

FREQUENTLY ASK QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. Is there an age limit for fellowships?

There is no age limit. As long as you meet the minimum requirements, you are eligible to apply. Each application is considered on its own merits.

2. I do not have a PhD, can I still apply?

If you are still a PhD candidate at the point of application, you may also apply provided that you are confirmed for graduation by your commencement date at ARI. An official letter from the Registrar's Office of your university will be required to confirm the award of your PhD degree.

3. Can I select more than one cluster?

In cases where your research overlaps between clusters, you may select up to a maximum of two clusters only.

4. If I were to sign the form, it could only be scanned as an uneditable pdf file. Am I still expected to sign the form, or leave the space for signature blank?

You can either use a digital signature or type in your name.

5. What happens if one of my referees is unable to supply a reference to support my application?

All applications must be supported by at least two letters of reference. If one of your referees is unable to provide a reference, you should identify another referee who can submit a reference before the application deadline (i.e. 3rd September 2018). We will not contact referees to request references on your behalf or remind them to submit references.

6. Will I have to be in residence at ARI for the duration of the fellowship?

The expectation is that PDFs, RFs and SRFs will be based at ARI and in Singapore for the period of their Fellowships. Visiting Senior Research Fellows will be expected to spend the large majority of their time at ARI to maximize the opportunities for interaction and collaboration.

7. Is there any format/template for the research proposal?

No, there is no standard format/template, however we encourage proposals of between two and eight single spaced pages.

8. My research topic does not belong to any of the clusters. Can I still apply?

We will not consider any application which does not belong to any of ARI's seven clusters.

9. Can I contact your staff to discuss the research proposal that I am going to submit for this application?

Yes, you may contact the leader of the research cluster(s) to which you are thinking of applying.

10. I am interested in applying for a Postdoctoral Fellowship, however I obtained my PhD more than 2 years ago? Can I still apply?

Yes, as long as you meet the minimum requirements, you are eligible to apply. Each application is considered on its own merits.

11. I am interested in applying for the Visiting Senior Research Fellowships position. Can I apply for between 6 months to a year?

Should you wish to apply for a longer term Visiting Senior Research Fellow position, you may indicate this in the application form. We will consider extensions of up to 5 months only. This is subject to approval and budget.

12. What is the difference between Senior Research Fellow /Research Fellow and Visiting Senior Research Fellow?

Senior Research Fellows and Research Fellows are 100% ARI and do not have a 'home' university to return to; Visiting Senior Research Fellows are usually on research leave from their home universities and will return there after their period at ARI.

13. Will I receive acknowledgement from ARI once I have submitted my application/ references letter?

Yes, an auto email acknowledgement will be sent to you once we have received your application and reference letters. If you do not receive any acknowledgement, please drop us an email at ari_recruit@nus.edu.sg

14. When is the application deadline for 2018 fellowships?

The application deadline is 3 September 2018. All materials, including application form, research proposal, CV, and letters of recommendation, must be received by this date. Please note that no extension will be given.

15. I am interested in applying but I notice the deadline is over, can I still apply?

No, once the deadline is over, we will not consider your application. Please look out for our next application sometime in June 2019.