

PHD SCHOLARSHIP – ARC DISCOVERY PROJECT IN INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN SECONDARY SCHOOL

Deakin University's Strategic Research Centre in Education, Research for Educational Impact, School of Education

Deakin University is looking for an outstanding scholar for a full time PhD scholarship to work on a large-scale qualitative study of international students' experiences of schooling in Australia and their biographical pathway/s over three years.

The successful applicant will be a full team member of a large multi-disciplinary Australian Research Council Discovery grant located at Deakin University in partnership with Griffith University. This multi-method, longitudinal study aims to analyse the forms and effects of international secondary students' transnational connectedness with different people and places in physical and on-line environments. It examines how and why students' relationships change across Years 10-12 of school, and the implications for students' experience of school, Australia, and post-school pathways.

The successful applicant will work with Professors Jill Blackmore, Catherine Beavis, Dr Ly Tran at Deakin, Professor Christine Halse (PI, Hong Kong). They will work in the project with a second Ph. D supervised by CI Associate Professor Leonie Rowan at Griffith University.

Applicants with disciplinary backgrounds in education, humanities or the social sciences are encouraged to apply. The award is to commence in July 2016.

Research Topic

ARC Discovery Project (2016-2019) – International students in secondary schools.

Aim of the Project

This multi-method, longitudinal study aims to analyse the forms and effects of international secondary students' transnational connectedness with different people and places in physical and on-line environments. It examines how and why students' relationships change across Years 10-12 of school, and the implications for students' experience of school, Australia, and post-school pathways. The findings will provide the essential empirical knowledge and theoretical insights that Australia needs to develop policies and practices to support international school students, protect their social, emotional and physical well-being, and improve the economic competitiveness of Australia's International Education sector.

The PhD candidate will have a defined project within the wider study tracking the biographical narratives of the students, while gaining the benefits of being in a large research team.

Value and benefits

A stipend of \$30,000 per annum tax exempt for 3 years.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must meet Deakin's PhD entry requirements, be enrolling full-time and hold an Honours degree (First Class) or a Master's degree with a substantial research component in a related field. Please refer to the entry pathways to higher degrees by research for further information.
- A strong Honours or research Master's degree (students completing in 2016 will be considered).
- Prior research in multiculturalism, gender studies, racism, cultural diversity and/or international education and a familiarity with relevant theory.
- Strong skills and experience qualitative research methods, such as life history, narrative and/or in-depth interviewing.
- Experience working with young people and schools.
- Familiarity with methods of qualitative data analysis, such as coding or discourse analysis.
- Familiarity with ENDNOTE and NVIVO would be an advantage.
- Applications are open to Australian/New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents.

How to apply

Submit the following information via email to Ms Diana Langmead via [email](#) by 5pm 31 May 2016.

1. A one page expression of interest outlining the disciplinary, theoretical, methodological and practical expertise and experience you will bring to the research project.
2. A CV containing the following information:
 - Personal details (name, address, email and phone contact)
 - Citizenship
 - Your tertiary (university) qualifications.
 - Current study (if applicable)
 - Evidence of your research ability and qualifications to undertake a PhD, including where applicable:
 - Original research, such as a thesis, dissertation or research project (not coursework essays or assignments).
 - Research methods subjects/units completed
 - Any research experience you may have had in your employment. You should outline what actual research you have done and what new knowledge was produced.
 - Your research publications, such as in refereed journals, conferences papers, books with original research, and research reports in industry.
 - Scholarships or awards received, including where and when you received the award
 - Names, position and telephone contacts for two referees who can comment on your research ability. If your application is successful, referees will be asked submit a written reference that is returned directly to the university.
3. A scanned copy of the following documents:

- Proof of citizenship: For Australian or New Zealand citizens, a birth certificate, relevant pages of passport, or citizenship certificate. For Australian permanent residents, relevant pages of passport showing visa or letter from the Department of Immigration.
- Academic record: Transcripts of all of your tertiary education studies. These should indicate the name of the qualification, the institution of enrolment, the years of study, the subjects/units undertaken, the grades achieved, explanatory notes concerning the grades.

NOTE: If you have previously been enrolled in a higher degree by research at another institution, or are applying to transfer your research degree from another institution you also need to provide proof of your commencement date and evidence of any intermissions or changes of candidature (eg from full time to part time)

Further information

If you wish to discuss your application please contact Ms Diana Langmead via [email](#) or phone +61 3 924 43982 and/or to discuss your research interests and project proposal before applying please contact Professor Jill Blackmore via [email](#).