Department of Education and Training

Higher Education and Skills

Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch Memo

**TO:** Learn Local providers, PIRE Branch staff, ACFE Board, adult education institutions, peak bodies, key stakeholders

**FROM:** Eduard De Hue, A/Director — Participation, Inclusion and Regional Engagement Branch

**DATE:** 02 February 2021

**SUBJECT: International Specialised Skills Institute – 2021 Round 1 Fellowships now open**

Actions

* Eligible applicants are encouraged to apply for Round 1 of the ISS International VET Practitioner Fellowships. More information (including the application form and guidelines) is available on the ISS Institute website, see: [ISS Institute Fellowships](https://www.issinstitute.org.au/fellowships/fellowships-available/)
* Round 2 of the Fellowships will open in July 2021.

2020 VET International VET Practitioner Fellowships

The Department of Education and Training works in partnership with the International Specialised Skills (ISS) Institute by funding the International VET Practitioner Fellowships. The Fellowship program focuses on developing opportunities within the VET sector to assist in building an Education State in Victoria that produces excellence and reduces the impact of disadvantage. In addition, the program is funded to support the priorities of Skills First, including developing capacity and capability, innovative training practices and increasing teacher quality within the VET sector as well as building industry capability and developing Victoria’s current and future workforce.

Why the ISS Institute?

The ISS Institute is a not-for-profit, independent, national organisation that has worked for over 25 years with Australian governments, industry and education institutions to enable individuals to gain enhanced skills and experience in traditional trades, professions, leading edge technologies and, education and training.

About the Fellowships

There will be five Fellowships available in each of the two rounds for the 2021 calendar year, with the first round of applications opening on 1 February 2021 and closing on 26 March 2021. The second round of Fellowships will open on 26 July 2021 and will close on 17 September 2021.

Five Fellowships of $13,000 each are available to VET Practitioners, who are employed within Victorian Government contracted RTOs, including TAFEs, private RTOs and Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board registered Learn Local providers, see: [2021 VET International Practitioner Fellowship flyer](https://www.issinstitute.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2021-DET-Flyer.pdf)

Those eligible are invited to apply for Fellowships that will support the continued development of VET delivery with priority given to **ONE** of the following priority areas;

1. Developing quality training with deep and meaningful connections to emerging or ongoing needs.
2. Developing educational approaches that address the gaps between disadvantaged learners and high-quality education and training outcomes.

How to apply for this Fellowship?

To apply for this Fellowship, you are required to:

* Complete the Application Form
* Provide a current curriculum vitae (resume)
* Provide two letters of support which indicate that your Fellowship field is relevant and will benefit the industry (e.g. peak industry bodies, government agencies, professional associations)
* Provide an Employer Endorsement Letter indicating that you will be supported to meet the obligations associated with this Fellowship (this letter should be from your current CEO, director or manager).

Email these documents to [applications@issinstitute.org.au](mailto:applications@issinstitute.org.au)

Further Information and Contact Details

For more information including the Application Form and Guidelines, see: [ISS Institute Fellowships](https://www.issinstitute.org.au/fellowships/fellowships-available/)

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