The Humanities Research Centre was established in 1972 as a national and international centre for excellence in the Humanities and as a catalyst for innovative Humanities scholarship and research within the Australian National University. The HRC interprets the "Humanities" generously, recognising that new methods of theoretical enquiry have done much to break down the traditional distinction between the humanities and the interpretive social sciences; recognising, too, the importance of establishing dialogue between the humanities and the natural and technological sciences, and the creative arts.

The Centre encourages interdisciplinary and comparative work, and seeks to take a provocative as well as supportive role in relation to existing humanities studies in Australia. It aims to give special attention to topics and disciplines which are in need of particular stimulus in Australia. One of its central functions is to bring to Australia scholars of international standing who will provoke fresh ideas within, and beyond, the academic community. The HRC also has extensive contacts with many other Australian and international research centres, libraries and cultural institutions, and is a member of the Consortium of Humanities Centers & Institutes (CHCI), Duke University.

Our nominated theme for 2013 is Cities, Imaginaries, Publics. A description of the theme appears below. We encourage scholars working on this theme to apply for Visiting Fellowships at our Centre. A few non-thematic fellowships will also be offered of which 1-2 fellowships will be funded by the Freilich Foundation (see below).

In 2013 we commemorate the centenary of Canberra. Given the location of our Centre in Australia’s bush capital, we propose to dedicate the year to thinking about the creation of urban spaces and the role of public imagination and affect in configuring them as sites of value. Contemplating the urban is to contemplate a fraught realm of emotions, passions, dreams and imaginaries. In making cities we remake ourselves, as one of the founding figures of urban sociology, Robert Park, said in the sixties. The city is the domain where the imagination comes spectacularly into play and manifests itself in many registers: architectural, archival, cinematic, aural, visual, graphic and literary. As we generate and regenerate our cities, we collectively generate and regenerate ourselves. The Humanities Research Centre invites applications for our 2013 Visiting Fellowship Program from scholars working on urban history, sociology, architecture, public culture, memorialization, and representation of cities in literature, art, film and digital media.
The HRC offers the following:

- **Visiting Fellowships (with grant).** The standard period of tenure for an HRC Visiting Fellowships is twelve weeks. The grant covers travel and accommodation. The maximum contribution for travel is $3,000 AUD. Accommodation is in a one bedroom self-contained apartment on the university campus. This financial assistance for travel and accommodation expenses is not a salary replacement. No stipend for living allowance is attached to this fellowship. Visitors are expected to vacate their residence if they are away for 7 days or more during their fellowships.

- **Visiting Fellowships (with partial grant).** These are intended for scholars within Australia and New Zealand who wish to undertake research at the HRC. These grants are to assist with travel expenses. No accommodation expenses will be covered.

- **Visiting Fellow (without grant).** Academic staff from the Australian National University, other universities and cultural institutions may apply to use the facilities at the HRC and contribute to its intellectual life during their periods of research leave (e.g. sabbatical). These awards do not provide financial assistance, and are dependent on the availability of office space in the Centre.

- **Visiting Fellow Freilich Foundation (with grant).** The Freilich Foundation exists for the study of, and research into, the causes, the histories and the effects of ethnic, cultural, religious and sexual bigotry and animosity, and the exploration of how such intolerance can be combated - and co-existence promoted - by educational and social programs. Formally established in July 1999, and now part of the Research School of Humanities, the Freilich Foundation supports individual research and runs a range of lectures, conferences and seminars. The Foundation also runs a range of activities to support schools, including a biennial summer school. The standard period of tenure for Freilich Visiting Fellowships is twelve weeks. The grant covers travel and accommodation. The maximum contribution for travel is $3,000 AUD. Accommodation is in a one bedroom self-contained apartment on the university campus. This financial assistance for travel and accommodation expenses is not a salary replacement. No stipend for living allowance is attached to this fellowship.

**Eligibility:**

Applicants for fellowships must have an institutional affiliation to a University or to an equivalent research organisation, and generally have at least a higher research degree or equivalent professional experience, research and publications. Students working to complete a higher degree are not eligible to apply. These fellowships are also not as a rule offered to independent scholars. International applicants are strongly encouraged. Visa documents, if required, are the responsibility of the applicant. The ANU will offer a formal letter of invitation to successful applicants which may be used for visa purposes.

Visiting Fellows are expected to participate in the programs of the Centre and the School, meet regularly with other fellows, make public presentations of their research at the Centre's weekly seminar series, possibly offer a graduate seminar/Master Class and avail themselves of other opportunities for scholarly exchange. Visitors must be in residence for at least 75% of their appointment.
Assessment Process:

The criteria for assessing nominations include academic distinction demonstrated by the standard measures of level and place of appointment, record of publication, honours and awards; relevance of the proposed research to the Annual Theme; potential or identified links with researchers and programs and activities in other parts of the University, and especially in the College of Arts and Social Sciences.

Selection of visitors for the 2013 program will be announced by April 2012. The HRC strives, in its selection process, to have a mixture of early career scholars as well as more established researchers, and to achieve a gender balance. Whilst most fellowships will be awarded to those whose work is relevant to the 2013 Annual Theme, fellowships may be awarded to scholars working in the broad field of Humanities.

Further information in relation to the programs of the Humanities Research Centre and the RSHA, staff and facilities is contained on our Website at the following address: http://hrc.anu.edu.au/

Application procedures:

1. Application Form:

Applicants should submit a completed application form, together with a CV and list of publications and/or professional activities. The application form, may be downloaded from our Website address http://hrc.anu.edu.au/sites/hrc.anu.edu.au/files/docs/2013VFappform.pdf.

2. Project Proposal

Applicants should provide a one to two page description and the title of their planned research project.

3. Referees Comment:

Applicants need to provide the names of three referees who will support this application. Referees should submit their confidential comments separately to the Head of HRC on the form provided. These comments should reach us no later than 15 March 2012. The referees' comments form may be downloaded from our Website address http://hrc.anu.edu.au/sites/hrc.anu.edu.au/files/docs/2013refereecommentform.pdf.

The deadline for applications and comments is 15 March 2012. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

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