2017 L’Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science Australia & New Zealand Fellowships

Eligibility Criteria

- Applications are open to female researchers who have completed up to five years post-doctoral work (not including maternity leave, part-time work due to family commitments etc)
- Applicants must be Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
- Applicants must be associated with an Australian or New Zealand-based research institution, and must be intending to continue their research in Australia or New Zealand for the duration of their Fellowship.
- Applicants must be women involved in the life sciences, clinical and health sciences, material sciences, physical sciences, mathematics or engineering.
- Applications will be considered only if they are submitted in full, during the official call for applications dates.

2017 Exceptions

If you don’t meet the eligibility criteria, or are unsure if you do, note your circumstances in the ‘special circumstances’ sections of the application form.

For example, consideration may be given to temporary residents in the process of applying for permanent residency (with eligibility depending on when residency is granted).

Please note, the final decision will be at the discretion of the jury.

2017 Selection Criteria

The L’Oréal Australia & New Zealand For Women in Science Fellows are selected in a two stage process.

1. Applicants complete an online application form. The jury will use this information to determine the shortlist.

2. Shortlisted candidates are invited to provide a CV and references to further support their applications. The jury will use this information to select the Fellows.

The Fellows will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Intellectual merit/academic records/accepted requisites for scholarly scientific study including ability to: plan and conduct research; work as a team member or independently; and interpret and communicate research findings.
- Scientific excellence and appropriateness of proposed research and a clearly articulated plan of study.
- Reference letters.

The jury are looking for future leaders in their fields: researchers who have already had several high impact publications and other recognition of their research including grants, prizes and invitations to speak at conferences.
2017 Fellowship Conditions

The successful Fellows will be expected to meet the following conditions.

Please indicate in special circumstances section of your application if you cannot meet these conditions.

- Fellowship funding
  - This year there are five fellowships: four $25,000 L’Oréal Australia Fellowships, and one $25,000 L’Oréal New Zealand Fellowship
  - The Fellowships are intended to help finance the Fellow’s scientific research.
  - The Fellowship funds can be used, for example, to purchase equipment, reagents and consumables, or for travel expenses including the cost of attending conferences. The funds may also be used for child care but not for any other personal expenses.
  - The Fellowship may not be used to supplement the applicant’s salary but may be used to support a research assistant if one is required to ensure the Fellow’s research progresses.
  - The Fellowship may not be used to pay institutional overheads.
  - Fellows will receive the funds in two payments: the first at the award ceremony and the final payment six months later (upon submission of the mid-year report).
  - Fellows can apply for other grants for the same project and/or supplementary grants from other funding bodies as long as they do not prevent the Fellow fulfilling their obligations under the L’Oréal Fellowship.
  - The Fellowships may not be deferred nor renewed.
  - L’Oréal Australia & New Zealand reserves the right not to award one or more of the Fellowships.

Key dates and commitments

Successful Fellows will be advised in writing of their successful submission in July 2017.

Fellows will be required to be available for the following commitments:

- Media training and induction in Melbourne in July/August 2017 (travel required)
- Pre-ceremony events and media commitments October 2017
- The Ceremony on Tuesday 31st October 2017
- Girls in Science forums in Melbourne and Sydney in the week of 30th October (travel required)
  - (For the NZ Fellow only) additional cocktail function in NZ and Girls in Science forum in NZ (dates to be confirmed).
- During the Fellowship period (October 2017 to October 2018), Fellows will be expected to act as advocates for women in science in Australia. They may be invited to attend events in Australia or New Zealand on behalf of or as a result of the Fellowship program, and where possible be available for media interviews.

Travel costs

- L’Oréal will cover the cost of travel related to the Fellowship and as approved by L’Oréal Australia & New Zealand. This includes travel to Melbourne and Sydney, and accommodation (if required) for the successful Fellows.
Reporting

- Fellows are required to provide two reports to L’Oréal which will be forwarded to the Jury for review. One report at the six month mark of the Fellowship, and one within one month of completion. Each report should include a summary of the Fellow’s achievements, the value of the Fellowship and a reconciliation of funds spent.