

ICOM Australia Fellowship 2025

ICOM Australia has established a travel fellowship to support the development of museum students and early career professionals through engagement with institutions abroad. The Fellowship will support the annual travel and study program through an award of up to AUD \$5,000 to cover airfares and associated costs. ICOM Australia will support by providing appropriate other assistance and mentoring to successful applicants to support their program, including introductions to overseas institutions where possible.

Proposals are invited from museum studies students and early career professionals who have completed or are about to complete three years study, for a course of travel and study at an overseas institution(s) examining key questions in museum theory or practice. Applicants should be under the age of 35 and have had at least two and half years' study in a higher education institution focusing in a related area or have worked for that time in an Australian museum or gallery. Proposals focused on travel and study to museums in the Asia Pacific are particularly encouraged.

All proposals must be submitted to ICOM Australia by 31 July 2025 and will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- The study or professional record of the applicant; and
- The relevance of the proposal to key questions in contemporary heritage and museum theory or practice.

The awardee will be required to complete their study program and expend the funds granted by ICOM Australia within one year of conferral of the award. They will also be asked to submit a short (two-page) report to ICOM Australia within three months of their return from the tour and to present a paper detailing their fellowship and learnings gained at a subsequent conference.

Proposals should be made using this online template. See attached *Terms and Conditions* document for further information.

ICOM Australia Travel Fellowship 2025

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone:

ICOM Membership number:

Education and/or work history (please detail your educational and/or professional record at relevant higher education institutions and/or museums and galleries. Applicants should demonstrate their key achievements to date and their suitability to undertake a study tour abroad – up to 500 words):

Proposed Institutions to be visited (please outline one or more museums or galleries that you propose to visit or tour in the course of your fellowship. You may also propose a practicum or short-term work experience program at the relevant institution. ICOM Australia will endeavour to assist the successful applicant through introductions to facilitate your program – up to 250 words):

Proposed Study (please outline the key questions in museum theory and/or practice which you wish to consider during your overseas tour to one or more museums or galleries overseas. Your grant could include conference attendance in addition to other studies – up to 500 words):

Travel dates (Please indicate the approximate dates you intend to undertake the travel study program):

Additional documentation (please include a Letter of Support from your Supervisor and current CV with this application)

Fellowship Announcement Ceremony

To be presented at the ICOM Australia AGM 17 October 2025

How to send nominations

Please complete and submit via post or email to ICOM Australia Awards Committee

Post to:
ICOM Awards Committee
ICOM Australia
c/o Vicki Northey PSM
National Museum of Australia
GPO Box 1901
Canberra ACT 2601

Email to: info@icom.org.au

All nominations must be received by close of business 31 July 2025. The successful applicant will be advised before end of September 2025.

Terms and Conditions

1. Eligibility

- a. Applicants must be currently employed in a museum or gallery in Australia or completing three years of study in museums studies or a relevant field e.g. conservation.
- b. Preferred applicants will be a current financial member of ICOM. ICOM Australia may provide an initial 1-year membership to a successful application from a student.
- c. Applicants must be applying for funding for travel and associated costs that is required as part of their research or museum-related activity.
- d. Applicants must provide a written statement of support from a Senior Executive staff member or Supervisor from the institution they are employed or enrolled at indicating their endorsement of the proposed travel and study project.
- e. Applicants may contribute and or seek further support in cash or in kind from their organisation or other sources. Where this is the case, evidence of agreement to contribute funding or in-kind support toward the travel is required.

2. Selection Criteria

- a. The successful applicant will be awarded the Fellowship based on their proposal which includes:
 - The aim and its benefit to the individual and their institution
 - The proposed location/s that the applicant intends to visit
 - Personal statement demonstrating the requirements for travel and why financial assistance is required.
 - If the proposal is to attend a conference provide details and attach your abstract if you are presenting, planning or have submitted a paper.
 - Endorsement of Senior Executive staff or supervisor.
 - A budget for the travel including estimated amounts for all flights, per diems, insurance and accommodation relating to the proposal showing other confirmed sources of funding or in-kind support.
 - The timing of the travel, which must occur within 14 months of the closing date of the Fellowship.
- b. The successful applicant will be awarded the Fellowship on the nomination of a Selection Committee comprising of:
 - I. the Chair of ICOM Australia or their nominated delegate, and
 - II. two ICOM Board members

3. Value

- a. The value of the Fellowship will have a maximum value of \$5,000. The exact value of the Fellowship will be outlined in the recipients Fellowship Offer Letter.
- b. The Fellowship value will be paid as a lump sum payment on receipt of the Fellowship Acceptance form.

c. Delay of the Fellowship due to unforeseen circumstances must be notified to the ICOM Australia Secretary. If the proposed travel is cancelled then the Fellowship awarded must be returned in full within 21 days of the planned travel commencement date.

d. The Fellowship cannot be transferred to another person.

e. No other amount is payable.

4. Other Requirements

a. Recipients are required to maintain receipts for up to one year for all costs incurred that are relevant to this Fellowship.

b. Recipients may be required to produce these receipts if requested.

c. Recipients are expected to produce:-

- a 2 page report with 4 copyright cleared images within 3 months of return, the applicant will allow ICOM Australia to freely use, reproduce and disseminate the contents of the report and to reproduce without fee the images for the purposes of promoting the Fellowship and ICOM Australia generally.
- A presentation at the following ICOM Australia AGM which every second year will be held as part of AMaGA conference detailing the Fellowship and the outcomes for the study if it has been undertaken. Further travel support may be provided for this to be financially viable for the recipient.

5. Termination

a. The Fellowship will be terminated if the recipient ceases to meet the eligibility requirements specified for this Fellowship.

b. The recipient may terminate the Fellowship and must return funds prior to the proposed date of travel.