



**VESKI Innovation Fellowships**  
**2010/11**  
Application Guide

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Knowledge +  
Innovation  
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## Introduction

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The VESKI Innovation Fellowships are awarded annually to outstanding Australian expatriates in the fields of science, technology or design.

Successful individuals can receive **up to AUD\$50,000 per annum** for a maximum of up to three years. These funds must be matched with financial funding [cash] and in-kind contributions from a Host Organisation such as an Academic/Research Institution.

The funds are to be used to support the return of the successful applicant to work in Victoria.

The funds made available and the duration of the proposed fellowship is determined by the VESKI Board of Directors.

## Evaluation and Application Requirements

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The VESKI Innovation Fellowships are open to individuals who meet the following criteria in the fields of science, technology and design specifically relating to ICT, biotechnology, design, advanced manufacturing, environmental technologies, or the enabling sciences and technologies.

In addition to the above named fields; the 2010/11 'Call for Applications' encourage submissions in the areas of:

- Clinical Research focusing on Health Outcomes ; &
- Renewable Energy Generation & Demand Management.

Eligibility criteria for VESKI Innovation Fellowship:

- 1.1 Australian citizenship<sup>1</sup>.
- 1.2 Have worked outside of Australian shores for the past 12 months, and be domiciled outside of Australia at the time their submission is lodged.
- 1.3 Matched funding must be organised (or be able to be organised) from a Host Organisation, namely an Academic/Research Institution. The Host Organisation must be prepared to commit equivalent funding or greater in cash and in-kind. VESKI will call upon the candidate to produce a letter of support from the Host Organisation setting out the financial funding and in-kind contribution commitments. The candidate, if notified of a successful application, will have an agreed timeframe to secure and finalise Host Organisation arrangements. It is anticipated that this will be no more than 30 days from notification.
- 1.4 Outstanding achievement and capabilities in the fields of science, technology or design.
- 1.5 Three referees<sup>2</sup> nominated and who can be contacted for reference (Applicants should ensure that each referee has been provided with a copy of their application).

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<sup>1</sup> Australian citizen, or a person who forfeited their Australian citizenship on the acquisition of another citizenship before 4 April 2002 under the now repealed Section 17 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948, or a person who was forced to renounce their Australian citizenship under Section 18 of the Australian Citizenship Act 1948 in order to retain another citizenship or acquire another citizenship. Applicants who are not currently Australian citizens will be required to provide evidence with their applications that they have previously held Australian citizenship.

<sup>2</sup> Referees should be able to assess your application and should not be from your proposed Host Organization

- 1.6 Applicants are requested to produce a document no longer than 20 pages (including publications) demonstrating why they should receive a VESKI Innovation Fellowship; how they would use the fellowship to enhance their research endeavours and what contributions and benefits this would bring to the State of Victoria. The format of this application is set out in the VESKI Innovation Fellowship Application Form.
- 1.7 The VESKI Innovation Fellowship must be taken up within one year of the award.

## **Assessment Criteria and Selection**

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Applications will be screened for eligibility on the basis of Australian citizenship and expatriate status at the time of application. All eligible applications for the VESKI Innovation Fellowships will be considered by the VESKI Selection Panel.

The VESKI Selection Panel will be drawn from the VESKI Board of Directors or a Sub-Committee of the VESKI Board which includes leading members of Victoria's science, technology and design sectors. The VESKI Selection Panel may draw advice and seek assistance from appropriate specialists in the fields of application.

The VESKI Selection Panel will assess applications against the following key criteria:

- Outstanding achievement in their field;
- International recognition and standing in their peer group;
- Outcomes relative to opportunities;
- Potential to contribute to fostering a culture of innovators across the State of Victoria;
- Potential benefits to Victoria's knowledge economy;
- Potential to develop relations with an industry sector;
- Ability to contribute to public benefit; and a
- Capacity to disseminate knowledge and develop a skills base across Victoria.

These criteria could be met, for example, by:

- Demonstrating linkages to Victoria's innovation & knowledge base or technological strengths;
- Plans for commercialisation of their planned research.

The VESKI Selection Panel will, in its absolute discretion, select successful candidates of the VESKI Innovation Fellowships on the basis of the key criteria. The recommendations of the VESKI Selection Panel are final and challenges will not be considered. VESKI reserves the right not to make awards in any year.

Each applicant shall give permission for details contained in the application to be released to the members of the VESKI Selection Panel and referees (both those nominated by the applicant and external referees) for the purposes of the selection process.

Successful applicants should note that in the event of an award of a VESKI Innovation Fellowship, a description of their proposed research project will be publicised.

## **Notification**

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It is anticipated that applicants will be notified of the status of their application no later than 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010.

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## Obligations of Winners

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VESKI's principle objective is to enhance Victoria's intellectual capital in science, knowledge and innovation for the benefit of the Victorian public.

As a VESKI Innovation Fellowship recipient you will be called upon to support achieving this objective.

It is expected that the VESKI Innovation Fellow will take advantage of any opportunities that may present through their public role or through the media to acknowledge VESKI's support and role in the Victorian community.

## Applications

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Applications should **fully address requirements (1 – 14)** in the Application Form. The VESKI Selection Panel will only consider information provided in the application and supporting documentation.

For advice or further information regarding applications, please contact Ms Julia Page, CEO, on telephone +61 3 9635 5700 or by email [julia.page@veski.org.au](mailto:julia.page@veski.org.au).

## Closing Date

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Submissions for the VESKI Innovation Fellowships 2010/11 **must be lodged by 5.00pm (AEST), on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**

**Applicants must send the following:**

- **Email *one* copy of the complete Application** by 5.00pm (AEDT), on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010; and
- **Mail *one* hard copy original** [include original Letter of Offer from your proposed Host Organisation]; and ***one* identical paper copy** [unbound or stapled] of the complete Application to be received at VESKI by 5.00pm (AEDT), on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010.

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