

## Visa Pathways for Overseas Visiting Academics

The following table is a guide to provide an overview for **Training and Research (Subclass 402) Visa – Research stream**: for professional academics invited to visit Australia to observe or participate in an Australian research project at an Australian tertiary or research institution.

<b>Training and Research (Subclass 402) Visa – Research Stream</b>	
<b>Who it is for:</b>	<p>You must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible for this visa stream:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be sponsored by a training and research sponsor or visiting academic sponsor</li> <li>• have been invited to observe or participate in an Australian research project:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ at the sponsoring Australian tertiary or research institution</li> <li>○ in collaboration with other academics employed by the sponsoring Australian tertiary or research institution</li> </ul> </li> <li>• be employed or have formerly been employed as an academic at a tertiary or research institution outside Australia and hold or have held a senior academic title</li> <li>• have qualifications and experience required for the position</li> <li>• have a significant record of achievement in your field</li> <li>• have a genuine intention to stay temporarily in Australia</li> <li>• have adequate financial support for you and any accompanying family members while in Australia</li> <li>• have adequate arrangements for health insurance for you and any accompanying family members for the duration of your intended stay in Australia</li> <li>• meet health and character requirements.</li> <li>• Your visa is valid for the period of the position or up to 12 months.</li> </ul>
<b>What visa holders can do</b>	<p>This visa will allow you to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enter Australia at any time after your visa is granted</li> <li>• remain in Australia for the period of the training, research position or program</li> <li>• undertake the work or activity specified in your visa application</li> <li>• bring any eligible secondary applicants (family members) with you to Australia</li> <li>• enter Australia once or on multiple occasions during the visa validity period</li> </ul>
<b>What visa holders are not permitted to do and their obligations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• must not receive remuneration other than a contribution towards living and travel expenses</li> <li>• If your sponsor ceases your employment or training, you must notify the department and find another employer who is willing to sponsor you.</li> <li>• continue in the position for which your visa was granted</li> <li>• not do any work other than the research for the position in relation to which your visa was granted</li> <li>• engage only in activities that are consistent with the activities specified in your visa application</li> <li>• do research for the employer who sponsored you for the visa</li> <li>• not become unemployed, leave your job to work for someone else, or work for someone else in a second job</li> <li>• not receive a salary.</li> </ul>

### **How to apply**

**You can be in or outside Australia to apply for this visa.**

**There is no nomination requirement for the Research stream of the Training and Research visa (subclass 402).**

You will need to complete the visa application Form 1402 Application for a Training and Research visa and attach all necessary documentation.

See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/pdf/1402.pdf>

**Refer to the DIBP Website under Training and Research visa (subclass 402) Research Stream for more comprehensive information and instructions on applying for this visa: <http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/402.aspx>**

#### **Financial support**

You may be asked to provide evidence of funds, such as employment contract, bank statements or a letter from your financial institution stating your financial position. Allowances, accommodation and other assistance from your sponsor can also be considered when looking at your ability to support yourself.

#### **Health insurance requirements.**

This requirement may not apply to you if your country has a reciprocal health care agreement.

You (and any accompanying family members) must hold adequate health insurance cover for the entire time you are in Australia. You should ensure your insurance will provide at least the level of coverage required for the purpose of your stay. Your health insurance cover does not have to be held with an Australian insurer. Arrangements made in your home country may be assessed as being acceptable.

As a guide to the level of health insurance the department will accept as adequate, refer to 'Attachment A' in the health insurance standard template letter.

See: [Health Insurance Standard Template Letter](#) (106KB RTF file)

#### **Your passport**

You must have a valid passport from an eligible country to apply for this visa. If you plan to get a new passport, you should do so before applying for your visa. If you get a new passport after you have lodged your application, give the details of your new passport to the processing office. <http://www.immi.gov.au/Help/Locations/Pages/our-offices.aspx>

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**Applicants may also wish to investigate alternative visa class options under;**

- <http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/601.aspx>
- <http://www.immi.gov.au/Visas/Pages/600.aspx>
- <http://www.immi.gov.au/Services/Pages/electronic-travel-authority-online-applications.aspx>