



## Ukrainian Studies Fellowship Guidelines 2027

The Ukrainian Studies Fellowship recognises and supports outstanding early and mid-career researchers in the field of Ukrainian studies. Established through generous support from the Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Australia (USFA), it seeks to advance knowledge on Ukraine’s culture and society through collaboration with researchers at the University of Sydney.

The Fellowship supports projects that fall within social sciences and humanities, and involve activities focussed on research communication, translation, and social impact, whether in Ukraine, in Australia, or in a third country where the applicant is based.

The following document sets out the guidelines, eligibility criteria, and terms and conditions of the award.

### Key dates

- **Friday 6 March 2026:** Applications open.
- **Monday 20 April 2026:** Applications close.
- **Friday 20 March 2026:** Information session, 9am – 10am AEDT via Zoom. [Register here.](#)
- **Monday 18 May 2026:** Fellows announced.
- **February – November 2027:** Fellows visit the University of Sydney.

Please contact [sssharc.research@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sssharc.research@sydney.edu.au) if you have any questions.

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## About the Fellowship

The Ukrainian Studies Fellowship has been established through a generous support from the Ukrainian Studies Foundation of Australia (USFA). USFA was founded in 1974 by the Ukrainian community in Australia with the mission to promote knowledge about Ukraine among the Australian public. Over the past 50 years, USFA has partnered with Australian universities, cultural institutions, and communities to support and deliver numerous Ukraine-focussed projects and public events. More information about USFA and its current projects can be found at <https://www.fusa.org.au>

Visiting fellows will be hosted by a research collaborator (named in the application) from within Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. Applicants should approach potential hosts in advance of applying for the proposed Fellowship.

Fellows are expected to contribute to the intellectual life of SSSHARC and enhance research in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Sydney by:

- advancing their own research program;
- actively collaborating with one or more University of Sydney researchers on projects, co-publications and/or external grant applications, as appropriate;
- giving presentations such as workshops, seminars in senior undergraduate or postgraduate courses or Higher Degree Research (HDR) master classes, with the scale of the presentation program negotiated in relation to the duration of the Fellowship;
- contributing media commentary and at least one public-facing public talk, panel discussion, or insight piece facilitated by SSSHARC, USFA and their partners.

The Fellowship involves funding to undertake a residency at the Sydney Social Sciences and Humanities Advanced Research Centre (SSSHARC). Up to \$25,000 AUD will be made available toward travel and accommodation while at the University of Sydney. The value awarded will depend on the Fellowship's duration and the availability of additional funding secured through the applicant's institution. No additional stipend or living allowance is attached to this Fellowship.

## Eligibility

The Ukrainian Studies Fellowship is open to early and mid-career researchers with an emerging or established record and international standing (relative to opportunity) in Ukrainian studies in the humanities and social sciences.

Applicants must be:

- Institutionally affiliated with a university or equivalent research or cultural organisation outside Australia;
- An early or mid-career researcher (EMCR), with PhD or equivalent professional or creative practice experience;

- Available to visit the University of Sydney between February to November 2027;
- Seeking to spend a substantive period of time at the University of Sydney so as to progress collaboration (four weeks minimum)

The University of Sydney is committed to equity, diversity, and social inclusion. Applications from all target groups are encouraged. Scholars based in Ukraine, as well as those displaced by the war and currently working in third countries, are encouraged to apply.

### **Selection Criteria**

The applicant's proposed program of work should be in line with SSSHARC's mission to advance landmark research in the humanities and social sciences through critical scholarly research, policy or creative practice and engagement with wider audiences.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel including the Director of SSSHARC (Chair), Associate Dean (Research), Director of Research Development, USFA representative, and other internal and external colleagues as required. The following selection criteria will be considered:

- The degree to which the applicant is an outstanding researcher of international standing (relative to opportunity) in Ukrainian studies;
- The quality of the proposed research project, including its conceptual framework, analytical scope, research question(s), and methodological rigour;
- The degree to which the proposed collaboration will yield new insights, including its contributions to public knowledge about Ukraine;
- The degree to which the proposed project considers the balance of risks and benefits to the Ukrainian community;
- The quality of statement of support from the FASS Academic Host and any other collaborators from across the University of Sydney;
- The degree to which the applicant will enhance SSSHARC's reputation for advanced and engaged research; and
- The degree to which the applicant will enhance research culture in the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences.

### **Academic Host**

Applicants must secure the support of a current FASS academic to host their proposed visit. The academic host should have similar or complementary research interests to those of the applicant. University affiliates (including honorary, adjunct, and emeritus professors) are not eligible to sponsor international visitors and cannot be nominated as your primary academic host.

Fellowship applications should be developed in consultation with the FASS researcher who will host the Fellow. All applications must be accompanied by a letter of support from the FASS host indicating the nature of the collaboration, proposed research program, and any conflict of interest. FASS hosts must be up to date with reports on outcomes from previous SSSHARC Fellowships with which they have been associated.

### **Requirements and conditions**

Applicants must agree to the following requirements:

- Fellows must reside in Sydney for the duration of their Fellowship, the substantial part of which must coincide with the Australian academic year (February to November) unless circumstances dictate other times.
- Visiting fellows should be present at the University of Sydney for the duration of the fellowship as specified in the letter of award.
- Where appropriate, grant applications should specify the University of Sydney as the administering organisation.
- USFA and SSSHARC should be acknowledged in all publications, presentations, and communications that proceed from the fellowship.
- Fellowships must be taken up and funding fully spent in 2027.

### **Visa requirements**

It is the Fellow's responsibility to ensure they have the correct visa and travel insurance required for their stay. The Immigration and Relocation department at the University of Sydney will provide a letter of invitation to successful applicants which may be used for visa purposes.

### **Post-award**

Fellows and hosts must submit a summary of activities undertaken at the end of the Fellowship and, one year later, a report on outcomes derived from the fellowship (publications, grant applications, etc). Report content may be published on the SSSHARC website and included in the SSSHARC annual reports. Copies of resulting applications, publications, etc, would be appreciated.

### **Additional support / facilities**

As an affiliate of the University of Sydney, Visiting Fellows will have access to the following resources for the duration of their visit:

- Access to University's Wi-Fi network, intranet, and other University systems.
- Access to the Library's online databases and print collections.

- An affiliate card that provides access to SSSHARC's office and other relevant sites on campus.
- Desk space, including access to computing and printing facilities.
- Access to hybrid-enabled meeting rooms and workshop spaces.
- Mentorship, expert advice, and review of publications and funding applications in development across the Fellowship as required.

Fellows and projects will be profiled on the SSSHARC website and social media channels.

### **How to apply**

Applications must be submitted via the [online application form](#).

Please direct any enquiries to [sssharc.research@sydney.edu.au](mailto:sssharc.research@sydney.edu.au). For further information about SSSHARC, visit: [www.sydney.edu.au/arts/sssharc](http://www.sydney.edu.au/arts/sssharc)