

Alf Van Der Poorten Travelling Fellowship

The Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowships aim to assist young pure mathematicians in travelling in Australia and overseas so that they can enrich their mathematical research through contact with other mathematicians.

The Fellowships are awarded on the basis of academic merit, although need may be taken into account. The Fellowship is funded by the family of the late Professor Alf van der Poorten. Alf van der Poorten was a professor of pure mathematics at Macquarie University.

He published 180 papers, mostly in number theory and related fields. He was President of the Australian Mathematical Society 1996–98 and he was awarded its George Szekeres Medal in 2002 in recognition of his career research achievements and his contributions to the mathematical sciences. Alf van der Poorten was appointed a Member in the Order of Australia, AM, in the Australia Day Honours List 2004, for service to mathematical research and education, particularly in the field of number theory”.

Fellowship Rules

1. The Alf van der Poorten Travelling Fellowship is offered in odd-numbered years to researchers who have obtained their PhD in pure mathematics from an Australian university.
2. To be eligible to apply, a candidate must have qualified for their PhD within five years of the closing date and cannot have previously been awarded the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship. Applicants must have been members of the Society for at least twelve months at the time of application. (Back-dating membership to the previous year is not sufficient.) Preference may be given to applicants who are residents of Australia.
3. At most one Alf van der Poorten Fellowship will be awarded each odd-numbered year, unless no one of sufficient merit is found, in which case no Fellowship shall be awarded.
4. The Society's Fellowship Committee will recommend to the President of the Society that the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship be awarded.
5. Applications for the Alf van der Poorten Fellowship should include the completed application form detailing a travel and research plan and a budget (at most one page), a full CV and a letter from the awarding institution confirming when the applicant qualified for the award of their PhD. Applications should be sent to van.der.poorten@ austms.org.au by May 16 in the year of the award.
6. The applicant should arrange for two letters of support from experts in their field to be sent directly to the committee care of office@ austms.org.au.
7. The selection committee will recommend the amount to be granted, to a maximum of \$10,000, to a successful applicant, taking account of the proposed research and travel activities, the need for support and the research track record of the applicant relative to opportunity.
8. The Selection Committee reserves the right to consult with appropriate assessors.

9. In applying for an Alf van der Poorten Fellowship applicants agree that if they are successful then their names, a citation and photograph can be published on the web pages and in the journals of the Society and they agree to submit a report on their Fellowship after its conclusion.

10. The Alf van der Poorten Fellowships will be awarded, in the first instance, every odd-numbered year from 2015 to 2030. The amount of the award may be increased in consultation with the family of Alf van der Poorten.

Fellowship Application

Name	Date of qualification for award of PhD <small>This is the date that the applicant fulfilled all of the requirements for the award of their PhD and not the date that the degree was awarded.</small>
Current Institution or Employer	PhD Supervisor
AustMS Membership <input type="checkbox"/> I declare that I am a current member of the AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY and that I have been a member for the last 12 months.	
Research Proposal <small>Briefly describe the work to be undertaken during the fellowship. This can range from preparing material from the applicant's thesis for publication to new research. All budget items should be justified.</small>	

Fellowship Budget

Living expenses	
Conference participation	
Travel	
Other	
TOTAL REQUESTED (max \$10,000)	

Application Checklist

- Current CV attached
- A letter is attached which confirms the date I qualified for the degree of PhD.
- I have arranged for two letters of support to be sent to office@austms.org.au.