La Trobe receives grant for research into raising university participation of new migrant groups

La Trobe has received a $144,460 grant from the Department of Education and Training’s 2016 National Priorities Pool funding round. The successful project, ‘Raising participation of new migrant groups in low SES and regional communities’, will be led by Dr Andrew Harvey, Director of the Access and Achievement Research Unit, and Dr Anthony Moran, Senior Lecturer at La Trobe. The project will explore the university aspirations and experiences of new migrants in low SES, regional communities, and the extent to which regional campuses support ethnic, socio-economic and religious diversity.

This project will focus on Shepparton and Mildura, two Victorian communities with high numbers of low SES, new migrants. University participation of new migrant groups is often low, which affects civic participation, campus diversity, economic productivity, and community wellbeing. The project will help universities to develop more tailored equity, outreach, recruitment and pathway models, and more inclusive campus environments for all students.

The project team includes Mark Mallman (La Trobe PhD Candidate) and Giovanna Szalkowicz (Research Officer, Access and Achievement Research Unit) as research assistants.

If you are interested in obtaining further information about the project or the AARU, please contact aaru@latrobe.edu.au