

# Visiting Scientist

## Round 4

1<sup>st</sup> January 2027 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2027

### Terms and Conditions

#### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The following terms and conditions establish the rules which govern the administration of the AINSE Visiting Scientist Program (Round 4), hereafter referred to as the **Award**.
- 1.2 The **Award Period** for the AINSE Visiting Scientist Program is 1<sup>st</sup> January 2027 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2027.
- 1.3 Applicants must read these terms and conditions before completing an application.
- 1.4 The Award is open to application from any researchers employed primarily in a research role by a financial member institution of AINSE (excluding ANSTO), subject to the eligibility criteria as outlined in Section 3, regardless of the applicant's citizenship.
- 1.5 Previous recipients of a Visiting Scientist Program Award are not eligible to apply.
- 1.6 Individuals are not eligible to be awarded a Visiting Scientist Award if they are in receipt of another AINSE Scholarship
- 1.7 Individuals employed by AINSE on a full-time or part-time basis at the time of application are not eligible to apply.
  - 1.7.1 Applicants who take up employment with AINSE on a full-time or part-time basis are required to withdraw their application upon commencement of their AINSE employment.
  - 1.7.2 Award recipients who take up employment with AINSE on a full-time or part-time basis are required to relinquish their Award upon commencement of their AINSE employment.
  - 1.7.3 Casual employees of AINSE are exempt from Sections 1.7, 1.7.1, and 1.7.2.
- 1.8 Enquiries regarding these terms and conditions should be directed to the AINSE Secretariat by email ([applications@ainse.edu.au](mailto:applications@ainse.edu.au)) or phone (+61 2 9717 3376).
- 1.9 To maintain a fair and equitable award, AINSE reserves the right to modify these terms and conditions at any time.

## 2. Definitions

- 2.1 **AINSE:** the [Australian Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering](#). AINSE offices are co-located with ANSTO's Lucas Heights campus.
- 2.2 **ANSTO:** the [Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation](#). ANSTO has two campuses: one Sydney-based campuses at Lucas Heights, and one Melbourne-based campus at Clayton. This Award is offered at the Lucas Heights campus only.
- 2.3 **Project:** a research undertaking in collaboration with at least one researcher employed by ANSTO and utilising at least one ANSTO research facility.
- 2.4 **University:** The financial member institution of AINSE at which the recipient is employed primarily in a research role.

## 3. Eligibility Criteria

- 3.1 Eligible applicants must be in direct paid employment in a research role at a financial institutional member of AINSE, excluding ANSTO, during the Award period.
- 3.2 Current recipients of other AINSE awards, and prior recipients of the Visiting Scientist Program, are ineligible to apply. Applicants applying for multiple scholarships at the same time, if successful for multiple awards, are only eligible to be granted one scholarship. In this instance the AINSE Specialist Committees will determine the most appropriate program for the applicant.
- 3.3 As part of the application process, applicants will be required to supply signed letters from ANSTO and from the AINSE member institution at which they are employed confirming support for the proposed collaboration.

## 4. Tenure

- 4.1 AINSE may terminate an Award at any time if it is not satisfied with the progress or conduct of a recipient, or if the recipient fails to meet any security clearance requirements at ANSTO, or if the university at which the recipient is employed ceases to be a financial member of AINSE, or if the recipient ceases to be employed at a financial member of AINSE.
- 4.2 Upon termination of an Award, any unused travel will be forfeited and cancelled by AINSE.

## 5. Project

- 5.1 The Project shall be in collaboration with at least one researcher employed by ANSTO and require the use of at least one ANSTO research facility.
- 5.2 The objective(s) of the Project shall not be changed without the prior written approval of AINSE.
- 5.3 The applicant will nominate a suitably-qualified member of staff from ANSTO as their primary collaborator for the Project.
- 5.4 Access to ANSTO facilities is not guaranteed.
- 5.5 AINSE does not accept any responsibility for the consequences of ANSTO facilities becoming unavailable and/or the failure to meet ANSTO security clearance requirements.

## 6. Application Review

- 6.1 Applicants are required to submit an application form via the [AINSE Portal](#) and provide all materials and information requested prior to the application deadline, including the following items:
- 6.1.1 A signed and dated letter from an appropriate ANSTO staff member confirming you have support to be hosted at ANSTO's Lucas Heights campus during the listed visitation period; and
- 6.1.2 A signed and dated letter from an appropriate staff member from the AINSE member institution at which you are employed, confirming you have support from your university / research institution to be based at ANSTO's Lucas Heights campus during the listed visitation period.

- 6.2 The signed and dated letters referenced in Sections 6.1.1 and 6.1.2 must be submitted by the applicant together with the application.
- 6.3 All applications are subject to review by the relevant AINSE Specialist Committee(s). All application approvals are at the discretion of the AINSE Specialist Committees and the AINSE Secretariat.

## 7. Funding Support

- 7.1 Funding Support provided under the award is limited to and will comprise of:
- 7.1.1 One economy-class return flight for the recipient (booked by AINSE), or equivalent driving expenses associated with the visit to Lucas Heights;
  - 7.1.2 Accommodation costs for the recipient (booked by AINSE), are capped at AUD1,500 per week (where multiple members from the same household need to travel with the recipient) for one total consecutive duration of four to twelve weeks, associated with the visit to Lucas Heights. For individual travellers costs will be determined by AINSE below the AUD1,500 cap per week.
- 7.2 Should the University cease to be a financial member of AINSE, the recipient will no longer be eligible for funding support provided under the award. In such a scenario, the recipient is advised to contact AINSE for guidance.
- 7.3 Requests to extend the end date of the Award will only be considered in the event of exceptional circumstances outside the recipient's control. Any such requests must be made, prior to the end date specified in the Award letter, in writing, to [award@ainse.edu.au](mailto:award@ainse.edu.au), clearly outlining the requested extension period and including documentation to support the request.
- 7.3.1 Approval of the end date extension request is at the discretion of the AINSE Secretariat.
  - 7.3.2 AINSE will provide written notification of the outcome of the end date extension.

## 8. Reports

- 8.1 A final report on the Project, on a form provided for that purpose and signed by the nominated primary ANSTO collaborator (see Section 5.3), must be submitted to AINSE no later than two (2) months after the end date specified in the Award letter.
- 8.2 The final report is subject to review by AINSE Specialist Committees. Resubmission of the final report will be required if the submission is deemed unsatisfactory by the AINSE Specialist Committees.
- 8.3 Requests to extend final report submission date will only be considered in the event of exceptional circumstances outside the recipient's control. Any such requests must be made, prior to the end date specified in the Award letter, in writing, to [award@ainse.edu.au](mailto:award@ainse.edu.au) clearly outlining the requested extension period and including documentation to support the request.
- 8.3.1 Approval of the end date extension request is at the discretion of the AINSE Secretariat.
  - 8.3.2 AINSE will provide written notification of the outcome of the end date extension.

## 9. Publications

- 9.1 Appropriate acknowledgement to AINSE and ANSTO must be included by the recipient when any material embodying the results of work undertaken during tenure of the Award is submitted for publication.
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***“This research was supported by the AINSE Ltd. Visiting Scientist Program.”***
  - 9.1.2 Any variations to the statement in Section 9.1.1 must be approved in writing by AINSE prior to submission of the material for publication.

- 9.1.3 Any visual media embodying the results of work undertaken during tenure of the Award, including but not limited to posters, presentation slides, and video productions, must include the official AINSE logo and must adhere to the usage guidelines for the official AINSE logo. Please email the AINSE Secretariat at [award@ainse.edu.au](mailto:award@ainse.edu.au) to request the AINSE logo files and usage guidelines.
- 9.2 Any material arising from work undertaken at ANSTO facilities, or the analysis of data previously collected from ANSTO facilities, must be approved by the recipient's primary ANSTO collaborator (see Section 5.3) prior to submission of the material for publication.
- 9.3 Full references of any publication embodying the results of work undertaken during tenure of the Award must be supplied to AINSE Ltd.

## **10. Intellectual Property Rights**

- 10.1 As a general rule, intellectual property rights in the results of an AINSE Award involving ANSTO personnel shall be the joint property of the University accepting the Award and ANSTO, however such rights may, in all cases, be subject to negotiation between those parties.
- 10.2 Where it is anticipated that intellectual property rights of commercial value will be generated by a project which is the subject of an AINSE Award, applicants are advised to consult their legal representatives.
- 10.3 Intellectual property rights which exist, or may exist, in any AINSE Award project must be identified and steps taken to ensure that whatever protection is required is put into place before disclosure of the subject matter is made to any outside parties.