

PHD SCHOLARSHIP - MEASURING CULTURAL PROPERTY DESTRUCTION IN IRAQ AND SYRIA

Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation

A PhD scholarship is available in Deakin University's Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation. The PhD student, under the guidance of the Chief Investigator, will initiate and conduct research on the topic of '*Measuring Cultural Property Destruction in Iraq and Syria*' led by A/Prof Benjamin Isakhan.

The successful applicant will be based at the Burwood Campus.

Research Topic

Measuring Cultural Property Destruction in Iraq and Syria

Aim of the Project

The broader project involves the collection of primary and secondary material concerning the destruction of cultural property in Iraq and Syria, the analysis of this material and its entry into sophisticated databases cataloguing the destruction of heritage. In recent years, both Iraq and Syria have seen unprecedented degrees of heritage destruction, especially with the expansion of various forms of sectarianism and militant Islamist jihadi groups, including the 'Islamic State' (among others). This project will be the first global attempt to record this heritage destruction. The PhD student is expected to develop a related but discreet research project on the topic of heritage destruction in Iraq and Syria in consultation with the Chief Investigator. The project is funded by a grant from the Australian Department of Defence and the PhD stipend is provided by the office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research).

Value and benefits

- A stipend of \$26,288 per annum tax exempt for 3 years.
- Tuition fee waiver for 4 years.
- Student Overseas Health Cover for the duration of the student visa.

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 demonstrated research strength in the field of Middle Eastern Studies and/or Heritage Studies.
- Demonstrated skills in database work, data entry and analysis.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

- Ability to present on topics of expertise.
- Demonstrated ability to show initiative and sound judgment.
- Ability to read/speak Arabic.
- Familiarity with Microsoft Excel.
- Applications are open to Australian/New Zealand citizens, Australian permanent residents and international applicants.

How to apply

Please refer to the [Apply for a research degree](#) webpage for application information.

Further information

If you wish to discuss your research interests and project proposal before applying, please contact A/Prof Benjamin Isakhan via [email](#) or phone +61 3 924 43934.