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## **PhD Scholarship opportunity – Attached to ARC Discovery Project Fostering Global Digital Citizenship: diaspora youth in a connected world (DP190100635)**

**Research Topic:** The PhD student will initiate and conduct a doctoral research project affiliated with an Australian Research Council funded 3-year Discovery Project, *Fostering Global Digital Citizenship*, led by Dr Amelia Johns (UTS), Dr Jessica Walton (Deakin), Dr Gilbert Caluya (University of Melbourne) and Professor Anita Harris (Deakin).

The ARC Discovery project uses school ethnography and digital ethnography to examine: i) the everyday digital media practices of diaspora students attending secondary school in culturally diverse areas (2 schools in Sydney, 1 in Melbourne); ii) what (if any) types of citizenship orientations and skills are fostered through these digital media practices, and iii) how the findings align with, or depart from, conceptualisations of digital citizenship as defined by policymakers and implemented in Australian school programs. Based on the findings, the project will create evidence-based recommendations to inform school digital citizenship programs, enhancing their inclusivity and relevance for a culturally diverse student population.

This research brings together academic and policy approaches to global citizenship and digital citizenship to investigate linkages and possible disconnections between school based programs aimed at producing globally and digitally responsible students, and the everyday digital media practices of diaspora youth.

Diaspora youth, meaning those with a migrant and/or refugee background, are critical to the study of global digital citizenship because they often maintain links with family, friends and communities in other countries, enabled by globalisation and advances in digital technologies and transnational communication. Based on our scoping survey of student demographics in schools offering digital citizenship programs in highly culturally diverse areas in Melbourne and Sydney, diaspora youth from primarily China, India, Afghanistan, Vietnam and Iraq will be key cohorts for this study. By including diaspora youth from different migrant backgrounds and migration pathways, and with attention to differences in class, ethnicity, religion, gender and sexuality, we offer a more holistic and textured insight into the value or otherwise of transnational digital practices to everyday experiences of being young diasporic citizens of a globally and digitally connected world.

## **PhD Opportunity:**

We are now offering a scholarship to a highly motivated PhD candidate to work on this project. Applicants are invited to propose a project on any aspect of the connection between global citizenship, transnational media practices and digital citizenship curricula and school based programs. The proposed doctoral project must align with the focus of the broader Fostering Global Digital Citizenship project, therefore it must focus on diaspora youth experience, and it must include a school ethnography component (school recruitment will be facilitated and supervised by the project team). The project will be based at UTS, aligned with the Digital and Social Media Discipline, and supervised by Dr Amelia Johns, with Associate Supervision from one of the other project team members. Applicants must include a project proposal, outlining topic and research question, research project aims and preliminary description of design, with the application.

## **Benefits:**

- This scholarship is available over 3 years.
- Commonwealth Research Training Program scholarship (RTP Stipend) of \$27,596 per annum tax exempt (2019 rate) will be offered to the successful candidate

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

To be eligible you must:

- Be a domestic student.
- Receive a PhD offer for the Autumn 2020 session and be able to commence between January 2020 and March 2020.
- Meet UTS's PhD entry requirements
- Be enrolling full time and hold an honours degree (first class) or an equivalent standard master's degree with a substantial research component.
- Have a background in Digital and Social Media, Education, Sociology, Cultural Studies or equivalent.
- Include a writing sample in your application.

Additional desirable criteria include:

- CALD applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

## **Application process and closing date:**

Closing date to submit your application is **01/11/19**

To apply go to the Postgraduate Research Degree Application page (Step 4): <https://www.uts.edu.au/research-and-teaching/research-degrees/applying-uts/how-apply>

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