

Dean's Lecture Series 2027

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Background

The Dean's Lecture Series is one of our signature public engagement strategies that supports three of the five [Advancing Melbourne](#) pillars: Place, Education and Global.

Purpose and criteria

The intention of the **Dean's Lecture Series** is to create unrivaled and enriching experiences for our students, underpinning our ambition to be one of the leading schools for our disciplines in the world; it also underpins our ambition to be a dynamic, distinctive destination for our alumni, professional, government and general public audiences, demonstrating our influence across all our activities, as informed advocates leading public conversations, shaping policy development and transforming practice.

Through the **Dean's Lecture Series**, the Faculty expands our network, connecting our community with leaders in built environment innovation. These relationships remain fruitful over time beyond the events.

The series features high profile international guest speakers - leaders in our disciplines. Speakers from interstate who can travel to Melbourne will also be considered.

We aspire to equitable representation of our disciplines each year across the four events; and we are committed to diverse and inclusive programming.

We engage our international speakers for activities across a three/four-day period. Staff can apply through this expression of interest process to act as a host for their nominee for a range of activities:

- Keynote public lecture on a Tuesday evening
- Appearance/s in Masters-level and/or Bachelor of Design classes
- 1-2 hour workshop for ABP staff
- Japanese Room Conversation - small gathering for staff and high performing students selected by teaching staff
- Meetings or conversations with groups of students
- Engagement with subjects and studios
- Guest critic at reviews
- Research discussions, opportunities
- Other engagements, as appropriate

The **Dean's Lecture Series** could also offer the opportunity to partner with external organisations (industry, accrediting bodies and professional associations, government) and present public activities in collaboration.

Budget Allocation

The allocated budget must cover any required travel, accommodation in Melbourne, hospitality (dinners, lunches etc) and activities that make up the engagement.

Speakers are paid for their time. The amount will be determined by the remainder of funds, after expenses.

A **total** budget of **AU\$20,000** has been allocated to each visit.

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Expressions of Interest

* indicates a required field

Academic Host

ABP Academic Staff are welcome to apply to act as host for a nominated speaker for the 2027 Dean's Lecture Series.

Host *

First Name

Last Name

Host's Position *

Discipline

Please select your discipline from the drop down list

Primary Phone Number *

Primary Email *

Nominee

Nominee *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Position at Home Institution/Employer *

Institution/Employer *

Phone Number

Email *

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Alternative email

Must be an email address.

Website (if applicable)

Link to public lecture (if applicable)

This could be YouTube, TedX talks etc

Nominee CV *

Attach a file:

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Preferred Start Date

Alternate Start Date

Must be a date.

Proposed length of stay

Note in days or weeks

Please provide a list of three to four suggested events, excluding the Tuesday night keynote lecture. This list must include at least one classroom/student engagement. *

Must be no more than 500 words.

Resources

What resources will be required to support planned activities? *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

Resources could include lecture theatres, Maker Spaces support, or exhibition space.

If you require exhibition or gallery space, you will need to obtain approval from the MSD Exhibitions Team. Please visit [here](#) if you wish to apply for the Dulux Gallery.

Events Management

Please note: Development of the program for the visiting fellow is the responsibility of the host.

Administrative support provided by professional staff will be limited to travel logistics and events management.

Outcomes

What are the expected outcomes of the lecture series? *

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Budget - Expenditure

The budget must include the following information:

- **Airfare** Economy class airfares are encouraged. Premium economy will be considered.
- **Accommodation** Some university colleges provide accommodation at minimal cost to Visiting Fellows. This should be investigated before opting for hotel accommodation. See the Residential Colleges casual accommodation website [here](#).
- The Faculty of Fine Arts and Music manage the [Norma Redpath Studio](#). Visitors who are creative practitioners may wish to consider this option for accommodation. Bookings for 2027 will open later this year.
- **Other associated expenses** If applicable, and in accordance with the University's visitor payment guidelines:
 - honorarium for presenting a public lecture
 - reserved for dinner and/or reception following a public lecture (max \$1,500)

To add expenditure line items please click on the '+' button on the right side.

Expenditure

\$

	\$	
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Budget Totals

Total Expenditure Amount *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Budget - Income

Do you anticipate that the visitor will be co-funded? This could be through funding at their home institution or through industry partnerships.

If yes, please provide details below.

Income

\$

	\$
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Budget Totals

Total Income Amount

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Outcomes

Applications will be considered by the ABP Engagement Committee, with a final four approved.

For more detailed information or explication of the DLS, please contact:

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Deadline and selection process for the 2027 program:

- Applications open Monday 4 May 2026
- Applications close Friday, 5 June 2026 at 5 pm
- Interviews are to be held between 8 June and 30 July
- Outcome advised Friday 28 August