

Australia-USA Mobility Fund: information for visiting United States-based researchers

The Australia-USA Mobility Fund provides a grant of up to A\$5,000 ex GST to an Australian research organisation. The grant contributes towards the costs of supporting an Australian PhD candidate or early-career researcher to host a senior United States-based researcher in Australia for a short, focused visit.

The program is designed to provide direct benefit to the Australian applicant's research development in a health-related field of natural science, with preference for cancer-related research. The visit should help the applicant deepen their expertise, strengthen international research connections and develop the foundations for longer-term Australia-United States collaboration.

The visit should be mutually beneficial, and benefits to the Australian host organisation and visiting researcher are valued. However, the primary purpose of the program is to support the Australian applicant's development. Flow-on benefits to the Australian host organisation are considered secondary.

The proposed visit should be research-focused and applicant-centred. Examples of eligible visit activities may include:

- mentoring
- methods development
- collaborative research activity
- knowledge exchange
- seminars
- methods clinics
- short bench rotations
- co-design sessions
- development of tangible research outputs.

The application should demonstrate why the visit needs to occur in person in Australia, and what benefit the visit provides beyond what could be achieved through virtual collaboration.

Funding and visit arrangements

If the application is successful, the grant may support costs associated with the visiting United States-based researcher's travel to Australia.

The grant provides funding to the Australian host organisation of:

- up to A\$2,500 for an international economy airfare for the visiting researcher, including taxes,
- a living allowance of up to A\$200 per day, to a maximum of A\$2,500, to be provided to the US visitor.

The approved visit must take place during the 2027 calendar year and be for a period of between 14 and 28 days.

The grant will be administered by the Australian host organisation. Airfare support is provided as reimbursement of actual eligible international economy airfare costs, up to the approved maximum amount.

The living allowance will be paid to the visiting researcher after they arrive in Australia, not in advance of travel. The payment will be facilitated by the Australian host organisation directly into the visiting researcher's nominated bank account.

Accommodation must be supported by the Australian host institution. The grant cannot reimburse accommodation costs, and accommodation is separate from the living allowance.

All travel arrangements, visas and other requirements are the responsibility of the Australian awardee, Australian host institution and visiting researcher.

Comprehensive travel and medical insurance is required for the visiting researcher, and agreement to this condition must be given at award acceptance.

Dependants may accompany the visiting researcher at their own cost. The grant does not provide funding for bench fees, project costs or institutional overheads.

Letter of support from the visiting researcher

As part of the application, the Australian applicant must provide a signed letter of support from the senior United States-based researcher.

The letter should confirm the visiting researcher's agreement to the proposed visit and their commitment to participate in the activities described in the application.

The letter of support should address the following points:

- confirmation that the visiting United States-based researcher agrees to the proposed visit outline
- confirmation that the visiting United States-based researcher is available to travel to Australia at the proposed time
- confirmation that the visiting United States-based researcher is committed to undertaking the activities outlined in the application
- how the proposed visit aligns with the visiting researcher's expertise
- how the visiting researcher's participation will support the Australian applicant's research development
- how the visit will contribute to the proposed collaborative activities.

The signed letter of support should be sent electronically to the Australian 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 supporting the proposed visit and collaboration.