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2018 NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM: CHINA

The Australian National University (ANU) in association with Peking University (PKU) is offering an exciting opportunity for postgraduate students or recent graduates from premier Chinese universities with a strong interest in Australia and Australia-China relations.

The National Parliamentary Fellowships Program (NPFP) will select up to two fellows for a foreign policy focused research stay of up to two months in Canberra, Australia, to commence in March 2019.

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The NPFP aims to identify and foster the development of a new generation of leaders, promoting investment in Australia-China relations through the networks which fellowship holders create.

For a period of up to three months, fellows will be required to prepare a policy paper for the consideration of a parliamentarian and will have the opportunity to attend public policy hearings and briefings. Fellows will also be affiliated with a research mentor at the Australian National University pertinent to their primary policy research interest, and will attend relevant events offered through ANU and other leading research institutes and think tanks in Canberra.

Eligibility

To be eligible to apply for the program, you must

- > Be a Chinese citizen;
- > Be a recent graduate of, or be enrolled in a postgraduate program (Masters level or equivalent) and in excellent academic standing (A Levels, graduated with distinction) by the time of the fellowship;
- > Be under the age of 35 at the time of the fellowship;
- > Have a strong interest and demonstrated previous research or professional experience in international relations, particularly vis-à-vis Australia, or in Australia's economic policy or international affairs;
- > Hold a Chinese passport that has at least six months validity when the fellowship commences; and
- > Be fluent in English; NPFP language requirements adhere to the ANU admission policy as outlined under: policies.anu.edu.au/ppf/document/ANUP_000408.

To apply

Selection for NPFP is highly competitive. To apply for the fellowship, candidates are required to submit:

- > statement of purpose and proposed research topic;
- > current resume;
- > most recent academic transcript; and
- > contact details for two references, with at least one of them being academic.

Selection will be based upon the following criteria:

- > Academic history and performance
- > Relevance and importance of proposed research topic
- > Previous academic or professional experience in China-Australia relations
- > Background in international relations or policy study
- > Personal motivation; involvement in university and community activities

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to an interview at PKU in Beijing and successful candidates will be notified soon after.

Requirements

Successful applicants will be required to:

- > Attend pre-departure briefings and a reception at the Australian Embassy in Beijing
- > Participate in regular meetings with the research mentor at ANU
- > Attend PRC embassy functions in Canberra
- > Submit a formal report on their experience to the ANU and PKU within one month of returning to Australia,
- > Present research findings to other fellows in a public event at ANU during the last week of the assignment in Canberra, and
- > Submit a 4,000 word research paper on and agreed upon research topic by 29 June, 2019.

Fellowship funding

The fellowship will cover the cost of an economy round trip airfare between China and Australia, accommodation in Canberra, and a monthly scholarship of AUD 640. All other costs, such as visa fee and overseas travel health insurance will be covered by the fellow.

Enquiries and submissions

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