

Young Emerging Scientists (YES)

2024 HIV Fellowships (Australia)

These four fellowships are funded by [Gilead Sciences](#) to support current and recent Honours and Coursework Master's students in relevant fields from across Australia to consider their future study options in a variety of disciplines that make up the HIV sciences.

The process for application for the YES 2024 HIV Fellowships

STEP 1



Fill in the survey [here](#) where you will be asked to provide a bit of background on yourself and your studies to date, including your future study considerations.

STEP 2



Attach a 600 word essay addressing the following three questions (~200 words each):

1. Please provide an overview of your current program of study.
Consider...What do you like about it? Why did you choose it? How does it link to your career goals?
2. Given the opportunity – what would you like to focus on in a potential HIV research project and why?
Consider... key populations, other infectious diseases, and/or sexual health.
3. Why are you interested in the Fellowship and what would you like to achieve from this opportunity?

All applications must be received no later than **23:59 AEST Friday 28 June 2024.**

What are the YES 2024 HIV Fellowships?

These fellowships are open to Australian residents over the age of 18 years who are a current or recent Honours or Coursework Master's students in relevant fields (such as the life sciences, humanities, social sciences and public health) from an Australian tertiary institution who are NOT currently working on a higher research degree (that is, a PhD or Master's by Research) in HIV or currently working in HIV services or research.

These fellowships are intended to introduce the recipients to the diversity of work currently being done across the HIV sciences in Australia at five of the leading research centres focusing upon HIV – [Burnet Institute](#) (Melbourne), [The Kirby Institute](#) (Sydney), [The Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity](#) (Melbourne),

[The Centre for Social Research in Health](#) (Sydney) and the [Australian Centre in Sex, Health and Society](#) (Melbourne) as well as to explore the Australian community response to HIV.

The four successful Fellowship recipients will be connected with each other and mentors from each of the Sydney and Melbourne research centres, take part in research centre site visits in August and attend the National HIV conference in Sydney in September (nb. travel will be provided as part of the Fellowship). All Fellowship recipients must keep a journal of their experience and interactions, learnings and discoveries and will be invited to share this with the Fellowship organisers at the end of the program in September 2024.

Please Note

- All applicants will be invited to attend a webinar briefing and to hear more about each of the research centres participating in this Fellowship scheduled to be mid-late June 2024.
- All applicants will be provided with a free [Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine \(ASHM\)](#) membership, as well as contacts to connect with HIV community agencies across Australia where they can further develop their experience of working in the Australian response to HIV.
- All applicants are advised to check the critical Fellowship dates below against their respective institutes of study to ensure they can attend all critical dates. Please do not apply if you know you can not be available on any of the critical dates.
- Please appreciate that we anticipate more applications than the four Fellowships that are being provided. Not all applications will be successful.

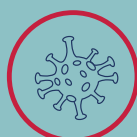
What is HIV Science?

HIV Science is probably much broader and more diverse than you think. HIV science includes basic science, clinical science, epidemiology, public health, as well as the social and behavioural sciences. These fields undertake research to help prevent new HIV infections, understand how communities respond to HIV, reduce stigma associated with HIV, make treatments more effective and easier to take, and ultimately find a cure for HIV. This matters because there are 38 million people living with HIV globally, and 1.5 million people continue to become infected with HIV each year.

HIV science can take many forms such as lab-based work looking at the virologic and molecular aspects of HIV in the body; research which looks at HIV treatment; potential vaccines and HIV cure research in people living with HIV; and studies where infectivity, immunity, prevention, social settings and public policy are studied to better understand how HIV affects key populations living with HIV.



Did you know that HIV science has led to treatments that are so effective that they can prevent onward transmission of the virus?



Did you know that research in HIV science helped the world better respond to COVID-19?



Did you know that Australia could be one of the first countries in the world to virtually eliminate new infections?



Did you know some of the world's leading HIV basic scientists, clinical scientists, social scientists and epidemiologists are based in Australia?



Did you know researchers in Australia are working to find a cure for HIV?

Critical Dates

20 June	Webinar information session on the application which focuses upon the work at the four participating centres/institutes
28 June	Fellowship applications due
By 12 July	All applicants notified of the outcomes
5-6 August	Attend the participating sites in Sydney
19-20 August	Attend the participating sites in Melbourne
15 September	Fellowship welcome dinner in Sydney
16-18 September	Australasian HIV Conference 2024 in Sydney
25 September 2024	Fellows Wrap-up and Reflections meeting

At ARCSHS



- Our research is focused on the social contexts of risk for HIV and viral hepatitis, and lived experience of infection, diagnosis, and treatment (including well-being and quality of life) and contributes to the generation of knowledge on the relationship between community, policy, and health services.
- Our work also investigates the ways in which marginalised consumption activities (such as alcohol and other drug use) are sexualised and gendered in ways that shape social, and institutional supports and responses.
- We are also a provider of research-based training, resources and workforce development programs, particularly in the areas of sexuality education, blood-borne viruses, and LGBTI-inclusive practice.

At Burnet Institute



- We have over 500 scientists, students and staff conducting world-leading research in 20+ countries.
- We work closely and have long-standing relationships with key populations including the LGBTQIA+ community, people who use drugs, young people and culturally and linguistically diverse people.
- Our research spans epidemiology, discovery research, mathematical modelling, implementation science, international development, disease surveillance and much more!

At the Kirby Institute



- The Kirby Institute was established in 1986 by the Australian Government as a national HIV research centre, in response to the HIV epidemic at that time.
- We conduct HIV and other infectious disease research across a broad range of research disciplines, including the laboratory, clinical trials, public health and social science.
- Since the beginning, we have worked closely with affected communities to develop health solutions that improve the lives of people living with HIV, and prevent to transmission. The Kirby Institute has been involved in the development and assessment of virtually every new HIV medication since the epidemic emerged, ultimately leading to the current highly effective, safe, one-pill-a-day treatment.

At the Doherty Institute



- The Doherty Institute is home to The Victorian Infectious Disease Reference Laboratory (VIDRL), which was the first laboratory to culture and share the SARS-Cov-2 virus in January 2020.
- We have a Human Infection Challenge (HIC) clinical trial unit where volunteers are deliberately infected with defined pathogens under highly controlled conditions to understand immune responses to infection, and the develop and test new therapies.
- We have an active research program in HIV cure, including basic and translational research, as well as interventional clinical studies.

At the Centre for Social Research in Health



- Our staff come from a large range of social science and humanities disciplines and we work in close collaboration with community, health agencies and policy makers.
- We conduct world leading research in understanding and reducing HIV-related stigma using qualitative methods, survey-based and intervention research.
- Our surveys of men who have sex with men to understand risk and prevention of HIV have run for almost 30 years and guide practice and policy.

At the HIV community sector agencies

napwha national association of people with hiv australia



- The Australian HIV community workforce numbers serval hundreds of people from a vast array of professional and peer backgrounds across a number of community agencies in every Australian state and territory.
- These people work with various communities and key affected populations to respond to issues of HIV prevention, care, treatment and support and often work closely on various HIV research studies and programs.
- These agencies are guided by peak organisations who all share a strong history of incorporating public health, health promotion and social justice programs and services in a partnership approach across Australia.

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Tick here if you would like to be contacted by ASHM to receive a free ASHM membership.

Tick here if you agree to the four participating research centres and institutes contacting you with further information about their programs of study.

By submitting this application I acknowledge you have read and agreed to the terms of conditions of the Gilead YES Fellowship Program and the Privacy Collection Notice below.

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