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# ARC Laureate Fellowship: PhD scholarships



ARC Laureate Fellowship Initiative

A four-year full-time PhD scholarship is available with the Australian Research Council Laureate Fellowship in Governance for Planetary Health Equity. The PhD scholar will be based in Canberra at the Planetary Health Equity Hothouse in the ANU School of Regulation and Global Governance. The primary supervisor is ARC Laureate Fellow Professor Sharon Friel.

## About the ARC Laureate Fellowship in Governance for Planetary Health Equity

The ARC Laureate Fellowship addresses three major and interconnected challenges—a rising public health burden, social inequality and climate change, and provides a roadmap towards planetary health equity (PHE). PHE recognises the impact of climate change on social and health inequities. It also recognises the importance for health equity of considering planetary as well as human systems. This cycle is aggravated by the global consumptogenic system—the system of institutions, policies, business practices, norms and behaviours that encourage and reward excessive production and consumption of fossil fuel-reliant goods and services that are unhealthy and inequitably valued and distributed.

The goal of the Laureate Hothouse is to generate new knowledge about how the consumptogenic system can be transformed towards PHE goals. We will do this through a governance-focused study: examining the political economy of the consumptogenic system and planetary health inequity; identifying the necessary inter-sectoral policies and business practices to promote planetary health equity across key sectors including food, energy, and housing; revealing how powerful actors, ideas and institutions enable or hinder the development of intersectoral policy and business practices that advance PHE, and ultimately we will identify strategies that socially-oriented actors can use to promote PHE goals.

Expressions of interest for the Laureate Hothouse PhD are particularly welcome in the public policy, politics, and political economy of governance at the intersections between climate change, social inequity and health inequity.

## Benefits

The scholarship is open to domestic and international applicants wishing to commence a full-time PhD in July 2023. The annual stipend of the scholarship is \$40,000. The scholarship will be awarded for a maximum of four years.

## 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; and
- Have completed an Australian university honours degree (at the level honours 2A or above), or equivalent prior studies in Australia or elsewhere (for example a bachelor's degree plus a graduate diploma or a master's degree) that includes some research work in the field of public health and/or social sciences.

## To express your interest

1. Contact Sharon Friel at [sharon.friel@anu.edu.au](mailto:sharon.friel@anu.edu.au) for an informal enquiry and discussion.
2. Following discussions, if proceeding to apply for admission to the ANU PhD Program:
  - Apply to the ANU PhD program through the normal process outlined on the ANU website <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/anu-postgraduate-research-domestic-and-international-applications>
  - At the same time as you apply, email [cap.hdr@anu.edu.au](mailto:cap.hdr@anu.edu.au) stating that you wish to be considered for the 'ARC Laureate Fellowship Scholarship'.
  - Make sure that this email includes your ANU application number.

Expression of interest will close on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> of February, 2023.

## Environment and team

Professor Sharon Friel's ARC Laureate Fellowship in Governance for Planetary Health Equity runs from 1st April 2022 –31st March 2027. The Laureate is the centrepiece of the new Planetary Health Equity Hothouse [The Hothouse] administered from the Australian National University School of Regulation and Global Governance (RegNet) and Menzies Centre for Health Governance. The intention is for the Hothouse to become a globally recognised centre of research excellence in governance for planetary health equity.

The Laureate Hothouse core team includes the Laureate Fellow, 2 Laureate Research Fellows, 2 PhD students, part time research assistants and a Senior Project Officer. In addition to the core team there are Associate Fellows and an Advisory Board comprising world-renowned academics and representatives from government, business and civil society.

Through The Hothouse, the PhD scholar will enjoy an exceptional environment for research and career development. Working within an interdisciplinary team that includes leading Australian and international researchers on climate change, inequality and health; governance; political economy, and systems approaches, the PhD scholar will be supported in undertaking cutting edge planetary health equity research that has real world significance. Engagement with Advisory Board members and the wider Hothouse community will provide the PhD scholars with national and international policy and practice networks, helping with the translation of their research.

RegNet is one of four Schools in the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific, and is a dynamic community of scholars from different disciplines united by our interest in governance and regulation. RegNet 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 wellbeing.

## Further information

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