

Australia-USA Mobility Fund: information for referees

Applicants are responsible for sending this document, a copy of their proposal, and information about the Australia-USA Mobility Fund to a referee who agrees to provide the applicant with a supporting reference letter.

The Australia-USA Mobility Fund supports an Australian PhD candidate or early-career researcher to host a senior United States-based researcher in Australia for a short, focused visit. Referees are asked to address the following points in their letter of support:

- Is your field of research the same as, or closely related to, the applicant's proposed health-related field of natural science?
- Discuss your view of the merit and feasibility of the proposed activities, including the clarity of the applicant-focused visit plan and the value of the expected outcomes.
- Discuss the value of the proposed visit to the activities and to the collaborative relationship between the Australian applicant and the visiting United States researcher.
- Comment on whether the Australian host organisation appears to have the capacity to support the proposed activities, including institutional support arrangements and accommodation for the visiting researcher.
- Comment on the suitability of the visiting United States researcher for the proposed activities and the applicant-focused outcomes.
- Discuss whether the proposed visit represents value for money, including whether it provides opportunities for the Australian applicant and host organisation that could not otherwise be achieved.
- Declare your connection with the applicant, including any current or previous supervisory relationship, collaborations or joint publications.

The signed referee report should be on institutional letterhead and sent electronically to the applicant for inclusion in the grant application.

Please provide the signed letter to the applicant with enough time for them to submit their complete application by **11.59pm (AEST) Wednesday, 16 September 2026**.

Thank you for your support of the proposed visit and collaboration.