**Subclass 408 Visa Request Form for Invited Researcher**

*Please complete this form if you are requesting a visa for an invited researcher, who may or may not be remunerated and/or may also have an employment offer.*

***Invited Academic Researcher:*** *If you are requesting a visa for an invited academic researcher, please complete the General Section (****Section A****) as well as Academic Researcher (****Section B****).*

***OR***

***Invited Research Student:*** *If you are requesting a visa for an invited research student (ie, currently enrolled or completed postgraduate studies within past 12 months), please complete the General Section (****Section A****) as well as Research Student (****Section C****).*

*Please return this completed form as an attachment in MSWord format. Please do not convert to pdf. Please return to* *visas@visalawyers.com.au* *or to the lawyer at Visa Lawyers who is assisting on this matter.*

**SECTION A – FOR ALL INVITED RESEARCHERS – GENERAL INFORMATION**

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| **Requesting**  | **Response** |
| **Name of person completing form** |  |
| **Your email address** |  |
| **Invited researcher’s full name** |  |
| **Invited researcher’s date of birth** | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| **Invited researcher’s email** |  |
| **Invited researcher’s Skype** |  |
| **Number of invited researcher’s accompanying family members** |  |
| **Host Australian University / Research Institute name** |  |
| **Name of host Faculty/ School/ College/ Division in Australia** |  |
| **Campus name & physical address where research will be conducted in Australia** |  |
| **Visit Start Date** | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| **Visit End Date** | Click or tap to enter a date. |
| **Confirm that hours of research are full-time** | [ ]  Yes, full-time [ ]  No  |
| **Will researcher be funded/paid by sponsoring Australian university?** | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| **If yes, please provide amounts to be paid as lump sum/ per week/ per month / other** |  |

***Please continue to Section B (Academic Researcher) or to Section C (Research Student)***

**SECTION B – FOR INVITED ACADEMIC RESEARCHERS ONLY**

Academic Researcher Visa Requirement: Please note that it is a requirement of this visa subclass that the applicant has a significant record of achievement in their field and seeks to [enter](https://legend.online.immi.gov.au/migration/2017-2020/2017/21-10-2017/legend_current_ma/Pages/_document00000/level%20100002.aspx#JD_5-enterdefinition) / remain in Australia to:

1. visit an Australian tertiary or research institution; where they will
2. observe or participate in an Australian research project/program; which will involve
3. collaborating with academics who are Australian citizens/permanent residents and who are employed by the host institution.

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| **Required Information for Visa** | **Response** |
| **Name of overseas university where invitee is or was employed** |  |
| **Employment status at above institution** *(delete as applicable)* | [ ]  Currently employed [ ]  Has ceased employment |
| **Collaborators on the research project based at the sponsoring university and who are Australian citizens/permanent residents** | ***Title*** | ***Name*** | ***Position*** |
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| **Australian-based Collaborative Research Project Details** |
| **Research Project Title/Topic** |  |
| **Nature of Research** |  |
| **Aim and scope of Australian-based research project** *(Maximum 150 word abstract providing an overview of the aims, scope, methods, and expected outcomes of the research project)* |  |
| **Justification for research project***(Please provide 2-5 sentences outlining the research context, reason for the research, and the possible benefits that may result)* |  |
| **List any Australian research funding supporting this project***(Please name funding source(s), grant value of each, and grant duration of each)* |  |
| **Details of invitee’s significant record of achievement in their field***(Please provide 2-5 sentences detailing career highlights, achievements, significant publications, & research impact etc)* |  |
| **How invitee’s skills/knowledge will benefit the research project** *(Please provide 2-5 sentences demonstrating this)* |  |
| **Duties of the invitee in relation to the research project while in Australia***(Please provide 5-10 duties to be performed in undertaking the research - please keep broad enough to facilitate flexibility in research scope -* ***suggested duties provided should be edited to reflect the research context*** *and may be retained or omitted as applicable)* | * Undertaking comprehensive literature reviews and analysis that thoroughly examines the selected research project topic(s)
* Refining research project aims and outlines in consultation with collaborators, as appropriate
* Developing and refining central hypothesis/hypotheses for testing
* Reviewing and finalising project design, aims and anticipated outcomes; establish a feasible plan for completion of project.
* Preparing and submitting University and other required ethics applications as required
* Undertaking research and prioritising research tasks to meet agreed deadlines
* Conducting preliminary/pilot studies including gathering, collating and analysing data
* Conducting follow-on studies to validate and extend preliminary findings
* Devising a clear publication plan and preparing draft manuscripts based on research undertaken at the University for publication
* Preparing for and presenting findings at workshops, seminars, colloquia and/or conferences
* Establishing and maintaining good collaborative working relationships with other researchers at the University
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| **Confirm that the invitee will provide their findings to the sponsoring Australian university/research institute and recognise the sponsoring Australian university/research institute in any publications derived from the proposed research** | [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |

**SECTION C – FOR INVITED RESEARCH STUDENTS ONLY**

Research Student Visa Requirement: Please note that it is a requirement of this visa subclass that the applicant seeks to enter or remain in Australia to:

1. Visit an Australian tertiary or research institution; to
2. undertake a research project; which is
3. closely related to the course of study in which the student is enrolled at the foreign educational institution or was enrolled within the prior 12 months.

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| **Required Information for Visa** | **Response** |
| **Name of overseas university where invitee is or was enrolled** |  |
| **Enrolment status at above institution** *(if neither apply, please complete Section B instead of Section C)* | [ ]  Currently enrolled [ ]  Completed postgraduate studies in last 12 months |
| **Name and position of supervising Senior Academic based at sponsoring Australian university/research institute who will be responsible for research student** | ***Title*** | ***Name*** | ***Position*** |
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| **Details of Research Project Closely Related to Course of Study** |
| **Research Project Title/Topic** |  |
| **Nature of Research** |  |
| **Aim and scope of research project that is closely related to the course of study in which the student was/or is enrolled at their overseas institution** *(Maximum 150 word abstract providing an overview of the aims, scope, methods, and expected outcomes of the research project)* |  |
| **Justification for research project***(Please provide 2-5 sentences outlining the research context, reason for the research, and the possible benefits that may result)* |  |
| **How invitee’s skills/knowledge will benefit the research project** *(Please provide 2-5 sentences demonstrating this)* |  |
| **Duties of the invitee in relation to the research project while in Australia***(Please provide 5-10 duties to be performed in undertaking the research - please keep broad enough to facilitate flexibility in research scope -* ***suggested duties provided should be edited to reflect the research context*** *and may be retained or omitted as applicable)* | * Undertaking comprehensive literature reviews and analysis that thoroughly examines the selected research project topic(s)
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