

2026 Australian [Re]Generation Fellowship

Information Pack



Supporting the next generation of regenerative agricultural producers, land stewards and food systems leaders.



About The [Re]Generation Fellowship

The [Re]Generation Fellowship program supports early-career farmers, graziers and land stewards to deepen their knowledge of regenerative agriculture and connect with a global community of peers and practitioners. The program enables Fellows to access ongoing learning and build relationships with others committed to advancing regenerative approaches.

The program was initiated by the US-based funder affinity group, [Funders for Regenerative Agriculture](#) (FORA), alongside partners Quivira Coalition, Holistic Management International, and the American Grassfed Association to support the growth and development of young people committed to life at the nexus of tradition and innovation, food and land, economy and community.

Each year, funders sponsor 25–30 US-based Fellows, covering the full cost of participation (including travel, lodging, food, and registration) to attend leading regenerative agriculture events. These include Quivira Coalition's REGENERATE Conference and the American Grassfed Association's Grassfed Exchange.

2026 Australian [Re]Generation Fellowship supported by Macdoch Foundation

The Macdoch Foundation is an Australian philanthropic foundation committed to building a nature positive, climate friendly agrifood system that is economically sustainable, nourishes people and strengthens communities.

Each year, the Foundation offers one fully funded scholarship to an Australian early-career farmer, grazer or land steward to attend the [REGENERATE Conference](#). The Fellowship aims to connect the recipient with peers and mentors in the United States while supporting their ongoing pathway in agriculture and food systems.

In 2026, the scholarship is valued at approximately USD \$15,000 and will support one Australian Fellow.

Attending the conference provides Fellows with the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field, while building relationships with peers and mentors. Through the experience, Fellows can find support for their work, bring fresh perspectives on the future of agriculture and participate in a network of all current and past Fellows to build community, and form lasting relationships.

What the Australian [Re]Generation Fellowship covers

Program components

- Pre-conference meetings and site visits
- Attendance at and associated registration fees at REGENERATE, October 28–30 2026

Travel and accommodation

- **Travel:** Premium Economy flights to and from the USA (from Australia):
 - Australia to Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA
 - Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA to Australia
- **Accommodation and food:** All accommodation and food directly related to Fellowship activities is covered, including the REGENERATE Conference and associated field trips (approximately 10 days)

Note: Fellows may extend their stay in the U.S. at their own expense, subject to visa requirements.

Networking, learning and reflection opportunities

- Meetings, programming and networking opportunities before, during and after the REGENERATE Conference, including:
 - Virtual introduction meetings prior to the conference
 - Dedicated [Re]Generation conversations and roundtables during the conference
 - A post-conference debrief with [Re]Generation Fellows immediately after the conference
 - Several virtual meetings occurring in the months after REGENERATE and ongoing networking opportunities

Fellows must be available to attend the REGENERATE conference in Santa Fe from 28–30 October 2026. The Fellowship also includes the option of additional site visits before or after the conference, within a maximum 10-day program.

Eligibility criteria

The Fellowship targets young and early-career farmers, graziers or land stewards aged between 18 and 40. To be eligible for the [Re]Generation Fellowship, applicants must:

- Be a grazer, farmer or land steward as primary occupation
- Have worked in the field for less than 10 years



- Be engaged in or have a demonstrated interest in pursuing regenerative agricultural practices

Selection process

Applicants will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Commitment:** Demonstrated commitment to regenerative agriculture or land stewardship
- **Capacity to influence:** Willingness and capacity to share learnings and influence others, including through public speaking and communications (with the support of Macdoch Foundation)
- **Representation / Diversity:** Applicants from historically underrepresented communities, economically low resource communities and other marginalised identities in agriculture will be prioritised. Applications from First Nations, Pacific Islander, and/or LGBTQ+ beginning farmers, land stewards are strongly encouraged – however, applications from from any background will be considered based on the strength of the application

Note: Applicants should carefully consider current travel conditions within the broader geopolitical context, including safety considerations, entry requirements, and any changes to border or visa settings. The U.S. government is routinely screening social media accounts as part of a condition of entry. Applicants are encouraged to review up-to-date advice via [Smartraveller](#) before applying.

How to apply

To apply, complete the online application [here](#) (you can respond to questions in brief essay or bulleted form).

Applications close Sunday, 19 July, 2026 and applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of August.

Note: The Fellow will be chosen by the [Re]Generation Fellowship Selection Committee, not the Macdoch Foundation.

For enquiries, please contact foundation@macdoch.com.



[Re]Generation Fellows Testimonials

"The most valuable experience I had as a Fellow was getting to meet other Fellows and other attendees of the conference. I can honestly say that these were some of the most talented and genuine people I have ever met. Moreover, my personal and professional trajectory in life have been permanently improved by the connections I made at the conference. I will get to participate in things that were once only dreams of mine."

"I found the sense of community and the recognition of the scope of the regenerative ag movement to be one of the most valuable elements of the conference. As a rural environmental farmer, being constantly bombarded with worldly woes, it is refreshing and necessary to be re inspired from time to time."

"The most valuable part was getting outside my 'bubble' and realizing that this is bigger than just myself and what I do. I realized that there is a place to connect with the rest of the world of conservation and regenerative agriculture. The future of regeneration is endless, and I am excited to jump in and see what will happen."

"I greatly enjoyed meeting my generation of individuals doing phenomenal things in the agriculture community. I don't see very many young agriculturists while attending other ag conferences. It was great to interact and listen to their stories and endeavors."

"This program shows investment in the future... Being able to bring in more women, queer people, people of color, native people, poor people into these spaces is so crucial for the literal survival of all of us."

What if I don't receive an award or I'm looking for a reduced conference registration rate?

If you aren't successful in being awarded a [Re]Generate Fellowship, you may still be eligible for a reduced beginning agrarian, land steward, and student rate to attend the conference.

Complete the [Beginning Agrarian, Land Steward, and Student Inquiry Form](#) (opens mid-July 2026) to apply for the discounted rate. After you submit the form, a member from the REGENERATE Planning Team will communicate with you about the discounted rate within 1-3 business days.