

# Visitor Program Guidelines 2025



## Introduction

The Planetary Health Equity [Hothouse](#) (hereafter the Hothouse) is based at the School of Regulation and Global Governance ([RegNet](#)) at the Australian National University ([ANU](#)). We welcome academics, policymakers, practitioners and civil society representatives to spend time at the Hothouse to participate in the lively and intellectually stimulating environment, and to work on projects and activities that align with our areas of interest and expertise.

The Hothouse is the centrepiece of Professor Sharon Friel's Australian Research Council Laureate Fellowship on governance for planetary health equity. The Hothouse addresses three major and interconnected challenges – a rising public health burden, social inequality and climate change – and provides a roadmap towards planetary health equity (PHE). PHE is the equitable enjoyment of good health in a stable ecosystem.

The cycle of planetary health inequity is aggravated by the global consumptogenic system, which is characterised by institutions, policies, commercial activities, norms and behaviours that encourage and reward excessive production and consumption of fossil fuel-reliant goods and services that are unhealthy and inequitably valued and distributed. The goal of the Hothouse is to generate new knowledge about how to transform the consumptogenic system towards PHE goals.

## Being a Hothouse Visiting Fellow

Visiting Fellows can be academics, government officials or civil society members. To be a Visiting Fellow, we ask that you

- a. collaborate with Hothouse researchers, or
- b. conduct a discrete project related to our expertise and interest, or
- c. undertake self-directed research visits to support components of an academic program, for example a research project of a master's degree, or independent projects. This category of visitor is expected to be self-directed, with no supervisory support offered by the Hothouse.

Visiting Fellows are encouraged to actively engage with staff and students of the Hothouse and RegNet. There are many opportunities to attend seminars, present work in progress and to engage with our PhD students. In addition, the ANU has a varied program of seminars and conferences in which visitors are welcome to participate. Visiting Fellows will have access to a shared office space and a computer.

Visitors will need to have their own source of salary/funding and should plan sufficient funds to cover adequate living expenses for the duration of their stay. Visa documents and associated costs, if required, are the responsibility of the visitor.

## Application procedure

If you are interested in visiting the Hothouse, please email ([hothouse@anu.edu.au](mailto:hothouse@anu.edu.au)) including information about your proposed dates and project and your short CV.

## Additional information

Canberra is the nation's capital and as such is home to a variety of places of interest for research such as the National Library of Australia and National Archives of Australia, as well as a variety of other institutions such as the National Gallery, Australian Institute of Sport and National Museum.

Canberra is considered a very liveable city and particularly family friendly. Canberra is three hours by car/bus to Sydney, four hours by train, 45 minutes by aeroplane. It is linked by regular flights to the other Australian capital cities and to international destinations via Sydney and Melbourne airports.

### University Life

The Australian National University is a medium-sized university by Australian standards, with a diverse community. As a visitor to the School you are a member of this community and invited to participate in the various offerings around campus.

### Canberra Housing

Visitors are responsible for finding their own housing for the duration of their stay. Depending upon market conditions, requirements and budget, housing can be difficult to secure close to the University. This [link](#) provides resources and advice for short stay, staging and private rental accommodation.

### Medical Insurance

Many visitors from overseas are not eligible for Medicare, the national health insurance scheme.

Thus, visitors will need to arrange for their own private medical and hospital insurance before arriving in Canberra. Long stay visitors should consult

[https://privatehealth.gov.au/health\\_insurance/overseas/index.htm](https://privatehealth.gov.au/health_insurance/overseas/index.htm) while short stay visitors should purchase adequate levels of travel insurance.