



Blue Security Fellowships 2026

La Trobe Asia, La Trobe University

Expression of Interest

Overview

The Blue Security Program is seeking expression of interest from early career scholars for the 2026 Fellowship Program. The Blue Security Fellowship aims to support emerging maritime researchers in Southeast Asia and Australia and promote diverse voices on maritime issues and facilitate new research on maritime security. Each Fellow will produce one x 8000-word Blue Security: A Maritime Affairs Series publication and at least one shorter commentary. Alongside this, there will be funded opportunities to travel in Southeast Asia, with the successful Fellows participating in at least one research workshop in 2026.

Fellows should demonstrate strong research skills and an interest in maritime security issues in the Indo-Pacific, with a focus on one of Blue Security's three pillars of: order, law or power. The Fellowships will be based at La Trobe Asia at La Trobe University but located remotely. We are also looking for Fellows who are interested in enhancing research collaboration between Southeast Asia and Australia, and existing research collaborations and networks will be looked upon favourably. There is a strong preference for Southeast Asian Fellows that focus on Vietnam, the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia.

Fellowship details

- **Remuneration:** Each fellow will receive \$5,000 AUD throughout the duration of the fellowship, and opportunities for funded travel
- **Duration:** March 2026-September 2027 (can be negotiated)
- **Institutional Base:** La Trobe Asia, La Trobe University
- **Location:** Remote
- **Experience:** PhD candidate or 5 years after obtaining the PhD (not inclusive of career interruptions)

About Blue Security

The Blue Security Program engages with and facilitates high-quality research on issues of critical maritime security across the Indo-Pacific. Bringing together leading regional experts in politics, international law and strategic studies, Blue Security focuses on three key pillars of maritime security: order, law and power.

Funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Australia, Blue Security is a collaboration between La Trobe Asia, University of New South Wales Canberra (ADFA), United States Studies Centre (USSC) and University of Western Australia's Defence and Security Institute (UWA DSI). It produces working papers, commentaries, and scholarly publications related to maritime security for audiences across the Indo-Pacific.

About the fellowship:

Successful recipients of the Fellowship will be expected to:

1. Produce high-quality research on maritime security issues in Southeast Asia. This includes one 8,000-word Blue Security: A Maritime Affairs Series publication and at least one commentary.
2. Undertake at least two presentations of your work in progress and final research findings.
3. Participate in relevant Blue Security activities, including online dialogues and events.
4. Participate in an in-person workshop in Southeast Asia.
5. Complete the project by September 2027.

Participation of in-person activities will be supported with funding from Blue Security. This includes travel and accommodation.

EOI Materials

At this stage, we are accepting EOIs. We may ask for more information in future.

1. A one-page A4 statement explaining your interest in the Fellowship program and relevant research and work experience.
2. A short CV of no more than 4 pages.

Applications must be sent via email to asia@latrobe.edu.au

The **deadline** for the application is **March 16, 2026**. Decisions to proceed with the EOI (or request for more information) will be made by April 30, 2026.

For any questions relating to this Fellowship or the Blue Security Program please contact:

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