

Call for Expressions of Interest: Discovery Early Career Researcher Award applications in Cultural and Social Research

Institute for Culture and Society

The Institute for Culture and Society (ICS) within the University of Western Sydney (UWS) was launched in 2012. ICS constitutes a major national and international Institute for the pursuit of engaged interdisciplinary cultural and social research. Rated 5 (“well above world standard”) for Cultural Studies in the 2010 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) rankings, the Institute coordinates interdisciplinary cultural research across the humanities and social sciences and connects Australian cultural and social research to relevant research overseas, particularly in Asia.

With the continuation of the Australian Research Council’s Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) scheme in 2013 (see the website: <http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/decra.htm>) and a University commitment of significant new funding, ICS is investing in leading cultural and social researchers from Australia and overseas by supporting innovative and outstanding DECRA proposals from applicants up to 5 years post-PhD.

ICS Research Program

ICS’s research program is currently organised into the following research groups:

KNOWLEDGE PRACTICE STRANDS	BRIDGING THEME	CULTURE AND SOCIETY RESEARCH THEMES
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Methods, Disciplines and Social Change 2. Digital Research and Cultural Transformation 	<p>Australian Cultural Fields</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intercultural Dialogue and Transnational Culture 2. Institutions, Governance, Citizenship 3. Cultural Economy and Globalisation 4. Heritage, Environment and Society 5. Cities and Urban Cultures

ICS Research and Researchers

ICS researchers approach culture as a vital dimension of social, political, and economic life. Their practice-oriented, interdisciplinary research produces cutting-edge work in and across the fields of cultural studies, media studies, sociology, cultural and human geography, cultural economy, Asian studies, education studies, and museum and heritage studies. The Institute hosts UWS’s role in the Young and Well Cooperative Research Centre.

Academic staff in the Institute include:

Distinguished Professor Ien Ang (Director)
Professor Tony Bennett (Research Director)
Professor Kay Anderson
Professor Bob Hodge
Professor Donald McNeill
Professor Brett Neilson
Professor Ned Rossiter
Professor David Rowe
Professor Deborah Stevenson
Professor Stephen Tomsen
A/Professor Greg Noble (Director of Higher Degree Research)
A/Professor Robyn Bushell
A/Professor Hart Cohen
A/Professor Kaye Shumack
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Dr Tim Winter
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Dr Gabriela Coronado
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Dr Amanda Third
Dr Emma Waterton
Dr Megan Watkins

Expressions of Interest

ICS will offer expert assistance to DECRA applications where these fit closely with one or more aspects of its research program. Please consult the Institute's website (<http://uws.edu.au/ics>) for further details of the Institute's research program.

Please note that applicants seeking the endorsement of ICS need to complete the attached Expression of Interest and forward it by **9am Australian Eastern Seaboard time on 10 December 2012** (which is earlier than the date advised on the form). These should be sent to UWS Senior Project Development Manager Annette McLaren (a.mclaren@uws.edu.au).

Prospective applicants are advised to email a brief (1 paragraph) outline of their proposal and their current CV to Annette McLaren before completing the Expression of Interest for guidance regarding the fit between their proposed project and the Institute's research, and the levels of research performance that applicants will need to demonstrate.