



Tim Fischer

FELLOWSHIP

Empowering changemakers
in rural and regional Australia

**Country
Education
Foundation**
AUSTRALIA





Unlock your potential with the **Tim Fischer Fellowship**

Are you passionate about making a difference in rural and regional Australia?
Do you have bold ideas and the drive to create change?

The **Tim Fischer Fellowship (TFF)** is your opportunity to explore new ideas, develop your skills, and accelerate your career with \$50,000 in funding.

What is the Tim Fischer Fellowship?

In the spirit of Tim Fischer's honesty, integrity, and selflessness, this Fellowship supports an individual with a vision and passion to make an impact in regional and rural communities. Whether you're an aspiring leader, a dedicated professional, or an emerging innovator, TFF provides the resources and mentorship to help bring your ideas to life.



You can view the objectives for the Fellowship here.

<https://cef.org.au/Programs/tim-fischer-fellowship/#guidelines>

What you'll receive

- **\$50,000 for education, professional development, or research.**
- **A personalised mentoring program** to grow your leadership skills and expand your network.
- **Invitations to key events** and networking opportunities.
- Support to **share your insights and inspire change** in rural and regional Australia.



Who can apply?

- Open to **all fields and career stages** – no industry restrictions.
- Must be **18 years or older** and an **Australian resident**.
- **Passionate** about supporting **regional and rural communities**.
- **Willing to represent Country Education Foundation (CEF)** as an ambassador.

What could it mean to be a Tim Fischer Fellow?

Being a Tim Fischer Fellow will give you **the opportunity to explore, expand your knowledge and network within your chosen area.**

As a Fellow, you'll be **empowered to create meaningful impact and drive real change** for rural and regional Australia.

Here are some of our examples of
what it could look like to be a **Tim Fischer Fellow**

Michael

LOCATION: ARMIDALE, NSW

FIELD OF INTEREST: RURAL AND REGIONAL
EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT

Michael, a former school principal, used the Fellowship to research innovative teaching methods tailored for remote schools. His project focused on integrating digital learning tools and teacher training programs to improve educational outcomes in rural areas. Through partnerships with universities and tech companies, Michael developed an online platform that now connects rural educators with professional development resources, helping bridge the education gap between city and country schools.



Dr. Emily

LOCATION: TOOWOOMBA, QLD

FIELD OF INTEREST: RURAL HEALTHCARE & MEDICAL RESEARCH
(PHD STUDENT)

As a PhD candidate in rural healthcare, Emily focused on improving mental health services in remote communities. The Fellowship allowed her to conduct field research, collaborate with healthcare providers, and develop a telehealth model tailored for rural patients. Her findings have influenced local policy changes, leading to better access to mental health services in the region. Emily now works with government agencies to implement her research on a broader scale.



Sophie

LOCATION: WAGGA WAGGA, NSW

FIELD OF INTEREST: REGIONAL BUSINESS
& SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Sophie, a young entrepreneur, wanted to help small businesses in rural towns thrive. With the Fellowship's support, she launched a business accelerator program connecting regional startups with mentors and investors. Her initiative has helped multiple rural businesses scale, driving economic growth and job creation in her community.



Key Dates

- **Applications open:** 7th July 2025.
- **Applications close:** 17th August 2025, submitted by 11:59 PM AEST.
- **Finalist interviews:** 22nd September 2025.
- **Recipients announced:** 17th October 2025 at the CEF Awards event in Sydney.



Who was Tim Fischer?

The Hon Tim Fischer AC was a wonderful supporter and strong advocate for Country Education Foundation's work in rural and regional Australia. **The former Deputy Prime Minister was involved with CEF for over 15 years.**

He was known for his warmth, intellect, down-to-earth demeanour, and was also **a passionate advocate for regional Australia, education, rail transport, and the arts.** He was an author, broadcaster and family man.



How to Apply

Seize this life-changing opportunity to develop your potential and create lasting impact in regional and rural Australia.

Scan the QR code to find out more. Or visit <https://cef.org.au/Programs/tim-fisher-fellowship>