

AFSE 2027 Application Form

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Instructions for applicants

Atlantic Fellows for Social Equity 2027 Application Form

Applications close at 11:59 pm AEST on Monday 27 July 2026 for the 2027 Fellowship.

Before you begin, please ensure you have read through the applicant information on the [AFSE website](#).

If you have any questions about the program or submitting your application, please email apply-atlanticfellows@unimelb.edu.au.

Please note that the use of artificial intelligence software (AI) in your application is **prohibited**. All submissions must be your own original work and any suspected use will risk invalidating your application.

Read our privacy statement [here](#).

Program Eligibility

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Applicant Contact Details

Applicant *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Your Preferred Name/Nickname

Your Pronouns

Your Primary Email *

Please enter the email address you used to register your SmartyGrants account.

Your Mobile Phone Number *

Please include the country code (e.g. +64, +61)

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Your Country of Residence *

Please answer based on where you currently live.

State / Province / Island *

e.g. Victoria / Rewa Province / South Island

Your Postcode (if applicable)

Eligibility Check

NB: You must be an Australian citizen/permanent resident, a New Zealand citizen, or a citizen/national of a Pacific Island country/territory to apply.

Please select all options which apply to you: *

- ☐ I'm an Australian citizen / permanent resident
- ☐ I'm a New Zealand citizen
- ☐ I'm a national / citizen of a Pacific Island country / territory
- ☐ None of these apply to me

Ineligible application

Unfortunately, your application is not eligible for the Atlantic Fellows for Social Equity program, and you are unable to proceed with this form. *

Pacific Island citizenship

AFSE currently accepts applications from the Pacific Island Forum members and associate members.

Please select ALL Pacific Island countries / territories where you hold citizenship:

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| ☐ American Samoa (US nationality/citizenship) | ☐ Papua New Guinea |
| ☐ Cook Islands (NZ citizenship) | ☐ Republic of Marshall Islands |
| ☐ Federated States of Micronesia | ☐ Samoa |
| ☐ Fiji | ☐ Solomon Islands |
| ☐ French Polynesia (French citizenship) | ☐ Tokelau (NZ citizenship) |
| ☐ Guam (US citizenship) | ☐ Tonga |
| ☐ Kiribati | ☐ Tuvalu |
| ☐ Nauru | ☐ Vanuatu |
| ☐ New Caledonia (French citizenship) | ☐ Wallis and Futuna (French citizenship) |
| ☐ Niue (NZ citizenship) | ☐ None of these apply to me |
| ☐ Palau | |

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I confirm that, if my application is successful, I am able to apply for a student visa to Australia: *

☐ Yes

Please confirm that there are no known restrictions to your ability to enter Australia.

Atlantic Institute programs

AFSE does not accept applicants who have participated in another global Atlantic Fellowship program. *

☐ I confirm that I have not participated in another global Atlantic Fellowship program

Study in 2027

We are unable to accept your application if you are enrolled in formal study in 2027 with any institution. *

☐ I confirm that I am not enrolled in other formal study in 2027.

This includes if you have a thesis under examination. If your application is successful, AFSE will be the only formal study you can undertake in 2027.

Attendance Requirements

The AFSE Fellowship requires a significant commitment from Fellows. Attendance at all modules is compulsory, and additional study is required outside of modules to complete the Master of Social Change Leadership.

Induction dates (online via Zoom):

Induction 1: Wednesday 18 November 2026, 11:00 am AEDT
Induction 2: Wednesday 16 December 2026, 11:00 am AEDT
Induction 3: Wednesday 13 January 2027, 11:00 am AEDT

2027 Modules (exact dates to be confirmed):

Module 1: 10 days in February 2027

Module 2 : 7 days in April 2027.

Module 3: 2 weeks in June 2027.

Module 4: 1 week in August 2027.

Module 5: 1 week in October 2027.

Are you able to attend the Induction Sessions (online) on the dates listed above? *

☐ Yes

Are you able to attend all 5 modules in person, 38 days in total? *

☐ Yes

Please note attendance at all 5 modules is compulsory.

Can you commit to a minimum of 15 hours of independent study per week (170 hours for each subject), in addition to the modules during the year? *

☐ Yes

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Can you commit to attending a fortnightly tutorial session (up to 90 minutes, held online)? *

☐ Yes

Are you able to travel to modules, which take place in Australia, Aotearoa New Zealand and the Pacific Islands, including some travel to regional and remote areas? *

☐ Yes

AFSE requires immersive, in-person learning at different locations. You will require a valid passport and the ability to travel by plane, bus, ferry, etc. as needed. AFSE will cover all associated travel costs. By checking yes, I confirm that I do not have any restrictions against me that prohibit entry to any of these countries.

Are you able and willing to seek the required leave from employment or (if self-employed) set aside unpaid working days to attend modules and complete additional study? *

☐ Yes

Are you proficient in English and able to meet the University's English Language Requirements? *

☐ Yes

Please read the University's English Language Requirements [here](#).

Study Experience

*NB: Having a degree is **not** a requirement for entry to the AFSE program if you fulfil the work experience requirements.*

*If you don't have a degree, entry into the program at the Master's level requires at least **8** years of relevant work experience.*

Do you have a degree? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

What type of degree did you complete? *

☐ Diploma

☐ Bachelor's degree

☐ Master's degree

☐ Doctorate (PhD)

☐ Professional degree (JD, MD, etc.)

☐ No degree completed

Select as many as apply.

Work Experience

How many years of work experience do you have? *

☐ No work experience

☐ 1-3 Years

☐ 3-5 Years

☐ 5-8 Years

☐ 8+ Years

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No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Ineligible applicants

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Advice to ineligible applicants

Unfortunately, based on your responses to the previous questions you do not meet the eligibility criteria for the 2027 AFSE Fellowship program.

We encourage you to explore the Atlantic Institute's other worldwide Fellowships [here](#).

Please contact us at apply-atlanticfellows@unimelb.edu.au if you believe this assessment has been made in error, or if you have any questions about your eligibility.

Thank you for your interest in the program. *

About You

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What is your date of birth? *

What is your gender? *

- ☐ Man
- ☐ Woman
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other:

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Please select as few or many as you feel apply. We collect this information to ensure a diversity of genders and identities within the cohort.

What is your industry? *

Other:

The list is drawn from Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification (ANZSIC) categories for data consistency.

Are you (please select all that apply): *

- ☐ Aboriginal Australian
- ☐ Torres Strait Islander
- ☐ Māori
- ☐ Pacific Islander
- ☐ I do not identify as an Indigenous person

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☐ Other:

(Select all that apply)

Your CV and short video

* indicates a required field

Your CV and headshot

Please upload a curriculum vitae of **no more than 2 pages** which outlines your previous employment, study and experience in social change advocacy and initiatives (voluntary or paid).

NB: Please upload in a PDF or Word format, and include your name in the file name.

Upload your CV here: *

Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.

The attachment should be no more than two A4 pages in length.

Headshot

Attach a file:



Please upload a headshot of yourself. Drag and resize the square to define the area of the image you wish to submit.

Short Video

This is your opportunity to tell us why you should be part of the Fellowship program in **two minutes or less**.

Please provide a video of **less than 25MB** file size answering the following questions:

- Why will this program benefit you and your community / communities?
- Why is this the right program for you at this point in time?

*NB: [See some tips on uploading/sharing video here](#). If you are experiencing any technical difficulties, please contact apply-atlanticfellows@unimelb.edu.au for assistance **before** the application closing date.*

How would you like to provide your video? *

- ☐ I would like to upload the file.
- ☐ I would like to provide a video link.

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

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Video File

Please include your name in the file name.

Upload your video file *

Attach a file:

A maximum of 1 file may be attached.
Attachments are limited to 25MB in size.

Video Link

Please Note: *It is the responsibility of applicants to ensure videos can be accessed by our selection committee – if your link is not accessible, your application will not be accepted.*

If using YouTube, when uploading your video you need to change the video setting to "Unlisted". By changing this setting, the video is only visible to those who have the link. The video will not appear to viewers who visit the Videos tab on the channel page. It also won't appear in YouTube search results unless it is added to a public playlist.

URL *

NB: Your video must be made publicly visible.

Applicant Declaration *

☐ I confirm the sharing permissions for my video have been set to enable the reviewing panel to access via the link provided

Your approach to social change

* indicates a required field

Tell us about your social change initiative

A key part of the Fellowship is your social change initiative, which you will develop and refine throughout the Foundation Year.

We are looking for initiatives that support AFSE's mission to drive greater equity and empowerment for Indigenous and Pacific communities, with the ultimate goal of creating a fairer society that is genuinely inclusive of all peoples. Click [here](#) for further information.

AFSE is proud to be an Indigenous and Pacific-led organisation, and our assessors are familiar with the origins and consequences of colonialism, racism and inequity. Please focus your responses on your initiative and how it responds to a problem in your specific context.

Overview (What is the overall aim or vision for your initiative?) Max. 250 words *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Approach (How will you implement your initiative?) Max. 250 words. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Collaboration (What partnerships do you have or plan to make? Are you already working with these people and/or communities or do you need to develop these relationships?) Max. 250 words. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Rationale (Why is this important/needed?) Max. 250 words. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Community/organisation endorsement

The AFSE program requests you to ensure that the initiative you are proposing has been discussed with and endorsed by the relevant community or organisation you will be focusing on. Applications with formal community endorsement will be highly regarded.

To show that your idea has been endorsed, please complete the form [available at this link](#) and have it completed and signed off by a representative from the community/organisation.

I have consulted with the relevant community / organisation to develop my social change initiative: *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Please upload your completed Community Endorsement Form (optional).

Attach a file:

Your leadership journey

* indicates a required field

Tell us about your leadership journey

You may like to use the following questions to prompt your response:

- Give an example of your leadership style and philosophy
- How do you hope the AFSE Fellowship will contribute to your work/leadership?

Please enter your response below. (Max. 250 words) *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

Your preparation for further study

* indicates a required field

Tell us about why you want to do further study

Successful applicants to the Fellowship will complete the [Master of Social Change Leadership or Graduate Certificate of Social Change Leadership](#) through the University of Melbourne.

What is your motivation for engaging in further study through the Fellowship?

Please enter your response. (Max. 250 words) *

Word count:
Must be no more than 250 words.

References

* indicates a required field

Referees

Please provide contact details of 2 referees. These should include:

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1. One person who is your current employer (if applicable, or someone who has employed you in the past). Ideally, this is someone who can speak to their support of your participation in the program.
2. One person who has experience of your capacity to work collaboratively within organisations and engage and work with communities (this may be voluntary/ community-based experience). This could be the person who filled out your community/ organisation endorsement form.

Please ensure that you have discussed your social change initiative with the referees you provide.

Referee 1 *

Title First Name Last Name

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Relationship to candidate *

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Is this your current employer? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Have you discussed your social change initiative and the AFSE program with this referee? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Referee 1 Position and Organisation *

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Referee 1 Primary Phone Number *

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Please include the country code (e.g. +64. +61)

Referee 1 Primary Email *

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Must be an email address.

Referee 2 *

Title First Name Last Name

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Relationship to candidate *

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Is this your current employer? *

- ☐ Yes

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☐ No

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Have you discussed your social change initiative and the AFSE program with this referee? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

Referee 2 Position and Organisation *

Referee 2 Primary Phone Number *

Please include the country code (e.g. +64)

Referee 2 Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Applicant survey

* indicates a required field

Where did you hear about the AFSE program? *

☐ AFSE Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn

☐ AFSE newsletter

☐ AFSE website

☐ Senior or current AFSE Fellow

☐ AFSE Pou

☐ University of Melbourne

☐ University of Auckland

☐ Atlantic Institute

☐ Media

☐ AIATSIS

☐ Other:

Please select all that apply.