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**PhD Scholarship - Co-Design within the Built Environment**

**(Full-Time, $30,000 p.a., for Three Years)**

The University of Notre Dame Australia is offering one (tax-free) PhD scholarship, $30,000 per annum, for up to three years. We are seeking applications from highly motivated candidates interested in pursuing a PhD under the direction and supervision of an expert academic team based in Architecture within the School of Arts and Sciences in collaboration with Aboriginal community and industry advisors. Established by the Australian Commonwealth Government, this scholarship is available to high achieving domestic and international students undertaking a doctoral degree.

Applications are sought in the research area of co-design within the built environment.

Built environment design professions including architecture, urban design and planning, and landscape architecture use co-design methods to develop and guide community-driven, locally-focused projects. A small number of West Australian architects and landscape architects use co-design approaches with Aboriginal communities to develop community-led and context-specific visions and built environment projects. The co-design processes employed by these practices are considered to be industry leading nationally, with strong relevance internationally.

Currently, there is increased interest and demand from built environment professionals, and from the professions more generally, to engage with Aboriginal people and to embed Aboriginal knowledges and culture within projects and processes. Within the Perth metropolitan area Yagan Square and the landscape surrounding Optus stadium are two recent examples. Although there are practices leading in this area, there is little research that reviews this work and their process, and so the built environment professions face a knowledge gap. This applied research project will make a timely contribution to discipline knowledge of the built environment design industries by addressing this research topic.

Applicants must hold a relevant Honours (1 or 2A) or Master’s by Research degree in a relevant field such as Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, Planning, Aboriginal Studies or Geography or be able to demonstrate equivalent relevant research experience. The candidate should be engaged with the topic area and have experience working or volunteering in a community setting. Communication, team work and written skills with strong organisational ability within a professional setting are essential.

First Nations people are strongly encouraged to apply and those identifying as an Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander would be eligible for an additional $10,000 per annum top-up scholarship if selected.

To apply please complete sections 1-4 and 7-8 of the Higher Degree by Research Scholarship Application Form and provide necessary supporting documentation (e.g. certified transcripts). Applicants must also include with their application a one page statement outlining why they want to undertake a PhD in co-design within the built environment at Notre Dame and how this opportunity aligns with their own research interests. Scholarship applications close on 11th September 2020 at 5pm AWST and should be emailed to Dr Holly Farley, holly.farley@nd.edu.au

For enquiries related to the research topic, please contact Dr Holly Farley, holly.farley@nd.edu.au

For process-related enquiries, please contact the Research Office, research@nd.edu.au.