



Centre for Research in
Assessment and Digital Learning

CRADLE Visiting Scholars Scheme Frequently Asked Questions

1 How do I apply?

Please respond in writing to the criteria listed in the blog post with a maximum length of 3 pages (but brevity is appreciated). Also include:

- your full academic CV
- a letter of support from your manager/head of school

Submit your application using this Qualtrics form:

https://researchsurveys.deakin.edu.au/jfe/form/SV_3juhVpoholOb37M

2 When are applications due?

The closing date for applications is **16 March 2026**. After this time applications will be reviewed by the CRADLE team. The Co-Directors reserve the right to invite shortlisted candidates to a Zoom interview prior to making a final decision.

3 How much funding is available?

We anticipate that funds to support the visiting scholar will be within the range of \$5,000 to \$10,000 AUD, depending on length of stay proposed and cost of travel. Visiting scholars will book their own travel and be reimbursed for expenses prior to the end of 2026. Funds may be used to cover flights, accommodation, and associated travel expenses (e.g. airport transfers, visa application costs). Any expenses beyond the awarded amount will be the responsibility of the visiting scholar.

4 When should I plan my visit?

The timing will be finalised in agreement with CRADLE; but please indicate which month(s) you are available in your plan. Please avoid December-January and June-August as this is usually a time when many CRADLE members are away from the office. If required, please allow time for visa application and approval, which usually takes several months.

5 What do you mean by an outstanding track record?

This is always considered relative to opportunity: e.g. for early career researchers, we would expect a short history of high-quality publications and an emerging research profile. For established researchers, we would expect national and international recognition of contributions to the field.

6 I'm a PhD student, can I apply?

This scheme is intended to support researchers who already have their PhD qualification. The requirements for the proposal and visit are unlikely to be well aligned with expectations for doctoral work. CRADLE is generally able to host doctoral students who have support and funding from their home institution for research visits, where the student's research topic can be supported by CRADLE researcher expertise.

7 What do you mean by aligned research interests to CRADLE's research agenda?

The prospective visiting scholar should have demonstrated research experience (as evidenced by high-quality publication[s]) in at least one of CRADLE's research priority areas.

CRADLE's [research themes](#) are available on our blog site and you may also wish to consult individual researchers' recent [publications](#).

8 Should I contact CRADLE researchers individually to understand their availability to collaborate?

Yes, you should confirm the involvement of one or more CRADLE researchers prior to submitting the application. [Contact details](#) can be found on our blog site.

9 What do you mean by delivering a seminar/workshop in partnership?

We hope by working together on this, we can also offer value to broader research and practice communities. This seminar might be introductory, or aimed at a more expert level, and could be based on research findings or more focused on research methodology. We will advertise/share the invitation with the appropriate community within or beyond Deakin, which could include but is not limited to academics and third space professionals.

10 What do I do if my question has not been answered?

Please contact cradle@deakin.edu.au with further queries.