



## Department of Parliamentary Services Victorian Parliamentary Library Fellowship 2017

### Call for Applicants

#### The Fellowship

The Victorian Parliamentary Library Fellowship has been in operation since 2007. The Fellowship provides academics, scholars, PhD students and post-doctoral candidates with an opportunity to engage in public policy - delivering a research paper and seminar on their research to Members of Parliament. Fellows undertake research based at the Parliamentary Library in Melbourne. The Library will provide access to its historic Library collections, including rare and digital collections, specialist databases, the Parliamentary intranet and other Library facilities.

Through the Library's Research and Inquiries Service the Library will also provide collegial support, and the potential for research collaboration. Library Fellows will be provided with computer and security access, a work-station, and the support of Library staff for the duration of their fellowship.

This is a non-salaried fellowship.

#### Who Can Apply?

This program is open to all scholars, and will be of particular value to those whose research interests are centred on Victorian politics, Victorian history, Victorian parliamentary affairs, parliamentary procedure, Victorian print and broadcast media (through the Library's extensive collections), and other subjects related to the Parliament. However, scholars from all discipline areas are welcome to apply.

#### Period of the Fellowship

The Fellowship is designed to be flexible: prospective fellows may apply to undertake a program of research for a period of 12 months, although shorter research projects will be considered. Preference is for a part-time fellow, rather than full-time, due to restrictions in facilities and accommodation.

#### Scope of the Fellowship

The Fellowship is designed to advance parliamentary and political studies in Victoria, but the area of research is open to each individual fellow to determine. Wide scope exists to undertake research in areas of political science, economics, law, history, social issues, planning, health, transportation, statistics and other areas of relevance. To date, Fellows have researched a range of topical issues, including indigenous

rights, mental health legislation, child welfare, water policy, Victoria's car manufacturing industry, Islamic youth, gender equality and children under state care.

This is an opportunity for Fellows to work in a different and interesting environment, in close proximity to the workings of Parliament and with access to parliamentary officers, proceedings, papers, Library collections and staff. Applicants are advised that research must be apolitical and a Code of Conduct applies to the research that Fellows conduct.

The Fellow is also invited to participate in and/or lead forums on research interests during their stay in Parliament. Fellows may also have an opportunity, with the agreement of the Coordinator of Research & Inquiries, to contribute to the Library's research publications, which are published regularly on Parliament's intranet and internet sites.

### **Outcomes**

Research Fellows are expected to provide the Victorian Parliament with a hard copy and electronic copy of their final research report to add to the Library's collection.

### **How to Apply?**

Fellowships are available upon a selection and interview process each year. Please refer to the 'Application Process' document.

The closing date for applications is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**.

For further details, including information on how to apply to become a Victorian Parliamentary Library Fellow, please contact:

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### Application Process

Please submit an up to date Curriculum Vitae, and in a separate document of no more than 3 pages, address the following points:

- Your details regarding current position, brief overview of current duties and university / institution
- A general description of the project(s) you'd be interested in pursuing at Parliament
- How you see the Parliament's resources/collections assisting your research
- Any relevant publications
- Any special needs associated with the project
- Timeframe for the project and indicative start date
- Any other matter you think is important

Please email your application to the address below by **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**. We will endeavour to process your application as soon as practicable. Please note that final approval of the fellowship will be with the Secretary of the Department of Parliamentary Services, following our recommendation. Fellows will be required to sign a Memorandum of Understanding and comply with the Parliamentary Officers Code of Conduct, which includes conducting apolitical research.

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