

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 participate in ongoing education and enables them to connect with and learn from other like-minded peers.

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 of the [Re]Generation Fellowship program sponsor 25-30 US-based Fellows (including full cost of, lodging, food, and registration fees) to attend regenerative agriculture conferences and events – including Quivira Coalition’s renowned REGENERATE Conference, as well as 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](#), with the goal of connecting the Fellow with peers and mentors in the USA, as well as supporting their ongoing pursuit of a life in agriculture and food. The scholarship is valued at approximately US\$15,000 to support one Australian Fellow in 2026.

Attending the conference provides Fellows with the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field, build relationships with peers and mentors, find support for their work, and bring fresh perspectives on the future of agriculture and participate in a network of all new and previous [Re]Generation Fellows to build community, and form lasting relationships.

What the Australian [Re]Generation Fellowship covers

- 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 expenses are covered for the activities directly related to the fellowship, including the REGENERATE Conference and related field trips (approximately ten days).

Note: If the Fellow would like to extend their time in the U.S. as part of their visit, they are welcome to do so at their own expense and in accordance with any visa requirements.

Networking, learning and reflection opportunities

- All [Re]Generation Fellows meetings, programming and networking opportunities before, during and after the REGENERATE Conference, including:
 - Introduction meetings held virtually before the conference
 - Designated [Re]Generation conversations and roundtables during the conference
 - Debrief for [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 either before or after the conference, for a maximum of ten days. The Committee can arrange additional site visits beyond this ten day program if desired, though associated costs are not covered by this scholarship.

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]Generate 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 interested in pursuing regenerative agricultural practices

Selection process

Applicants will be evaluated against the following criteria:



- **Commitment** – evidence of commitment to regenerative agriculture or land stewardship
- **Capacity to influence** – willingness and capacity to share learnings and influence others (including public speaking and communications – with the support of Macdoch Foundation)
- **Representation / Diversity** – the award process will prioritise applicants from historically underrepresented communities, economically low resource communities and other marginalised identities in agriculture. We specifically encourage the application of First Nations, Pacific Islander, and/or LGBTQ+ beginning farmers, land stewards, and students. However, qualified applicants from any background with a strong application will also be considered.
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- **Willingness and capacity to travel to the US** – given the current political context, there may be increased safety considerations that should be taken into account as you consider applying to this fellowship. In addition, please consider that the US government is screening social media accounts routinely as part of a condition of entry. Please read [USA Travel Advice & Safety | Smartraveller](#) to ensure your decision to apply is informed by up-to-date advice.

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. Applicants will be notified of the outcome by the end of August.

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

Please direct all enquiries to 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.