRUMBEENA

The Sir William Kilpatrick Churchill Fellowship to investigate methods for preventing and responding to adolescent violence towards parents - Canada, USA

Mr John KASSAB - KENSINGTON

To observe conceptual and technological innovation in animation sound design - USA

Ms Caroline MARTIN - COBURG NORTH

To explore methods for presenting and interpreting cultures and history in order to inspire and enrich the understanding of museum visitors - Finland, Sweden, U.K., USA, Canada

Dr David McARTHUR - PAKENHAM

To investigate treatment technologies to reduce the risks of reusing urban stormwater - Japan, USA, Canada

Mr Samuel MURRAY - ELWOOD

To assess the impact of compulsory registration and accreditation systems of support staff on disability service provision - U.K., USA

Ms Kate PRINSLEY - NORTH BALWYN

To investigate the sustainability of local history and its volunteers in the community - USA, U.K.

Ms Corinne PROSKE - RICHMOND

To ascertain how to maximise the transfer of financial skills to individuals and families either on a low income and/or experiencing financial difficulty - U.K., Ireland, USA, Canada

Ms Nina ROGERS - KENSINGTON

To study regional partnerships and collaborative programs for enhanced local government adaptation to climate change - U.K., Belgium, Canada, USA

Ms Jennifer SAINSBURY - NORTH CARLTON

To study methods for building the capacity of the education sector to support same sex attracted young people - U.K., Netherlands, USA

Ms Joanne SAUNDERS - KEW

To research original tenor recorders to design and make new instruments based on historical models - U.K., Denmark, Netherlands, France, USA

Ms Jessica THAKUR - NORTHCOTE

To undertake an intensive training course in Swiss watchmaking - Switzerland

QUEENSLAND

Ms Joanna BESLEY - FORTITUDE VALLEY

To examine the role of museums in assisting communities to recover from traumatic events and experiences - USA, U.K., Ireland, Netherlands, Belgium, South Africa

Dr Michael BONNING - PADDINGTON

To study methods for promoting wellbeing within the medical profession - U.K., Norway, Canada, USA

Mrs Elizabeth BROWN - CHAPEL HILL

To study innovation in engineering for sustainable development - USA, U.K., Cambodia

Ms Lynda CLOSE - GRACEVILLE

The Bob and June Prickett Churchill Fellowship to examine management and therapy strategies for children experiencing hearing loss - U.K., Italy, USA, Canada

Mr Paul DONATIU - NEW FARM

To study the impact of climate change on rare plants with emphasis on identifying and protecting climate refugia - USA, South Africa, U.K., Spain, Italy

Ms Georgia HAWES - CARSELDINE

The Peter Mitchell Churchill Fellowship to study with leading experts in the field of operatic/vocal interpretation and performance - USA, Germany

Mr Kenneth HORRIGAN - KELVIN GROVE

To research the application of environmental ratings systems and energy efficiency measures to heritage buildings - Canada, U.K., USA

Mr Mark McDONALD - ATHERTON

The John Swire & Sons Churchill Fellowship to study managing and developing sustainable aerial application in an environmentally sensitive world - USA

Ms Catherine MOYNIHAN - BRISBANE

To study advocacy and legal representation for children and young people in the child protection system - U.K., USA

Dr Heidi MUENCHBERGER - MANLY WEST

The Dr Dorothea Sandars and Irene Lee Churchill Fellowship to study models of lifelong care for people with traumatic brain injury - U.K., USA

Mr Damien O'SULLIVAN - KINGAROY

The Samuel and Eileen Gluyas Churchill Fellowship to investigate the role of perennial crops and managed grazing for carbon sequestration in grazing land - USA, Argentina

Mr Michael PECIC - FAIRFIELD

To investigate practices surrounding forensic examination of crime scenes for offences against animals - USA

Mr Shan RAFFEL - CAPALABA

To study emergency planning, preparation and response to fires and other incidents in large tunnels - Germany, Denmark, Norway, Austria, Switzerland, USA

Mr Robert RYAN - HOLLAND PARK EAST

To investigate training models for professional staff in statutory child protection - U.K., USA, Canada

Ms Irit SILVER - PADDINGTON

To broaden my experience in orchestral leadership and study transitions from student to professional - Germany

Mrs Margaret THOMPSON - WITTA VIA MALENY

To study buffalo genetics, breeding and husbandry techniques - Argentina, USA, U.K., Bulgaria, Italy

Ms Corinne UNGER - CHAPEL HILL

The James Love Churchill Fellowship to study abandoned mine rehabilitation and post-mining land use - Austria, Germany, U.K., Canada

Mr Kristian WALE - BURPENGARY

The Park Family Churchill Fellowship to research methodologies and techniques used in Alternate Education - Ireland, Canada, USA

Mr Neil WILLMETT - BULIMBA

The Vincent Fairfax Churchill Fellowship to identify successful strategies that will enable the growth of Indigenous owned enterprises in Australia – USA

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Mr Brenton BANHAM - BROOKLYN PARK

The Phyllis Primrose Whyte Churchill Fellowship to study the structure and pedagogy of targeted school and community-focused science outreach programs - Singapore, Japan, USA

Mr Geoffrey COBHAM - FREWVILLE

To research professional event and installation artists with particular focus on creative implementation, cost effectiveness and safety innovation - Netherlands, Spain, Germany, France

Ms Sheridan FLINT - KENSINGTON GARDENS

To investigate the assessment and rehabilitation of complex adult cochlear implantees - Denmark, Germany, U.K.

Mr Timothy GUSTER - BELAIR

To research historical lute collections - U.K., France, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, Austria, Czech Republic

Ms Andrea HARMS - GLENELG EAST

To study methods for accelerating the educational outcomes of Indigenous Australian students - Canada, New Zealand, United Arab Emirates

Mr William LONG - ARDROSSAN

The Churchill Fellows' Association of South Australia Churchill Fellowship to investigate large scale pollination services which have developed since Varroa Mite incursion - USA, Switzerland, Germany, France, U.K.

Mr Conor McKENNA - NORTH ADELAIDE

To investigate how regional economies can sustainably develop an innovative culture of entrepreneurship and venture investing - USA

Ms Annie O'CONNELL - URAIDLA

To explore the management of sleep problems for children/adolescents with additional needs - U.K., Canada, USA

Dr Ian SMITH - HAHNDORF

To study veterinary practice, facilities and protocols in open range zoos - USA, South Africa, U.K., United Arab Emirates

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Ms Tiffane BATES - DAGLISH

To study the breeding of bees that are resistant to the parasitic mite Varroa - New Zealand, USA, France, Germany

Mrs June COUNCILLOR - MT LAWLEY

The WA Department for Child Protection Churchill Fellowship to study prenatal alcohol exposure and the impact on parenting especially in Aboriginal communities - Canada, USA

Mr Stuart CUMMING - AUSTRALIND

To visit schools identified as being examples of excellence in Learning Outside the Classroom - U.K.

Detective Senior Sergeant Gordon FAIRMAN - PERTH

To examine child sexual abuse intervention strategies in remote Indigenous communities - Mexico, USA, Canada

Mr Chris HALL - NORTH PERTH

To study the role of mergers, alliances and related strategies in enhancing the future effectiveness and sustainability of not for profit organisations - USA, U.K.

Miss Ellen HICKMAN - ALBANY

The Geoffrey Allen Churchill Fellowship to research the Haemodoraceae plant family of the Americas in order to illustrate a definitive text - Guyana, Brazil, Venezuela, Cuba, U.K.

A/Director Katalin KRASZLAN - PERTH

To study the development, provision and evaluation of re-entry services for prisoners - USA, Israel

Ms Helen McMAHON - MIDLAND

To study the use of and support for Indigenous kinship networks to provide safety for children at risk of harm - Canada

Dr Julie McMORROW - EAST PERTH

To develop pharmacist roles in blood conservation through the study of multidisciplinary patient blood management programs - USA

Dr Simon NAGEON DE LESTANG - SWANBOURNE

To investigate key issues faced by highly exploited crustacean fisheries in relation to climate change - USA, Mexico, Cuba

Ms Annette THOMPSON - VICTORIA PARK

To collaborate with trainers and writers of software resources for vision impaired people - USA, Canada

Miss Rebecca WHITE - WARWICK

The Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to undertake intensive tuition with Professor Oleh Krysa at the Eastman School in Rochester - USA

Mr Matthew WILLS - WEMBLEY DOWNS

The Vincent Fairfax Ethics in Leadership Foundation Churchill Fellowship to study methods to improve the quality and rigour of secondary education in the area of Philosophy and Ethics - Hong Kong, USA

TASMANIA

Ms Gina BASHFORD - NORTH HOBART

The Gallagher Bequest Churchill Fellowship to study the practice of aural development strategies in vocal performance and teaching - Hungary, Finland, U.K.

Inspector Darren HOPKINS - DELORAINÉ

To study contemporary land-based search and rescue coordination - New Zealand, USA, Canada, U.K.

Ms Anne KELLY - WEST HOBART

The Vincent Fairfax Churchill Fellowship to gain practical experience in the application of Restorative Therapies for people living with dementia - Greece, Canada, USA

Mr Philip SMITH - LAUNCESTON

To study traditional French bow making techniques from Master craftsmen - France

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Ms Josephine ALCHIN - GARRAN

The A.C.T. Government Audrey Fagan Churchill Fellowship to study programs that assist women whose parenting has been compromised by violence - USA, Canada, U.K.

Mr Eric CHALMERS - DUFFY

The NRMA-A.C.T. Road Safety Trust Churchill Fellowship to study road-related child injury prevention programs - New Zealand, USA, U.K., Netherlands, Austria, Germany, India

Mr William FARGHER - BARTON

To undertake a comparative study of international water policy and management arrangements to inform the next generation of water reform in Australia - USA, France, Belgium, Italy, Spain, Sri Lanka

Mr Peter HALSEY - FLYNN

To study technology and systems used to support the hearing impaired - Switzerland, U.K.

Ms Rowan HARVEY-MARTIN - MACQUARIE

The Stuart and Norma Leslie Churchill Fellowship to study orchestral and opera conducting with Johannes Fritsch and the Graz Philharmonic Orchestra - Austria, Germany, USA

Ms Courtney PAGE-ALLEN - CURTIN

To identify lost portraits of Australians killed in the First World War - U.K.

Ms Marluce SILVA PETERS - BELCONNEN

The A.C.T. Government Audrey Fagan Churchill Fellowship to investigate programs to support overseas born women surviving family violence - Finland, Sweden, U.K., Austria

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Mr Matthew BLYTH - FANNIE BAY

To study screen writing and its role in the film production process - USA, Germany, France

Ms Alison COPLEY - RAPID CREEK

To investigate capacity building relating to Indigenous Community Cultural Festivals within Australia - Canada, New Zealand

Mrs Wendy GUSCOTT - PARAP

To explore culturally appropriate response models to provide psychological support for people affected by trauma - USA, Canada, U.K.

Ms Andrea McKEY - PARAP

To research 'painting with light' techniques to tell stories and connect communities - USA, Italy, Germany

EXTERNAL TERRITORIES

Ms Margarita SAMPSON - NORFOLK ISLAND

To undertake further studies in contemporary jewellery design - Australia, New Zealand