

The University of Queensland & The Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute

Invites Applications from Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students to commence a Masters or PhD by research, in the field of Indigenous Housing Studies

Commencing in 2007 or 2008

The issues associated with provision of appropriate and good quality housing delivery to Indigenous communities are a matter of continuing concern to community leaders, Indigenous people, and Australian, State and Territory Governments. Despite 40 years of housing delivery to Indigenous communities since the 1967 Referendum, there is a continuing and substantial backlog of housing need and a vigorous debate about alternative policies and programs. Mindful of this history and the need for a sound evidence base for policy development and evaluation, two new scholarships on housing-related topics are now available.

These two scholarships are available to support PhD or Masters by Research (MPhil) studies for two early career researchers from an Indigenous background. The scholarships are jointly funded by the Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute (AHURI) and The University of Queensland (UQ). Students will be supported in their studies by the Aboriginal Environments Research Centre (AERC), the AHURI research group at UQ, and by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies (ATSIS) Unit of the University of Queensland.

The students awarded these scholarships will be based in the Aboriginal Environments Research Centre (AERC), located within the School of Geography, Planning and Architecture at The University of Queensland. The AERC is headed by Associate Professor Paul Memmott, and has an established, national reputation as a leader in Indigenous housing research. During the past two decades A/Professor Memmott and the AERC have conducted a wide range of research on Indigenous housing and environmental issues, including a number of reports for AHURI. Scholarship holders will be part of a cutting-edge, research training program in the area of Indigenous housing that draws on the expertise of the AERC and other Schools and Centres within The University of Queensland.

A research topic in Indigenous housing may be selected from a wide range of disciplinary fields including anthropology, sociology, social work, architecture, planning, demography, policy studies or economics. Suitable co-supervisors from relevant disciplines will be appointed as required. Students will be encouraged to choose topics that will make a direct contribution to the development of an evidence base to inform housing policies and programs for Indigenous people and communities.

The scholarship offer includes a living allowance or stipend (at the Australian Postgraduate Award rate), a contribution to re-location costs, and a significant level of funding for research expenses (including field trip travel).

Application process

All intending applicants should first discuss their proposed application with Associate Professor Paul Memmott, Director, Aboriginal Environments Research Centre. Phone: 07 3365 3660; email: p.memmott@uq.edu.au.

Applications should be submitted on the Application Form for the APA/UQPRS available on the UQ Graduate School web-site <http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/apa> and include all documentation as required for an application for an APA/UQPRS.

In addition, applicants should include a statement of no more than 500 words indicating their suitability for the UQ AHURI PhD scholarship and their area of proposed research.

Applications should be sent to: Associate Professor Paul Memmott, Aboriginal Environments Research Centre, PO Box 6114, St Lucia, Qld 4067.

Applications for study commencing in 2007 must be received by 30 November 2006. Any offer will be made in mid-December 2006. Late applications may be accepted at the discretion of the Director.

Please note: An application for the UQ AHURI Postgraduate scholarship does NOT constitute an application for a general APA/UQPRS scholarship at UQ, which must be submitted to the Scholarships Office, The University of Queensland.

Further information

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