THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Mathematical Research Institute

Domestic Visitor Program – July 2020 round
Terms and Conditions

Deadline for application: 11.59pm (Sydney time), Sunday 26 July 2020

For visits within the period:[1] 24 August – 18 December 2020

Applications for visits not meeting the following conditions may be accepted in special circumstances with prior arrangement. Please direct questions to the Institute's Executive Director, Professor Anthony Henderson, smri.exec@sydney.edu.au .

(1) At the time of application, applicants must hold a PhD or equivalent degree, and must be employed by a university, institute, laboratory or other similar organisation located in Australia. If not Australian citizens or permanent residents, they must hold an Australian visa which allows them to do research at SMRI and to enter into a research affiliation with The University of Sydney for that period.

(2) Applicants should have an established program of research in the mathematical sciences (ANZSRC Division 49).

(3) Applicants should propose a research visit to SMRI, within the period specified for the application round, of at least 2 weeks' duration.

(4) A group of at most 4 applicants who propose to visit SMRI at the same time in order to collaborate on a research project may submit a single joint application. In this case each applicant must individually satisfy the above eligibility conditions.

(5) Applicants whose proposed projects involve collaboration with academic staff members of The University of Sydney must identify one such staff member who has agreed to be designated the host of their proposed visit. Hosts will be contacted to confirm their support for the visit, including any potential financial contribution, and their comments will be taken into account in assessing the benefit of the proposed visit.

(6) Applicants may nominate an academic referee who is not a host or co-applicant of the proposed visit and who is willing to be contacted by the Executive Director for their confidential comments on the applicant's research track record, if requested. Members of

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[1] Please note that the visit dates of successful applicants may need to be reviewed subsequently to ensure compliance with University of Sydney policy and NSW COVID-19 guidelines.

the Scientific Advisory Committee of SMRI are eligible to act as referees, in accordance with the committee's policy on conflicts of interest, and provided they are not a host or co-applicant of the proposed visit.

Successful applications will be selected by SMRI Director Professor Geordie Williamson after consultation with members of the Scientific Advisory Committee and other expert colleagues as required. The selection criteria are:

- Applicant's research track record, assessed relative to opportunity (taking into account time since PhD and any research career interruptions).
- Benefits of the proposed visit for Australian research in the mathematical sciences.
- Considerations of diversity, equity and inclusion in relation to, for example, field of research within the mathematical sciences, gender of applicant and host(s), and number of years post PhD of applicant and host(s).

Applications from female and gender-diverse researchers, and from researchers belonging to other groups which are underrepresented in the mathematical sciences, are particularly encouraged.

Successful applicants will be able to use a shared research office and the other facilities of SMRI in a manner which is compatible with NSW COVID-19 guidelines on physical distancing and hygiene. Applicants who are not normally based in Sydney may receive funding of up to A$840 per week, for a maximum of 5 weeks, to assist with accommodation and other local expenses during their visit. In addition, they may obtain reimbursement of one return economy airfare or equivalent amount up to a maximum of A$500. They will be assisted by SMRI staff in locating suitable accommodation for their stay in Sydney, as well as childcare and school options for those travelling with children. Note that all benefits depend on a signed agreement with The University of Sydney, identity verification, and the presentation of receipts in the case of airfare reimbursement.

By submitting an application you consent that the information may be shared with SMRI staff as well as with the nominated host and academic referees, if necessary. This information will not be used for any purpose other than the ranking and selection of applicants and the compiling of anonymised reports on the selection process. A list of successful applicants, with the dates and other details of their visits once confirmed, will be posted on the Institute's website.

To apply, please email smri.exec@sydney.edu.au before the deadline with the following information and PDF attachments, for each applicant involved:

- Personal details: full name, home (residential) address, telephone number, date of birth, gender, Australian citizenship/visa status, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status, disabilities requiring work-related adjustment (if any).
- Name and email address of academic referee (optional).
- [Attached as a single PDF file] Up-to-date CV including current employment, date of PhD completion, details of any research career interruptions, areas of research interest and expertise, and a full publication list.
- [Attached as a single PDF file] 1–2 page outline of a proposed research visit to SMRI meeting the above conditions, including proposed arrival and departure dates, name and email address of University of Sydney host if appropriate, some details of the research project(s) you will work on at SMRI and any current or potential collaborators, and any other confirmed or potential sources of funding for the visit.