

VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS  
The University of Melbourne

**KEITH AND ELISABETH MURDOCH TRAVELLING FELLOWSHIP 2007**

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Keith and Elisabeth Murdoch Travelling Fellowship is offered by the Victorian College of the Arts once every two years. Its purpose is to enable artists who have graduated from the School of Art of the Victorian College of the Arts to travel abroad and to enjoy a measure of financial support during the early years of their professional careers.

Terms and conditions governing the award of the Fellowship are as set out below.

1. The award will be entitled the Keith and Elisabeth Murdoch Travelling Fellowship. At the discretion of the judges, minor awards may be made.
2. The value of the Fellowship and any minor awards shall be determined by the Council of the Victorian College of the Arts.
3. Eligible persons will be invited, through public advertisement, to submit the following:
  - 3.1 four 35 mm slides of the artist's recent work;
  - 3.2 an outline of their proposed travel itinerary and study program, and
  - 3.3 a brief curriculum vitae.
4. The judges will initially meet to consider the submitted slides and to select up to 25 artists to participate in the exhibition. Each selected artist will be invited by letter to submit one original work which has been produced in the two years immediately preceding the date of making application for the Fellowship.

Dimensions

- Two-dimensional works must not exceed two metres in height or width.
  - Three-dimensional works must not exceed eight cubic metres, with no dimension exceeding two metres.
  - Any special display requirements must be clearly indicated and easily achievable.
5. To be eligible to enter for the award of the Fellowship an applicant must:
    - 5.1 hold, or be eligible as a graduand to hold, a Bachelor of Fine Art, Bachelor of Fine Art (Honours), Graduate Certificate in Visual Art, Postgraduate Diploma in Visual Art, Master of Fine Art or Master of Visual Art, arising out of studies completed in the School of Art of the Victorian College of the Arts (hereafter referred to as the School of Art), this qualification having been obtained at some time during the four years immediately preceding the date of submission of an application for the Fellowship;
    - 5.2 be an Australian citizen or have resided in Australia for the four years immediately preceding application for the Fellowship;
    - 5.3 make an application for entry on the prescribed form and in the prescribed manner.
  6. No recipient of the Fellowship is eligible to receive it again.
  7. All work must be delivered to the place nominated by the College by the date prescribed for that purpose.

8. The judges of the Award will be the Head of the School of Art and two other judges appointed by the Council of the Victorian College of the Arts.
9. The judges will examine all works submitted for the Fellowship and may require to interview any applicant before submitting their recommendations to Council.
10. If the judges consider that two or more applicants are of equal merit they may require such applicants to submit additional work.
11. The judges will submit to Council a report in writing recommending the artists, if any, whom they have selected by majority decision to receive the Fellowship or any minor awards.
12. After consideration of the report of the judges, Council:
  - 12.1 may award the Fellowship and/or any minor award to the artists who have, to Council's satisfaction, submitted the most meritorious work, or
  - 12.2 if Council is of the opinion that the standard of work submitted is not sufficiently high, it may make no awards, or may make minor awards only.
13. When, as in 12.2 above, Council resolves to make no awards, or minor awards only, the Fellowship money not awarded will be reserved and thereafter used to supplement payments of subsequent Fellowships in any manner that Council may determine.
14. Council reserves the right:
  - 14.1 to exhibit to the public all or any of the works submitted for the competition;
  - 14.2 to arrange for the reproduction in any newspaper, magazine, film or other medium any of the works submitted by any applicant.
15. Applicants must remove their works as and when notified by the College. In the case of works not removed within one month of the date notified, the works become the property of the College and may be disposed of in any way the College determines on the advice of the Head of the School of Art.
16. All expenses of packing, forwarding, delivery, insurance, removal and transit of works submitted by the applicant will be borne by her or him.
17. Council will not be responsible for the loss or destruction of, or damage to, any works submitted.
18. Council may determine the dates and amounts for payment of the first or any subsequent instalment of any award.
19. Subject to the provisions set out in paragraphs 18 and 20, payment of instalments will be made in Melbourne or any other place agreed between the award winner and the College.
20. The period of 18 months during which the Fellowship is, or any minor awards are, tenable will be deemed to begin on the date of the payment of the first instalment or on any such later date as Council may determine.
21. Unless otherwise agreed to by Council, every Fellowship holder must, during the period of the Fellowship, spend a period of not less than 9 calendar months of study in residence in an art centre or art centres outside Australia, as approved by Council.
22. Every Fellowship holder must forward to Council each half year a report regarding work in which he or she is engaged, and a final report following completion of the work.

23. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary implicit in any of the terms and conditions relating to the Fellowship, Council may, on such information as appears satisfactory to it, determine whether the provisions of these terms and conditions are being complied with, and may withhold altogether, or for such period as it thinks fit, payment of any further instalments of the award.
24. Every Fellowship holder must, within two years after the awarding of the Fellowship, offer to the College not less than three major works and the College may, on the advice of the Head of the School of Art, select one of these works which the Fellowship holder will then present to the College, together with the rights of ownership and copyrights thereof.
25. Notwithstanding anything implied in earlier Terms and Conditions:
  - 25.1 If the person to whom the Fellowship has been awarded dies before payment of the first instalment, Council will be under no liability whatsoever with respect to payment of the Fellowship.
  - 25.2 If the Fellowship holder dies after payment of the first instalment Council will be under no liability whatsoever, but may pay such further amount or amounts to such person or persons as it in its absolute discretion determines.
  - 25.3 Council may on such information as appears satisfactory to it determine whether the Fellowship holder has by reason of illness or other cause become incapable of taking advantage of the Fellowship or of taking further advantage thereof (as the case may be). If Council determines that the holder has become so incapacitated, it shall be under no liability whatever, but may pay such amount or amounts, to any such person or persons as it in its absolute discretion determines.
  - 25.4 Council will in no instance be under any liability to any person claiming to act as assignee or trustee, or as representative, of the Fellowship holder or of any person to whom a minor award has been made. However, the foregoing provisions of this Paragraph will not affect the power of Council to make payments to such a person or persons as Council in its absolute discretion determines, as provided in sub-paragraph 25.2 and 25.3 of this paragraph.
  - 25.5 Whenever Council is empowered to determine any matter or thing relating to award of the Fellowship it may do so as it sees fit, and may in its absolute discretion resolve not to provide an opportunity to be heard to any person claiming an interest in any such determination.