

SSGM Pacific Islands PhD Scholarship

The *State, Society and Governance in Melanesia Program* (SSGM) offers a PhD scholarship for a citizen of one of the Pacific Island Countries. The aim of this scholarship is to provide an opportunity for a keen and talented scholar from the Pacific region to work on topics of interest to the SSGM under one of the following three broad areas,

- State and nation-building and regional integration
- Conflict and peacebuilding
- Development and social change, including gender, health and mobility

Research must be focussed on one or more than one of the Pacific Island Countries, including Papua New Guinea, although broader comparative approaches are welcomed as are reference-points to theoretical literature.

Information about the SSGM Program and potential supervisors can be found at:
<http://rspas.anu.edu.au/melanesia/staff.php>

The successful applicant will be enrolled as a fulltime PhD candidate with the SSGM Program, which is situated within the ANU College of Asia and the Pacific. The scholarship will be available for a term of three years and will carry a tax-exempt annual stipend of AUD \$20,427 (2009 rate).

Essential criteria: Applicants must have a good honours degree or a masters degree in politics, law, history, political economy, development studies, geography, economics, anthropology, sociology or a related area.

Desirable criteria: Previous fieldwork and research experience and/or policy experience in the Pacific.

Other Benefits: Full tuition fee; fieldwork support, travel to Canberra from outside Australia; basic health insurance; establishment allowance; contribution to visa expenses. These benefits are for the scholar as the Program is not able to provide assistance for dependents.

How to apply:

In the first instance, applicants should submit an expression of interest together with a 150-250 word research proposal, and a curriculum vitae or a list of your academic qualifications and work experience. This can be by email (SSGM@anu.edu.au) or fax: +612 6125 9604.

Applicants of interest to the Program will be formally contacted and invited to submit a full research proposal and application to study at the ANU.

Informal enquiries about the areas of interest of the program, and the suitability of potential research themes, can be made to sinclair.dinnen@anu.edu.au.

Closing date for expressions of interest: 20 March 2009