

Masters by Research Scholarship 1

Funded by Department of Sustainability and Environment, Victoria.

Proposed title

Policy mechanisms to support community members for the voluntary adoption of water sensitive and decentralised technologies

Research Stipend

\$25 000/year (tax-free) plus research and travel allowances. This scholarship does not cover International students fees. Information on these fees can be found at:
<http://www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/0020/#details>.

Scholarship Tenure

2 years. (Note: part-time study is not available)

Social Research Overview

The successful candidate, while working closely together with another Masters student and the Department of Sustainability and Environment, will investigate the range of potential policy mechanisms designed to encourage voluntary adoption of water sensitive and decentralised water technologies in Melbourne. This social science research project will involve a thorough review of existing academic literature on policy studies to understand the range of potential policy mechanisms that could be applied in Victoria, and involve engagement with industry practitioners and interested community members. The research will contribute towards understanding the broad motivations of community members and the role of public sector organisations in strategically supporting proactive community choices for water sensitive technologies such as rainwater tanks, on-site grey water systems (formal and informal) and rainwater gardens.

Student Requirements

Minimum of a second class honours degree or equivalent. Given the interdisciplinary nature of this research project a range of disciplinary backgrounds will be considered such as environmental science, geography, policy, natural resource management, social science, environmental engineering and civil engineering.

Supervisor / Contact

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Application

Expressions of interest should be addressed to Associate Professor Rebekah Brown and submitted both electronically and in hard copy by the 6th March 2009. The application must include: 1) an introductory letter stating why the applicant wants to pursue this social research topic, 2) current CV, 3) copy of academic record, 4) references, and 5) list of any publications. Note: the successful applicant will be subject to Monash University's eligibility requirements, for more information please see <http://www.mrgs.monash.edu.au/>

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