**SPONSOR INVITATION LETTER**

Dear **TITLE SURNAME**

**LETTER OF INVITATION – VISITING FELLOW (RESEARCH STREAM) – APPLICANT NAME**

I am pleased to extend an invitation for you to engage in research in the School of *XXXXXXX* at Edith Cowan University (“ECU”) as *a Visiting Fellow* appointment. The invitation is open to you for a period of *twelve* (12) months, from *DD MONTH YEAR to DD MONTH YEAR.*

Please note that no remuneration will be provided by Edith Cowan University. Consequently, it will be necessary for you and your current employer (University) to meet the entire cost of your travel and living expenses and those of any family members who accompany you to Australia.

During your visit it is anticipated that you will carry out research on *PROJECT NAME.* You will be expected to engage productively in interaction with researchers of the school, leading towards possible joint presentations and publications.

Please note that you will be responsible for the following during your visit:

* All financial obligations incurred by yourself (and family) arising from your residence in Australia, including medical and hospital expenses and the full cost of insurance to cover these expenses, and any taxation obligations will be your personal responsibility.
* The cost of sufficient travel insurance for your stay; this insurance to incorporate personal property cover, medical and hospital expenses and income supplementation and lump sum benefits in the event of an incapacitating accident.

ECU will meet the Department of Immigration and Citizenship (DIAC) sponsorship obligations for the duration of the Research Stream visa.

Your visit will formally be hosted by *ECU CONTACT NAME* who has been appointed as your contact person.

I very much hope that you enjoy your visit to Edith Cowan and that you find it professionally rewarding.

Please sign and return to hram@ecu.edu.au for our records.

Yours sincerely,

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Jenny Robertson *Name (Visiting Fellow)*

*Director Title*

*Human Resources Service Centre University*