

# 2015 PhD Scholarships in Transforming Human Societies

Transforming Human Societies (THS) is one of the five Research Focus Areas at La Trobe University. THS is offering three PhD scholarships to research in one of the following three research themes.

1. understanding human origins, mobility and insecurity
2. understanding social and cultural change
3. achieving social justice with sustainability

THS offers a stimulating research environment for higher degree research students with opportunities to interact with world leading researchers at La Trobe. Students will have the opportunity to choose their supervisor from a wide range of disciplines including anthropology, archaeology, cultural studies, historical studies, law, philosophy, political science, social work, sociology, urban and regional planning, banking, finance and investment, business and management, psychology and genetics.

The THS key areas of research cover *five research clusters*:

1. Human Rights, Gender and Sexuality (Dr Fiona Kelly; f.kelly@latrobe.edu.au)
2. Migration and Mobilities – Ancient and Modern (Dr Raelene Wilding; r.wilding@latrobe.edu.au)
3. Indigenous Peoples – Australia and International (A/Prof Tracey Banivanua Mar; t.banivanuamar@latrobe.edu.au)
4. Sustainability and Social Justice (Prof Katie Holmes; k.holmes@latrobe.edu.au)
5. Political and Economic Change (Prof Nick Bisley; n.bisley@latrobe.edu.au)

## Scholarship Amount:

The offered scholarships are for 3 years, with a remuneration of \$30,000 per annum.

## Eligibility:

Applications are open to local and international students. Applicants:

1. Must already have a completed Honours degree (min) with a H1 result (or international equivalent) and an academic background relevant to the proposed area of study;
2. Must not be currently enrolled in a higher degree;
3. Must align closely with a research cluster and preferably have discussed their project with a cluster leader;
4. Must have identified a supervisor and have that supervisor's endorsement;
5. Must be able to commence study before 1 June 2016.

## Application Process:

Applicants should do the following by the closing date, **30 September 2015**:

1. Download RFA THS PhD Scholarship coversheet from [www.latrobe.edu.au/research/research-focus-areas/transforming-human-societies/2015-phd-scholarships](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research/research-focus-areas/transforming-human-societies/2015-phd-scholarships)
2. Submit the following documents to Olga Minchin: [ths@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:ths@latrobe.edu.au)
  - RFA THS PhD Scholarship coversheet
  - CV
  - a one page statement outlining your experience, training and expertise relevant to the proposed project
  - 300-400 word summary of your proposed project
  - a certified academic transcript of results
  - an IELTS (or equivalent) certified result (for international applicants only)
  - two Confidential Academic Referee reports using the template provided:  
[http://www.latrobe.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0010/658063/2015-GRS-LTI-CARR-Form.pdf](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/658063/2015-GRS-LTI-CARR-Form.pdf)
3. Please submit a formal application for candidature and a scholarship through the La Trobe higher research degree process: <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research/future/apply>. You will need to ask two referees to submit reports using the template provided on the website.