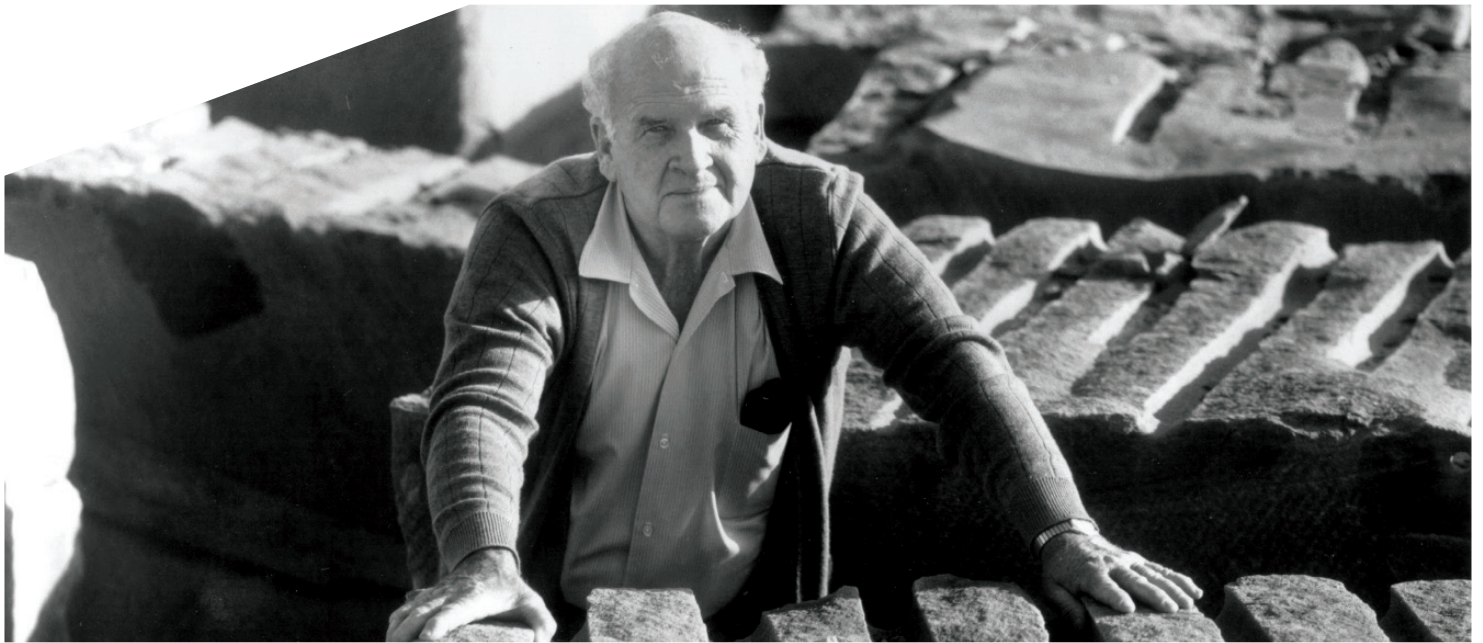


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Fostering the passion and skills of heritage stonemasonry in Australia.

The George Proudman Fellowship provides opportunities for talented stonemasons to travel overseas to gain experience that may not be readily available in Australia. The Fellowship aims to provide individual skills enhancement for the benefit of heritage stonemasonry in Australia.

Remembering George Proudman

The Fellowship was established to honour the legacy of the late George Proudman, who up until his death in 2000 was a passionate educator and advocate for the stonework conservation of culturally significant public buildings. As Master Mason of NSW Public Works in the 1970's and 1980's, George was instrumental in revitalising the craft of stonemasonry in NSW.

George was pivotal in establishing the State Government's stone yard, re-establishing the TAFE Stonemasonry course and in sourcing appropriate replacement stone. These resources combined provided the foundations for the NSW Minister's Stonework Program. The Program is unique to Australia and provides a specialist team of skilled heritage stonemasons and architects to care for all the State agencies' heritage stonework buildings, structures and monuments assets. The George Proudman Fellowship aims to keep George's vision alive and is seeking candidates who are interested in continuing that legacy.

What are the focus areas of the Fellowship?

The Fellowship provides an opportunity to travel overseas and undertake applied research. Activities of the Fellowship are not prescribed and applicants are required to provide a proposal that will enhance, promote and improve traditional stonemasonry skills in Australia. Applied research involves the investigation of problems to develop practical solutions. Candidates are encouraged to identify where there may be a skills gap in Australia and propose activities to address those identified. Examples of applied research include approaches to stone cleaning, mortar repair options or other aspects related to heritage stonemasonry.

Who can apply?

Trade qualified stonemasons working in NSW, who are citizens or permanent residents of Australia and with experience in traditional masonry works.

Key Dates

Applications Open: 14th October 2022

Past Fellowship Talk: 2nd November 2022

Applications Close: 11th November 2022

Applications are shortlisted by the selection panel:
14th-18th November 2022

Shortlisted applicants are interviewed from
21st November 2022

Applicants are notified of outcome: 5th December 2022

About the Fellowship

- The Fellowship amount is \$12,000
- Proposals should be tailored to the Fellowship amount (including taxes) and present an anticipated cost breakdown for each component within the proposal, and where relevant, any items which are proposed to be covered by the applicant's own funds.

- Fellowship activities may include meeting knowledgeable leaders, conducting interviews, observation, immersion in workplaces, undertaking specialised training or attending specialist conferences.
- Fellows must manage their Fellowship funds personally to arrange their travel, accommodation, living allowance, insurances and activities.
- After completing their Fellowship activities, Fellows must prepare a formal Fellowship Report documenting their activities, findings and recommendations for the benefit of industry/skills enhancement in Australia.
- Fellows must arrange for time off work with their employer to undertake their research or skills enhancement component. Whilst the Fellowship is being awarded to the individual and not their employer, it is important that the employer supports the individual's application and will enable the individual to meet Fellowship obligations.

Application Requirements

Applications open on 14th October 2022 and close at midnight 11th November 2022. The application must consist of the following 4 documents:

- a completed application form
- a Curriculum Vitae (resume)
- a letter of support from your employer (unless you are self-employed) indicating that your employer understands you will need to take leave from work (eg. Annual Leave, professional leave etc) to travel overseas and meet the obligations associated with the Fellowship
- a Professional Reference from a person who knows the applicant in a professional capacity and can comment on their achievements and commitment to their profession.

Email these documents to GPF@pwa.nsw.gov.au

Assessment Process

- Each submission will be evaluated by the George Proudman Fellowship Selection Panel, who hold heritage stone masonry and heritage architecture expertise within conservation, education, government or other related disciplines/industries
- Short-listed applicants are then interviewed by the Selection Panel.
- Interviews may be conducted in person or by tele-conference / video-conference.
- The Selection Panel's decision is final and binding and given the number of applications we receive we are unable to provide feedback on individual applications.
- Each applicant will be advised of the outcome of their application.

Conditions of the Fellowship

1. Fellowship Application (including the attachments – Curriculum Vitae, 1 x Employer Endorsement Letter) must

be received by the closing date. No late applications will be considered.

2. The duration of the applied research/skills enhancement component varies depending on the aims of the Fellowship (but generally Fellows spend between 2 – 4 weeks overseas).
3. Successful applicants will enter into a contractual agreement to ensure that all Fellowship requirements are met.
4. Fellows must prepare a detailed Fellowship Report outlining their activities, destinations, contacts, research, findings and recommendations. (Also acquittal of the grant expenditure)
5. The Fellowship, including publication of the final Fellowship Report, must be completed within 12-18 months of receiving Fellowship.
6. Fellows agree to disseminate their Fellowship learnings, findings and recommendations to peers, industry leaders and other relevant bodies and report back to the fellowship about these.
7. Our Fellows agree to be ambassadors of the George Proudman Fellowship throughout their Fellowship and into the future.
8. The Selection Panel's decision is final and binding.
9. Unsuccessful Fellowship applicants are welcome to apply for a Fellowship in the future.
10. No person to whom the Fellowship has been awarded may apply.

Enquiries

The George Proudman Fellowship welcomes applications from any individual who meets the conditions of entry. Whether you are familiar with preparing submissions or have never done so in the past do feel free to contact us prior to or during the preparation of your Fellowship Application. If you have any questions please contact;

Email: GPF@pwa.nsw.gov.au

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