We make a living by what we get; but we make a life by what we give!

Sir Winston Churchill

Travel overseas to investigate inspiring practices that will benefit Australian communities!

Be considered for a sponsored Fellowship

A sponsored Fellowship offers the dual benefit of representing the Churchill Trust and a Fellowship sponsor, which can further increase the opportunity to share your Fellowship findings with the Australian community.

All applicants are considered for a Churchill Fellowship first and foremost however if you think you would be a good fit for a particular sponsored Fellowship you can indicate up to two you would like to be considered for within the online application form.

Become a Fellowship sponsor

The Trust continues to find organisations and people of goodwill who wish to support passionate Australians who want to make a difference by sponsoring a Churchill Fellowship, donating to the Trust or leaving a bequest.

Sponsoring a Churchill Fellowship gives you access to a nationally and internationally recognised, prestigious scheme with a high quality applicant field and strong alumni network.

As a sponsor, you have the opportunity to guide the topics and issues being researched by Churchill Fellows and have free and ongoing access to the findings and the chance to build lasting relationships and networks to advance the issues that are most important to you.

Perhaps one of the biggest benefits a sponsor has is the ability to inspire Australians to strive for excellence for the benefit of the community.

A Churchill Fellowship may include your organisation’s name or be named to honour the memory of someone important to you or your organisation.

The Trust is recognised as a not-for-profit organisation by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). Bequests and donations are fully tax deductible to fund a Churchill Fellowship.

To find out more visit www.churchilltrust.com.au/sponsors

About the Trust

The Winston Churchill Memorial Trust was formed in 1965 with the principal objective of perpetuating and honouring Sir Winston Churchill’s memory through the awarding of ‘Churchill Fellowships’.

The Churchill Trust’s success is directly attributable to the achievements of our Fellows – over 4,000 talented Australians. Their projects are extremely diverse, invariably innovative and are the result of extra endeavour to make a difference. These are the attributes of a Churchill Fellow.

It is important to realise that the Churchill Fellows themselves are ordinary Australians – with extraordinary abilities and aspirations. A glance through our comprehensive website database of Fellows will quickly confirm this as will the topics of their Fellowships.

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Return to innovate!
What is a Churchill Fellowship?
A Churchill Fellowship offers Australian citizens the remarkable opportunity to travel overseas to investigate a topic or an issue they are passionate about.

It is for anyone who, after examining alternatives within Australia, would now like to see what other countries are doing successfully in a similar space to inspire new ideas and innovation.

The high international regard for Churchill Fellowships provides a pathway for Churchill Fellows to access expertise from around the world that is not typically available to everyone, expanding their knowledge and experience for the benefit of Australian society.

There is a high level of visibility and credibility associated with being a Churchill Fellow.

Who can apply?
The Churchill Fellowship is for people from all walks of life from across all industry and community sectors and areas of interests, however you do need to be an Australian citizen. More than 100 Fellowships are awarded every year.

Do I need academic qualifications to apply?
No. You do not need academic qualifications to be considered for the award of a Churchill Fellowship.

The Churchill Fellowship is not designed to assist with completion of tertiary study such as a Degree or PhD.

When can I apply?
Applications open in February each year and close at the end of April for travel from February the following year.

How many times can I apply?
You may lodge only one application per year in the State or Territory where you reside. However, if your application is unsuccessful you can reapply in future years. Many Churchill Fellows were successful on their second or third application.

How much is a Churchill Fellowship worth?
The amount awarded for every Fellowship is different, however, the average is well in excess of $26,000 in monetary terms and invaluable in many other ways.

The Fellowship provides full funding for an international project requiring investigation for a period of 4 to 8 weeks and covers:
- international and in-country travel
- accommodation
- living allowance
- insurance.

What benefits do Churchill Fellowships offer Australia?
The benefit to the Australian community comes from the requirement for Churchill Fellows to consider how the knowledge they acquire can be translated to the Australian context. This can be through developing new guidelines or policies, introducing new techniques, methods or technology to a particular industry; engaging with communities or starting or growing a business.

A Churchill Fellowship is an investment in the individual, the issue that is being investigated and is ultimately for the benefit of the Australian community. All Churchill Fellows produce public reports and share their knowledge broadly upon their return to Australia.

Churchill Fellows are making a difference every day across all aspects of Australian life, across an incredibly broad and diverse range of issues…the list is truly endless!

What benefits do Churchill Fellowships offer employers?
There are many benefits for employers when an employee is awarded a Churchill Fellowship, particularly if it is on a topic of direct relevance to the organisation.

- Your employee can help you develop international networks in your field of business
- The experience can encourage innovation and motivate the entire workforce
- An opportunity to gather first-hand knowledge and insights from other countries that could be applied to benefit the business or fill an organisational need
- Build organisational capability and interest in observing best practice or translating international success to the Australian environment
- Tap into an Australian network of Churchill Fellows from your industry or sector.

Many employers encourage their employees to apply for Churchill Fellowships on topics and issues of particular relevance to them and use the opportunity as a benefit to the organisation as well as the individual.

Employers may provide additional support to employees, including provision of paid leave to undertake the Fellowship, access to the leadership team to shape project aims and discussing the findings and recommendations.

How do I apply?
The Application Guide is available for download from the Churchill Trust website. Apply from February through to April.

Applications must be completed online using our user friendly online application form.
Start your application at churchillfellowships.com.au

The success of the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust is seen through the achievements of our Fellows. More than 4000 talented Australians have been awarded Fellowships since the Trust was established in 1965!

Fellows, like their projects, are totally diverse but they do have two things in common - passion and drive to make a difference!

You too could become a part of the Churchill Trust just like these Churchill Fellows...

Ms Ricki Garstone received a Churchill Fellowship to research training and preparation techniques in the USA and Canada for high-level competition in rodeo timed events.

Mr Chris Cooper received a Churchill Fellowship to learn from world leading community energy organisations in the USA, UK and Germany to transform Australia’s community solar sector.

Mrs Kate Cole received a Churchill Fellowship to investigate best practice in Norway, Switzerland, the UK and USA to prevent illness and disease in tunnel construction workers.

Mr Andrew Doyle was awarded the Mr and Mrs Gerald Frank New Churchill Fellowship to travel to the UK in a quest to learn how to make 18th Century clarinets for Australian clarinetists.