Visiting Fellowship awards
Up to 5 awards will be advertised in 2012. The number of awards given will depend on the quality of the applicants. These awards are to support PhD students and researchers in the areas of humanities and social sciences from Griffith University to undertake research at Peking University for a period of up to 3 months and for Peking University PhD students and researchers from Peking University to undertake research at Griffith University for a period of up to 3 months. These awards will be up to the maximum value of AUD $13,500 (travel, accommodation and stipend) depending on length of fellowship and must be taken within 12 months from acceptance of the award.

These awards aim to:
- Encourage student exchange and enable exemplary students and scholars to undertake research in China or Australia.
- Strengthen ties between Australia and China and mutual understanding of each country’s cultures and traditions.
- Build capacity for future Australia-China relations, research collaboration and training opportunities.

Maximum Value
- Up to $AUD 2,500 for travel costs (one return economy class fare)
- Stipend for living allowance of $AUD 500 per week paid to the Fellow during the period of residence up to a maximum total of $AUD 6,000
- Remaining costs associated with reasonable accommodation up to a total of $AUD5,000

Eligibility Requirements for Visiting Fellowships
To apply Chinese and Australian applicants must first satisfy the eligibility requirements detailed below.

1. Chinese applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of China or hold a current working visa and reside in China. Australian applicants must be citizens or permanent residents of Australia or hold a current working visa and reside in Australia.

2. Applicants (Chinese and Australian) must have been enrolled in a PhD course at Peking University or Griffith University for at least one year full time (or the equivalent months part-time) or be employed by Peking University or Griffith University in a full-time academic appointment. Applicants must be researching in the fields of humanities or social sciences.

3. Applicants must demonstrate a high level of academic achievement.

4. Applicants (both Chinese and Australian) must demonstrate English language proficiency in one or more of the following ways:
a. Have undertaken one of the following English language tests, in the previous six months, and obtained the minimum English language requirements set out below:

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<td>Overall score of 7.0 with no individual band less than 6.5</td>
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<td>Score of 230 including an Essay Rating score of 4.5</td>
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<td>Overall score of 90 with a minimum score of 22 in the writing section and no less than 20 in the other sections</td>
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Or

b. Provide Academic Transcripts or Certificates if they have completed at least one year of university study conducted in English in the last five years.

Or

c. Provide written confirmation from the host organisation/institution that the applicant’s English language is suitable for the proposed research program.

5. Two referee reports must be submitted from a supervisor, lecturer or course convenor who is familiar with the applicant’s recent academic performance.

6. Fellowship Award Holders must spend a minimum of 2 weeks and a maximum of 12 weeks at their host institution and the Fellowship must be taken in one block.

7. As part of the application process, applicants will also be asked to provide a two page summary of their thesis/proposed research and an outline of how the fellowship would directly benefit their study as well as the benefit to Peking University or Griffith University. Applicants will also address how their research aligns with the Toward Q2 Tomorrow’s Queensland priorities as outlined by the Queensland Government (http://www.thepremier.qld.gov.au/tomorrow).

8. A proposed budget outlining the costs associated with the visit.

9. Attach to the application a letter of support from the Head of the host School/Department confirming their support for the Fellowship.

Selection Criteria

- a record of high-level academic achievement in the applicant’s chosen field of study
- a well defined study or research program that successfully demonstrates the usefulness of the fellowship to their research agenda
- a proposal that is relevant to the needs and interests of Australia, Queensland and the Asia Pacific Region
- the applicant’s potential to foster ongoing collaboration and cooperation with Australia and China

Selection Panel

- A selection panel will be formed and chaired by the Director of the Griffith Asia Institute to assess applications and will be chosen by Griffith University.

Conditions

The fellowship is awarded under the following conditions:

- The duration of the Fellowship shall be for a minimum of 2 weeks and a maximum of 12 weeks. Fellows are expected to be based at the host University (Griffith University or Peking University) full time for the duration of the Fellowship.
- The value of the Fellowship is comprised of:
  - A weekly stipend.
Return economy class airfare to Brisbane or Beijing. Fares for dependants, medical insurance and removal expenses will not be provided. Claims for travel expenses will be paid on production of an invoice or receipt.

Reasonable accommodation costs. Claims for accommodation expenses will be paid on production of an invoice or receipt.

Access to the University library and other relevant infrastructure.

- Appointments must be completed within twelve months of a formal letter of offer.
- Visiting fellows are encouraged to engage and participate in workshops and seminars of the host University.
- Successful candidates who undertake a fellowship of six weeks or less would be required to provide a detailed report of no more than two pages on key research outcomes resulting from the fellowship, with a particular emphasis on how it will contribute to quality publication outputs and/or grant applications.
- Successful candidates who undertake a fellowship of more than six weeks would be required as part of their fellowship to contribute to a series of working papers by producing an 8000 word article in English on their research within 6 months of their fellowship with the requirement this will be developed and submitted for publication into a high quality academic journal.
- All Fellows are also required to provide a report covering all aspects of their research and collaboration at the end of their Fellowship to the Director, Griffith Asia Institute.
- Any Fellow considered not to be making satisfactory progress will have the Fellowship reviewed by the Director of the Griffith Asia Institute who may terminate the Fellowship.
- The Fellows agree to comply with all lawful directions and professional standards of the host University.
- The University presently asserts and will continue to assert intellectual property rights as defined in and in accordance with the Griffith University Intellectual Property Policy http://www62.gu.edu.au/policylibrary.nsf/xmainsearch/0a1e4df4c2be64584a256bc100631d7d?opendocument as amended or replaced from time to time.

Preparing an Application

Applicants must:

- Complete the relevant application form
- Provide a summary as mentioned in point 7 above
- Provide an abridged Curriculum Vitae up to 4 pages in length
- Arrange for two referee reports as detailed in point 5 above
- Provide evidence of English language proficiency
- Provide certified copies of academic transcripts/records
- Provide a proposed budget outlining costs associated with the visit
- Provide a letter of support from the host element