

Scholarships in specialist research areas: citizenship, right-wing politics and gender

Overview

Australian Catholic University is offering two PhD Stipend Scholarships to conduct research within an Australian Research Council Discovery Project titled “Far Right in Australia: Intellectuals, Masculinity and Citizenship”.

Candidates will be embedded in ACU’s Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences and will be supervised by Professor Bryan Turner, the project’s chief investigator.

About Research at Australian Catholic University

ACU is a world-leading research university in our priority areas of education, health, and theology and philosophy and other liberal arts. Research excellence at ACU is founded on the principles of social justice and attracts global experts, students, and collaborators from across the globe. These PhD scholarships are offered to conduct research within the humanities, specifically sociology and political sciences, with a focus on social change, social theory, and citizenship. In 2020, ACU appeared in the CWTS Leiden Ranking for the first time and was the leading Australian university in the Humanities and Social Sciences when ranked both by the proportion of papers in the top 5% most frequently cited (a scientific quality measure) and by the proportion of papers demonstrating interinstitutional collaborative publication. In the newly-released 2021 Times Higher Education World University Rankings, ACU has risen to the 251-300 band, skipping the 301-350 band entirely and holding its place in the top 2 per cent of universities in the world.. In the 2018 Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) assessment, research in political science and sociology at ACU was assessed as being at world standard.

About the Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences (IHaSS)

The recently-established Institute for Humanities and Social Sciences will support ACU’s continued growth and success in the liberal arts, humanities and the social sciences. Under Director, Professor Joy Damousi, the new Institute will consist of a series of centres across the disciplines of History, Political Science, Sociology and Literature, and will strengthen and expand ACU’s interdisciplinary research.

About the PhD Stipend Scholarships

Two PhD Stipend Scholarships are available for high-performing candidates interested in researching non-conventional topics related to citizenship, right-wing politics and gender.

Possible research topics include but are not limited to:

1. Examining the role of intellectuals in influencing the formation of extreme political movements.
2. Analysing the globalisation of radical political views.
3. Studying how changes in employment, marriage, and gender relationships contribute to the transformations of masculinity in relation to militancy and violence.
4. Working on the transformation of politics and the collapse of a simple left-right political framework.

5. Examining the demographic basis of radicalism in the idea of ‘the displacement’ of the white population.
6. Exploring the role of women in far-right ideas and movements.

PhD Eligibility criteria

- The eligibility criteria for the PhD program at ACU can be found in the [Higher Degree Research Regulations](#)

Scholarship Eligibility criteria

In addition to the PhD program eligibility criteria, applicants should have research experience in:

- political philosophy, sociology or modern history.

Study mode and location

- Full-time for three (3) years,
- Based at ACU’s North Sydney Campus, Australia
- Commencing 2021.

Value and duration

- A tax-free stipend of A\$28,597 per annum for three (3) years, subject to satisfactory progress and full-time study mode; and
- a Research Training Program Fees Offset Scholarship; that is, a tuition fee waiver for three (3) years for domestic candidates; *or*
- an ACU Tuition Fee waiver for three (3) years for international candidates.

Application closes

November 20th 2020

Application instructions:

Interested candidates should contact Professor Bryan Turner *before* submitting an application for the PhD program and these scholarships:

E: Bryan.Turner@acu.edu.au

To be considered for these scholarships, applicants must submit all documentation required for an application to the PhD program at ACU, as detailed in the ‘How to Apply’ instructions on the [ACU Research Web Page](#), plus:

- A cover letter detailing demonstrated interest and/or experience in political theory, sociology or modern history.

For general candidature enquiries, email Candidature Services on res.cand@acu.edu.au, with the subject line ‘PhD Stipend Scholarship specialist research areas: citizenship, right-wing politics and gender’.