PhD Scholarship in Human Rights and Social Justice

Centre for International Governance and Justice, RegNet, Australian National University

Closing date for Expressions of Interest: Friday, 30 September 2016

Description

A three-year full-time PhD scholarship within the Centre for International Governance and Justice, located in the School of Regulation and Global Governance (RegNet) at the ANU.

About the Centre for International Governance and Justice

The Centre for International Governance and Justice (CIGJ) undertakes research into theoretical and practical issues in international governance, human rights and social justice. It was established in 2005, initially funded by Hilary Charlesworth’s Australian Research Council (ARC) Federation Fellowship on ‘Building Democracy and Justice after Conflict’ (2005-2010).

The Centre draws together a range of research projects in the fields of peacebuilding, international law and human rights. Apart from the Federation Fellowship project, it has encompassed ARC-funded research including ‘Peacebuilding Compared’, ‘Australia’s First Bill of Rights’, and ‘Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the ACT: Models, Methods, Impact’.

The Centre has housed Hilary Charlesworth’s ARC Laureate Fellowship project ‘Strengthening the International Human Rights System: Rights, Regulation and Ritualism’, as well as ‘Peacebuilding Compared’, led by John Braithwaite, ‘The UN Security Council and the Rule of Law’, led by Jeremy Farrall and Hilary Charlesworth, and many other projects.

Many RegNet PhD students, academics and visitors have participated in the intellectual life of the Centre and have expanded its horizons to include research on topics such as transitional justice, human rights advocacy, policing in Timor-Leste, corporate social responsibility, peacekeeping sex, the literature of human rights, national human rights institutions, refugee issues and the new UN women’s architecture.

Expressions of interest for the ANU PhD in Human Rights are particularly welcome in the areas of local, regional or international implementation of international human rights standards. The main supervisor for the candidate will be appointed from among RegNet staff, depending on the topic selected.

For further information or to discuss the role of PhD scholar, contact Professor Hilary Charlesworth (hilary.charlesworth@anu.edu.au). We encourage applicants to contact Professor Charlesworth to discuss their proposal before submitting an expression of interest.

BENEFITS

The scholarship is open to domestic and international applicants wishing to commence a full-time PhD early 2016. The annual stipend of the scholarship is valued at the Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) equivalent, which is $26,288 for 2016. The scholarship will be awarded for three years initially, although a six-month extension is possible, subject to the candidate’s satisfactory progress. The scholarship does not include funding for overseas student health cover (OSHC), but there is some support to assist with relocation expenses.
ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the award of this scholarship a student must:

• Be enrolled, or be seeking to enrol, as a full-time student in a research higher degree program at the Australian National University;
• Already hold, or be about to complete, an Australian Bachelor Degree with at least Second Class Honours - Upper (though First Class Honours is often required for a scholarship) or its international equivalent, or, a Postgraduate Degree with a significant research thesis component in the field of human rights, international law or social justice, and;
• Have met the English language requirements (if you are an international student).

TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST:

For guidelines regarding how to express your interest, please consult RegNet’s website at http://regnet.anu.edu.au/education/how-apply. After doing so, submit the following materials to RegNet’s Director of Education, Dr Kathryn Henne (Kathryn.henne@anu.edu.au):

1. Completed expression of interest form
2. Curriculum vitae (CV)
3. Academic transcripts
4. IELTS/TOEFL results (if applicable)
5. Thesis proposal (5-10 pages)

After reviewing the expressions of interest, we will invite applicants whose proposals fit the terms and scope of the scholarship to lodge a formal application to the ANU.

ENVIRONMENT

The PhD student will be located in RegNet and work closely with colleagues in the CIGJ. RegNet is one of five Schools/Centres in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific (CAP). RegNet is a dynamic community of scholars from different disciplines united by our interest in governance and regulation. It has received international recognition as one of the world’s most vibrant governance and regulatory academic centres, combining rigorous interdisciplinary research with innovative forms of knowledge translation locally, nationally and globally. Our work is built on principles of justice, sustainability and human well-being. Currently we work in the following thematic areas: Climate, Energy & Environments; Human Rights; Law & Justice; Society, Safety & Health; Trade, Investment & Intellectual Property.

For further information about CIGJ see http://regnet.anu.edu.au/research/centres/centre-international-governance-and-justice-cigj