

Myanmar-Australia Visiting Fellowship Program 2026

Call for expressions of interest for a fully funded short term research fellowship in Australia for a Myanmar academic or researcher

Closing date for EOIs November 22nd 2025



Background

The Myanmar Research Network at **University of Melbourne** in collaboration with the Myanmar Research Centre at **Australian National University (ANU)** - and with support of the **Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade** - invite expressions of interest for a **Myanmar scholar/researcher for a fully funded short term (1-2 month) fellowship in Australia**. The fellowship will be in July 2026.

The fellowship includes time at both University of Melbourne and the ANU in Canberra and participation in the ANU Myanmar Update conference in July. The goal of the fellowship program is to build deeper connections between University of Melbourne/ANU and Myanmar academics and researchers in the region and catalyze new high quality collaborative research.

The fellowship offers

- Fully funded accommodation and travel from anywhere in the Asia-Pacific, and within Australia, visa cost reimbursement, and a living allowance for food and essentials
- Facilities to do research at both universities with a view to contributing to work on an academic publication by the fellow, and possible collaborative work on later publications
- One-year remote access to library facilities

Fellows are expected to

- Give one or more seminars or public lectures in Melbourne and Canberra
- Make one or more contributions, in Burmese or English, to working papers or blogs at either or both universities
- Meet with researchers to discuss and develop potential new partnerships, and with researchers and policymakers off campus as appropriate, such as NGOs and Australian Government

In 2026 we seek fellows with expertise and interest in

- Violence against women

- Justice provision

Applicants should have research or work experience or both, related to Myanmar, on one or more of these themes. We especially encourage applicants who have been doing research in these areas in the post-2021 context.

Eligibility

To apply you must

- Be a researcher or academic of Myanmar nationality based in the Asia-Pacific (this includes those who are active in research but may not have formal institutional affiliation)
- Have a postgraduate research qualification (e.g., Masters' degree with research thesis component, or a coursework Masters' degree with other experience comparable to a research thesis). Applicants could also have completed a PhD or be a current PhD candidate.
- Demonstrate research interests and experience in one or more of the above identified thematic areas. Expressions of interest in other fields or areas such as medicine, law, agriculture etc will not be considered for this round.
- Have high-level spoken and written English (indicate examinations and qualifications in curriculum vitae).
- Hold a current passport that can be used to obtain an Australia visa, and be able to travel to Australia in 2025.

Members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.

Shortlisted applicants will be interviewed.

Expression of interest can be made through this link <https://forms.gle/XovhYgL3ZJj1UYue8>

Any questions can be directed to Tamas Wells at University of Melbourne t.wells@unimelb.edu.au