



## LIFT-OFF FELLOWSHIPS

The Australian Mathematical Society *Lift-off Fellowships* are designed to help recent PhD graduates in Mathematics and Statistics jump-start their career by giving them financial support after they submit their PhD thesis, but before they take up their first postdoctoral position. The Lift-off Fellowships are awarded on the basis of academic merit. The Fellowships can be used for living expenses, to attend conferences, for travel and to fund visits of collaborators.

Applications can be made at any time. Applications, using the form overleaf and accompanied by a full CV, a letter of support from an expert in your field, such as your supervisor, and referees' reports on two papers accepted for publication or at least two examiners' reports on your thesis, should be sent to the selection committee, via the email address [Lift-off@austms.org.au](mailto:Lift-off@austms.org.au).

### Lift-off Fellowship Rules

1. The fellowship scheme is to provide short-term support, including living expenses and travel grants, for students who have recently submitted for examination a PhD thesis in the mathematical sciences.
2. To be eligible to apply for a Lift-off Fellowship, candidates must have submitted their PhD thesis for examination within the previous six months and applicants must have been members of the Society for the consecutive twelve-month period immediately prior to the date of application.
3. Awards will be based on academic excellence. It is expected that applicants will have submitted at least one paper for publication. The Fellowship Committee may consult with experts in the field.
4. Applications may be submitted via email to [Lift-off@austms.org.au](mailto:Lift-off@austms.org.au) at any time.
5. Applications for the Lift-Off Fellowship should include the completed application form, with a research plan and budget (at most one page), a full CV and a thesis abstract. The applicant should arrange for a letter of support from an expert in their field for their application together with referees' reports on two papers, which have been accepted for publication, or at least two examiners' reports on the applicant's thesis, to be sent directly to the committee care of [Lift-off@austms.org.au](mailto:Lift-off@austms.org.au).
6. In applying for a Lift-Off Fellowship applicants agree that if they are successful then their names and photos can be published on the web pages and journals of the Society. Fellowship recipients agree to submit a report to the Society at the conclusion of the fellowship and that excerpts from this report can be published in the Gazette of the Australian Mathematical Society.
7. The Fellowship Committee of the Society will make recommendations to the President of the Society on the award of the Lift-Off Fellowships.
8. The selection committee will recommend the amount to be granted, to a maximum of \$5,000, to a successful applicant, taking account of the proposed research activities, the need for support and the research track record of the applicant relative to opportunity.
9. Any unspent grant money from a Lift-off Fellowship is to be returned to the Society.
10. The Society expects to award up to seven scholarships annually until late-2020. Depending on demand, the Council may change the available funding for the scheme.

