

INDUSTRY FELLOWSHIP RESEARCH PROGRAM 2015

Become an RMIT fellow and conduct social policy research that will benefit your organisation and the community sector as a whole

RMIT University and VCOSS are proud to present an exciting new Industry Fellowship Research Program, aiming to further enhance the research capability of Victoria's community service sector.

The Industry Fellowship Research Program will support a chosen fellow to spend up to six months researching an area relevant to their own field of expertise, to assist their organisation and the community services sector as a whole.

The fellow will conduct their research from the RMIT School of Global, Urban and Social Studies. They will receive an honorary fellowship/appointment with RMIT University for the period of the fellowship, along with project support from RMIT and VCOSS.

An allowance of \$10,000 will also be paid to the fellow's employer organisation, to assist it in covering their leave of absence for up to six months. One fellowship is available in the first round of the program.

Aims of the Industry Fellowship Research Program

The RMIT-VCOSS Industry Fellowship Research Program aims to build the research capability of the community sector by enabling participants to:

- Conduct research in a particular area relevant to their own work, which will also have broader sector implications that can be disseminated and shared

- Further develop research skills that are transferrable back to their own organisation and the community sector
- Assist their organisation through the building of knowledge that may not have otherwise been possible to develop.

Applications

Applicants must address the **selection criteria** using the **application template** provided at www.vcooss.org.au by 22 July 2015.

Selection Criteria

1. The research proposal demonstrates an innovative approach relevant to the applicant's organisation and the community sector more broadly.
2. The applicant's organisation is willing to grant a leave of absence to the applicant to become a RMIT-VCOSS Industry Fellow for a period of six months full-time, or the equivalent part-time period.
3. The applicant's organisation is willing to provide financial and in-kind support to assist the proposal.
4. The applicant demonstrates:
 - the ability to conduct research/evaluation
 - a willingness to learn new research skills
 - a commitment to innovative research
 - the capacity to disseminate research and/or work findings.

The Industry Research Fellowship Program is part of an exciting new research partnership program between RMIT University and VCOSS. For further details contact VCOSS Deputy Chief Executive Officer Mary Sayers on 03 9235 1000 or mary.sayers@vcooss.org.au.