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RESEARCH CHAIR

The Australian Institute of International Affairs (AIIA) is seeking to recruit a new Research Chair. The AIIA is a not-for-profit organisation that provides an impartial forum for debate by arranging lectures, seminars and workshops. These range from intimate discussions to large public fora. Each year the AIIA hosts up to 200 of these events between its seven branches. The mandate of the AIIA also includes a research function, and AIIA publications include the *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, *Australia in World Affairs* book series, *Australian Outlook* blog, *International Law in Australia* book series and a range of other online publications and books.

The AIIA Research Chair is a prestigious position and the person selected will become part of a proud history of relevant, high quality research in the field of international affairs. Previous Research Chairs include Professors Hedley Bull, John Legge, Gordon Greenwood, Norman Harper, Anthony Milner, David Goldsworthy and John Ravenhill. Professor Shirley Scott is the immediate past Research Chair.

The Research Chair will oversee publication of several established series, including *Australia in World Affairs*, from conceptual development to publishing. The Chair will be a member of the National Executive, and will work closely with the Executive Director whilst being given the opportunity to explore and produce initiatives of their own. The Chair will also facilitate discussion amongst leading academics in the field, including contributors and a Research Committee. The Chair is given the discretion to select their own Research Committee to engage as he or she sees fit.

Key criteria for this position include:

- Academic and Professional Standing
- Entrepreneurship and Initiative
- Communication and Liaison Skills
- Involvement and Commitment

This is a voluntary position, however expenses are reimbursed. The Research Chair oversees a budget for the AIIA's research activities and publications.

Expressions of interest should include a Curriculum Vitae of proposed editors and confirmation of institutional support. Applicants should submit their expressions of interest to AIIA National Executive Director on ceo@internationalaffairs.org.au by **30 October 2016**.



**Selection Criteria
AIA Research Chair**

Academic and Professional Standing

- be an accepted and highly regarded member of the academic community
- possess a significant degree of experience and seniority
- have a significant research profile and be known to be up-to-date in the field
- have a wide network among universities
- willing to engage in working for young professionals (next generation)

Entrepreneurship and Initiative

- Have vision with the willingness to both formulate and implement new ideas
- Possess an entrepreneurial attitude and ability to attract funds and resources
- Be active in international relations networks and willing to promote the AIA
- always be looking for new opportunities to further the objectives of the Research Committee and further raise the profile of the AIA among relevant constituencies
- have initiatives to improve democratic debate on foreign policy and international issues

Communication and Liaison Skills

- be able to communicate in a courteous, engaging and diplomatic manner
- be inclusive, with the ability to consider multidisciplinary perspectives
- be able to interact fruitfully with various stakeholders

Involvement and Commitment

- possess energy and be available for the necessary amount of time (this may require some sacrifice of time that would otherwise be devoted to personal academic publishing)
 - be reliable and have the ability to follow-through on ideas
 - be based in a supportive institution providing appropriate institutional support
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