



Melbourne Centre
for Cities

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Role description and affiliation outline.

Centre mission and purpose

Cities are on the frontline of today's most pressing global challenges. The way we manage and study cities, and how city leadership is thought of in an interconnected but disrupted world, are critical to our collective futures. This is where the University of Melbourne's new Melbourne Centre for Cities comes in with an explicit focus on urban governance as its main area of research, action and training, and a distinct purpose to foster and foreground cities research in and from Melbourne with a clear cosmopolitan outlook. The Centre focuses on the role of cities in major societal challenges, how city leadership can address them, and the information needed to do so in a connected but also disrupted and unequal time. The Centre takes an explicit international point of view on pressing questions for urban governance. It does so by aiming to work with peers and places around the globe, explicitly connecting cities, urban researchers and key stakeholders in city leadership. Engagement by the Centre with collaborators and partners based outside of the University of Melbourne is a critical component of achieving this mission. The Visiting Program of Melbourne Centre for Cities is design precisely to formalise, where appropriate some of these connections, as well as to ensure the Centre provides an open and supportive environments to colleagues outside Melbourne.

Purpose of the role:

Centre Visiting Fellows are University of Melbourne guests and honorary staff whose role is appointed, fully or partly, through the Centre and whose work outside the University is well aligned to the Centre mission and current programs. They are associated to one or more Centre programs/projects, and hosted by a specific Centre associate/fellow, and are engaged in regular Centre activities as per appropriate. They are recognized in Centre materials and activities, can access dedicated hot desking space within the Centre offices and career development programs as appropriate to the level of appointment.

Key responsibilities

1. Take active part in one or more Centre programs/projects relevant to the fellow's expertise
2. Take active part in the academic life of the Centre through participation in all-staff events and activities that pertain to the visiting/honorary affiliation.
3. Provide appropriate mentoring and advice to Centre staff

Role requirements

Visiting and Honorary Fellows are guests/adjuncts of the Centre community and more broadly of the University of Melbourne. They are 'hosted' by a Centre Fellow or Associate as main point of reference, and appointed through a relevant academic division (typically the Faculty aligned to their Centre 'host'). They can access the daily academic life of the Centre (e.g. through meetings and all-staff activities), university access and systems (e.g. email), and where appropriate Centre office space. General duties and periods of appointment follow the overall University guidance and host academic division procedure: <https://policy.unimelb.edu.au/MPF1156#section-3.11>. Typically, honorary fellows will be appointed for 2 years renewable, and visiting fellows for one year, renewable

Visiting and Honorary Fellows have varying time commitment to Centre activities but are all equally required to take active part in:

1. annual all-staff activities (Cities @ Melbourne Forum, annual retreat)
2. relevant project/program activities in collaboration with relevant Centre Fellows/Associates
3. and other bespoke events/engagements as per reasonably determined with Centre management and collaborating Centre programs and Fellows.

They are of course welcome to also take part in the monthly forum for Centre staff and other regular exchange forums, and are kept abreast of these via regular Visiting Fellows and all-staff communications.