



Master of Philosophy or PhD Scholarship commencing January 2017

The lived experience of disability for Indigenous Australians

The Institute for Culture and Society (ICS) researches transformations in culture and society in the context of contemporary global change. It champions collaborative engaged research in the humanities and social sciences for a globalising digital age. The Institute's engaged research is committed to making a positive difference in the world. It is engaged ethically and reciprocally with others. Our aim is to carry out innovative interdisciplinary research into continuities and transformations in culture and society in a way that contributes to understanding and shaping contemporary local and global life. This approach involves being reflexively engaged both with the world and in understanding the conditions and limits of its own knowledge practices.

The Institute is located in Parramatta, Australia, at Western Sydney University.

ICS invites applications from highly motivated graduates seeking to undertake either a Master of Philosophy or PhD to work with ARC DECRA Fellow Dr Karen Soldatic on a project related to Karen's Fellowship. The aim of the project is to examine the impact of disability policy on the lives of Indigenous Australians from regional towns and communities in Broome, Townsville, Geelong and Wollongong. A key criteria is a strong interest in disability studies.

Potential applicants should contact Dr Karen Soldatic (email k.soldatic@westernsydney.edu.au or phone (02) 9685 9533) to discuss their interests and to ensure their research proposal is relevant to the project.

What does a scholarship at ICS provide?

All students receive:

- Support for conference, fieldwork and additional costs as appropriate.
- A rich environment of support and academic expertise via supervisory panels, seminars, colloquia, and international and industry collaborations.
- Relocation allowance of up to \$1,455 for an interstate move.

Domestic students receive:

Tax free stipend of up to \$26,288 per annum for 2 years for a Master of Philosophy **or** for 3 years for PhD and a funded place in the relevant program.

International applicants are ineligible to apply.

Essential criteria

- Applicants should hold an Australian Bachelor Honours degree, or a Bachelor degree and demonstration in an appropriate discipline or disciplines of a capacity for research.
- Applicants must be of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent.

Next steps

For information about the application process, contact Karen Soldatic (email k.soldatic@westernsydney.edu.au or phone (02) 9685 9533).

For information on the Institute for Culture and Society visit the ICS website: www.westernsydney.edu.au/ics

How to apply

Submit a scholarship application form, CV, and all other relevant supporting documentation to the Graduate Research School (email grs.scholarships@westernsydney.edu.au) before the closing date of **5 September 2016**.

Applicants should ensure that all relevant documents are certified according to Western Sydney University requirements (www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/applying_to_study/certifying_documents). Incomplete applications will not be considered.

The application form can be downloaded from the Graduate Research School's Project Scholarships web page: www.westernsydney.edu.au/graduate_research_school/grs/scholarships/current_scholarships.

If you have any queries regarding the application process or enrolment, please contact the Graduate Research School at grs.scholarships@westernsydney.edu.au or phone (02) 4736 0966.

Applications close 5 September 2016