

PHD SCHOLARSHIP IN THE SOCIAL AND GLOBAL STUDIES CENTRE, RMIT UNIVERSITY

The Social and Global Studies Centre at RMIT University (Melbourne campus) is offering a PhD scholarship and tuition fee waiver to an exceptional and highly motivated student to conduct doctoral research on the nature and impact of image-based harms on digital platforms, and the legal, policy, corporate and regulatory responses to these harms. Image-based harms includes (but is not limited to): image-based sexual abuse (the non-consensual sharing, or threats to share, of nude or sexual images); child sexual abuse material; and other abhorrent violent (visual) material disseminated on digital platforms. The PhD thesis will form part of a broader project, funded by an Australian Research Council (ARC) Future Fellowship, led by Associate Professor Nicola Henry, titled *Detecting, Preventing and Responding to Image-Based Abuse: The Role of Digital Platforms and Services*. The candidate will be an integral member of the broader Future Fellowship team and will contribute to the intellectual development of the project, project meetings and conferences, and project outputs (such as co-authored publications). They will be supervised and mentored by Associate Professor Nicola Henry and two other co-supervisors at the Melbourne (CBD) campus at RMIT University.

Selection Criteria

The successful candidate will need to demonstrate:

- First-class honours or equivalent in at least one of the following disciplines: gender studies; law; socio-legal studies; criminology; psychology; or digital studies.
- High-level research skills;
- Excellent written and communication skills;
- Demonstrated capacity to work independently and as part of a team;
- Experience in qualitative research, or demonstrated capacity for qualitative research;
- Knowledge of feminist research, methods and/or theories;
- Experience in conducting research or working on sensitive topics;

Desired:

- Good knowledge of the Australian legal system and international laws governing technology-facilitated abuse and/or online content.

Value and Duration

\$28,106 per annum for three years (full-time).

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- satisfy RMIT University's [Doctor of Philosophy entry requirements](#);
- have first-class honours or equivalent in a relevant discipline;
- international applications must also meet the [minimum English language requirements](#); and
- meet RMIT's entry requirements for the Doctor of Philosophy.

As Australian borders are presently closed and unlikely to reopen by June 2021, international applications who are not currently in Australia are ineligible to apply.

Application Process

Please submit the following documents to nicola.henry@rmit.edu.au by 31 May 2021:

- Cover letter, outlining interest and alignment with the proposed research, and addressing the selection criteria; and
- CV (including the names of two referees).

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