

Australia-Scotland Fund: information about the Australian and Scottish organisational letters of support

The Australia-Scotland Fund supports Australian and Scottish early- and mid-career researchers to undertake targeted bilateral research visits that progress joint research, build international connections, and support high-quality collaboration.

In this round, applications must be submitted by the Australian researcher to the Australian Academy of Science. The applicant may apply either to travel to Scotland or to host their Scottish research partner at their Australian organisation.

As part of a collaboratively developed project proposal, the application requires a letter of support from both the Australian applicant's organisation and the Scottish research partner's organisation.

Each letter of support should be prepared on institutional letterhead and address the following points:

- Why the proposed project and collaboration are valuable from each organisation's perspective, including any existing or planned research links between the Australian and Scottish researchers.
- How the visit will contribute to the project activities and strengthen the collaboration between the Australian applicant, the Scottish research partner and their organisations.
- Why the requested direction of travel is appropriate for the proposed project activities. This should explain why the Australian applicant should travel to Scotland, or why the Scottish research partner should travel to Australia.
- Why the proposed host organisation is an appropriate location for the visit, including relevant expertise, facilities, research environment or other capability.
- The contribution each organisation expects to make to the proposed activities, such as supervision, mentoring, technical guidance, access to facilities, collaborative analysis or development of project outputs.
- Confirmation that each organisation supports the application and, where relevant, is willing and able to host the visiting researcher for the proposed visit period.
- Any relevant relationships between the Australian applicant and Scottish research partner, including current or previous supervisory relationships, collaborations or joint publications.

The signed letters 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, 23 September 2026**.

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