

UDI Visiting Fellowship for Ukrainians

Australia's 1st visiting program
for **Ukrainian students** and early career researchers
with **Ukraine Democracy Initiative** (UDI)
at the **University of Technology Sydney** (UTS).



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UDI Visiting Fellow Program with University of Technology Sydney

UTS School of Communication hosts outstanding MA, PhD students and early career researchers from Ukraine, who wish to spend a short period of time at the Ukraine Democracy Initiative within School of Communication, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences. They are able to work on their research projects and discuss their work with UDI and UTS researchers at School of Communication seminars, research events and engage with higher degree research students. Fellows are welcome to participate in the academic activities of the Faculty and UTS.

About The Program

The Ukraine Democracy Initiative (UDI) Visiting Fellow Program enables research students at MA, PhD levels and early career researchers from UTS's Ukrainian partner universities to travel to Sydney to collaborate on projects of mutual interest with UTS academics. Visitors appointed under this program are provided with up to AUD \$6,000 (depending on the length of their visit) to be used for travel, accommodation, and living expenses during their stay. The hosting School of Communication will provide suitable space and facilities.

The academic visits under this program are intended to further research collaboration in the area of Ukrainian studies and broader communications studies:

- Politics, society and the environment
- Branding, PR and industry evaluation
- Journalism and communication
- Digital and social media, screen and sound studies
- History and creative Writing

The Main Ukrainian Partner Universities:

- **Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University (KNU) (Kyiv, Ukraine)**
www.univ.kiev.ua

Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv is Ukraine's top university. KNU is ranked within top 500 Universities in the world. It is the third oldest university in Ukraine after the University of Lviv and University of Kharkiv. Currently, its structure consists of fifteen faculties (academic departments) and five institutes. At present, the student body of Taras Shevchenko University totals about < 30,000 students.

- **National Academy for Public Administration under the President of Ukraine (Kyiv, Ukraine)**
www.academy.gov.ua

The National Academy for Public Administration under the President of Ukraine is the main state higher educational establishment in Ukraine for preparation, over-preparation and improvement of qualification of state service personnel and officials of local self-administration. It was founded in 1995 as the Ukrainian Academy of State Administration.

Program Objectives:

The program's objective is to provide opportunities for long-term research engagement between UTS and Ukraine partner universities.

MA, PhD students and early career academics participating in the UDI Visiting Fellow program are expected to:

- Publish a paper in a peer reviewed journal within 12 months
 - Present at public seminar/lecture at UTS
 - Give a seminar/talk for Ukrainian community
 - Present at a conference within 12 months
 - Broaden collaborative connections with other academics at UTS
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Duration of Stay:

Appointments are generally expected to be around 2 months in duration. If funding is sought for a period shorter or longer than this, a clear explanation should be included with the proposed visit time. Visitors must be in residence for at least 75% of their appointment.

Program Guidelines:

Visiting fellows and UTS host academics are required to read and abide by the UDI Visiting Fellow Program Guidelines. This document contains important information about the Australian visa, invitation letter, health insurance, travel expenses, airfares and accommodation for visiting fellows. It also includes a step by step checklist to guide visiting fellows and UTS host academics through the steps involved before, during and after the visit.

UDI Visiting Fellow Program Guidelines.

The UDI team and/or their host faculty will advise visiting fellows on where to find suitable accommodation during their stay at UTS. It is expected that visiting fellows will reside in the vicinity of Broadway or another area close to UTS during the fellowship period and will participate fully in the itinerary prepared by their host faculty and the UDI team.

Visiting fellows may find more information about accommodation, transport, money and banking, and safety in the **Living in Sydney tips**.

Applications for 2021 (Round 2) are NOW OPEN and will close on 15th January 2021.

How to Apply - See below.

For any further enquiries please contact:
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UDI Director at olga.oleinikova@uts.edu.au

How to apply for the UDI Visiting Fellow Program at UTS

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How to Apply

1. Read the UDI Visiting Fellow program's Eligibility Criteria, Fellowship Overview and Guidelines.
2. Define your research project topic, outline the planned outcomes of your visit, and agree on the content of the Application.
3. View the application form and prepare all the necessary documents for submission:
 - Completed application form
 - Applicant's CV, including a list of publications and/or professional activities.
 - 1-2 page description and the title of the planned research project.
 - 2 reference letters.
4. Submit completed application and all the necessary documents to the relevant department at your university in Ukraine or to team@ukrainedemocracy.org

Eligibility Criteria

Applicants for fellowship must have an institutional affiliation to a UTS University Partner in Ukraine (Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University (KNU) or National Academy for Public Administration under the President of Ukraine and working to complete their MA, PhD degree or be an early career researcher (having research experience and publications).

Applicant's research project should align with the UDI's and UTS's School of Communication key research areas:

- Politics, society and the environment
- Branding, PR and industry evaluation
- Journalism and communication
- Digital and social media, screen and sound studies
- History and creative Writing

Selection Criteria

The criteria for assessing applications include academic distinction demonstrated by the standard measures of academic level, place of appointment, record of publication, honours and awards; the relevance of the proposed research to the work of UDI and UTS; reference letters.

Applications from MA, PhD students to early-career academics are strongly encouraged.

UDI and UTS strives, in its selection process, to have a mixture of MA, PhD research students with early career scholars, and to achieve a gender balance. UDI and UTS does not discriminate for or against any applicant on the basis of race, colour, sex, religion, political opinion, age, medical record, marital status, impairment, disability, or sexual preference.

Selection committee consisting of 4 members will meet to discuss the applications and choose the top 3 candidates. The selection committee will include 1 representative from USFA Board of Directors, UDI Director and 2 academics from UTS (including Head of School of Communication).

Candidates will be notified via email about the success of their application.

Key Dates

The key dates for the 2021 (round 2) applications are:

- Applications open: 15th November 2020
- Submission of applications close: 15 January 2021
- Results announcement: 1st March 2021
- Visits to take place between Q3 and Q 4 2021