



Australian Postgraduate Award (\$28,728 per annum)

**ARC Linkage Project (2012-2015)
Intercultural Understanding in primary and secondary schools**

Deakin University is looking for an outstanding scholar for a full time PhD scholarship to work on a large-scale qualitative study of school students' experiences of racism, cultural diversity and their biographical pathway/s to intercultural understanding.

The successful applicant will be a full team member of a large multi-disciplinary Australian Research Council Linkage grant investigating the nature and impact of intercultural understanding and curriculum among children, adolescents, and teachers at the national, school and individual level (see Project Summary below).

The successful applicant will work with Professors Christine Halse and Fethi Mansouri. Applicants with disciplinary backgrounds in education, humanities or the social sciences are encouraged to apply. The award is to commence in 2012.

Benefits and Conditions:

- Living allowance (scholarship) of \$28,728 per annum (2012 commencing rate).
- Paid sick, maternity and parenting leave.
- Faculty of Arts and Education funding of up to \$1,000 per year assistance to present at a conference and \$3,000 once in candidacy to present at an international conference.
- ARC Linkage funding of transcription and local fieldwork costs.

Selection Criteria:

- A strong Honours (2A or higher) or research Masters degree (students completing in 2012 will be considered).
- Prior research in multiculturalism, racism, and cultural diversity, and a familiarity with relevant theory.
- Strong skills and experience qualitative research methods, such as life history, narrative and/or in-depth interviewing.
- Experience working with young people and schools.
- Familiarity with methods of qualitative data analysis, such as coding or discourse analysis.
- Familiarity with Endnote and NVivo would be an advantage.
- Applicants must be Australian or New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.
- Applicants must be eligible for a Victorian Working With Children Check.

Closing date: 5pm Wednesday 22 August 2012

Applications should be emailed to: Ms Rachel Haselden: rachel.haselden@deakin.edu.au Ph. 03 924 46472

ARC Linkage Project summary

This study addresses questions of national and international educational and social significance: what facilitates/impedes intercultural understanding (ICU) in children/adolescents and schools? How can these be addressed? How can we know what makes a difference? It uses a cultural systems approach, methodological and technological innovations, and a large-scale national study alongside longitudinal multimethod, multicohort studies in schools. It will produce the first psychometrically validated ICU assessment instruments, national ICU benchmarks, and explain national ICU 'hot & cold' spots; and identify critical incidents in the biographical formation of ICU and effective school strategies for improving ICU outcomes in children/adolescents.

Industry Partners: Victorian Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD), Together for Humanity Foundation, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), and Pukunui (Moodle) Technology.

Further information contact:

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HOW TO APPLY

Submit the following information via email to Ms Rachel Haselden: rachel.haselden@deakin.edu.au
by **5pm Wednesday 22 August 2012**

1. A one page expression of interest outlining the disciplinary, theoretical, methodological and practical expertise and experience you will bring to the research project.
2. A CV containing the following information:
 - a) Personal details (name, address, email and phone contact).
 - b) Citizenship details.
 - c) Your tertiary (university) qualifications.
 - d) Current study (if applicable).
 - e) Evidence of your research ability and qualifications to undertake a PhD, including where applicable:
 - f) Original research, such as a thesis, dissertation or research project (not coursework essays or assignments).
 - g) Research methods subjects/units completed.
 - h) Any research experience you may have had in your employment. You should outline what actual research you have done and what new knowledge was produced.
 - i) Your research publications, such as in refereed journals, conferences papers, books with original research, research reports in industry.
 - j) Scholarships or awards received, including where and when you received the award.
 - k) Names, position and telephone contacts for **two** referees who can comment on your research ability. If your application is successful, referees will be asked submit a written reference that is returned directly to the university.

3. A scanned copy of the following documents:

- a) Proof of citizenship: For Australian or New Zealand citizens, a birth certificate, relevant pages of passport, or citizenship certificate. For Australian permanent residents, relevant pages of passport showing visa or letter from the Department of Immigration.
- b) Academic record: Transcripts of all of your tertiary education studies. These should indicate the name of the qualification, the institution of enrolment, the years of study, the subjects/units undertaken, the grades achieved, explanatory notes concerning the grades.

NOTE: If you have previously been enrolled in a higher degree by research at another institution, or are applying to transfer your research degree from another institution you also need to provide proof of your commencement date and evidence of any intermissions or changes of candidature (e.g. from full time to part time).