

## 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 is 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 2015 (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"> <li>1. Methods, Disciplines and Social Change</li> <li>2. Digital Research and Cultural Transformation</li> </ol>	<p>Australian Cultural Fields</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cultural Diversity and Transnational Practices</li> <li>2. Institutions, Governance, Citizenship</li> <li>3. Cultural Economy and Globalisation</li> <li>4. Heritage, Environment and Society</li> <li>5. Cities and Urban Cultures</li> </ol>

### 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 Brett Neilson (Research Director)  
Professor Kay Anderson  
Professor James Arvanitakis  
Professor Tony Bennett

Professor Katherine Gibson  
Professor Dick Hobbs  
Professor Bob Hodge  
Professor Donald McNeill  
Professor Greg Noble (Director of Higher Degree Research)  
Professor Ned Rossiter  
Professor David Rowe  
Professor Deborah Stevenson  
Professor Stephen Tomsen  
A/Professor Robyn Bushell  
A/Professor Hart Cohen  
A/Professor Judith Snodgrass  
A/Professor Jerry Watkins  
A/Professor Tim Winter  
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Dr Emma Waterton  
Dr Megan Watkins  
Dr Jessica Whyte

### 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 an Expression of Interest form and submit a CV. If not attached to this email, forms are available by contacting ICS Research Officers Kristy Davidson and Michelle Kelly at [icsro@uws.edu.au](mailto:icsro@uws.edu.au). Please return completed EoI forms to this address by **5pm Australian Eastern Seaboard time on Friday 20 September 2013.**

Prospective applicants are advised to email a brief (1 paragraph) outline of their proposal and their current CV to UWS Senior Project Development Manager, Annette McLaren ([a.mclaren@uws.edu.au](mailto:a.mclaren@uws.edu.au)), 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.