

Tuesday, 3 November 2009

Dear Colleague,

**Summer School for Indigenous Postgraduate Students
February 8 – 12 February 2010, Trinity College, University of Melbourne**

We are inviting applications from students who are currently completing a thesis at PhD or Masters level to participate in the eighth **Indigenous Postgraduate Summer School** to be held at Trinity College, University of Melbourne, from 8th – 12th February 2010. We also encourage Indigenous students who are presently enrolled at Honours level to apply.

In 2010 the Indigenous Postgraduate Summer School will also be offered as University of Melbourne based course for those students who wish to undertake the assessment module to gain a Professional Certificate in Indigenous Research Training and Practices which may count as a credit towards the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Research and Training Practices.

The Summer School is a five day residential program, bringing together Australian Indigenous postgraduate students and their thesis supervisors with a distinguished faculty of senior Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars. The purpose of the Summer School is to provide students with the knowledge, skills and mentoring to help them toward successful completion of their postgraduate degrees and furthering of their careers.

The Summer School will be hosted by the Centre for Indigenous Education (CIE) at the University of Melbourne, in conjunction with the Australian Indigenous Studies Program at the University of Melbourne, the Cooperative Research Centre for Aboriginal Health and the Murrup Barak Institute. Other universities involved include Monash University, LaTrobe University and Deakin University.

The Summer Schools, held since 2002, were attended by Indigenous postgraduate students and their supervisors from eleven universities across Australia. Each was a great success.

The Summer School will focus on social science topics, including those in the health sciences and public health, as well as other areas in the social sciences. The program provides informative and exciting workshops for students and their supervisors that enhance their understanding of the process of undertaking and completing a doctoral, masters or minor thesis, and the research and writing processes involved.

The Summer School will cover subjects such as selecting and refining a thesis topic; research design and methodology; research access and ethics; building research networks; maintaining sound communication with supervisors; community and other stakeholders; building research skills in the collection; analysis and presentation of data; and report and thesis writing .

Students selected to attend the Summer School will be provided with return airfares to Melbourne (discount ticket), meals and accommodation at Trinity College, instruction and course materials. Places are limited to 15 students.

Supervisors are encouraged to attend with participating students, and a number of places will be allocated to them. Students applying to the Summer School must be supported by their Thesis Supervisor (or where relevant, Head of Department). Closing date for applications is Monday 30th November 2009.

For enquiries and further information about the Summer School contact Simone Brotherton, at the Centre for Indigenous Education, on sbr@unimelb.edu.au or by telephone on 03 8344 0451, or by fax to 03 9347 5487,

Yours sincerely,



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On behalf of the 2010 Executive Committee
Indigenous Postgraduate Summer School

Academic Convenors:

Prof Ian Anderson
Director of the Melbourne Institute for Indigenous Partnerships
University of Melbourne

Prof Marcia Langton
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University of Melbourne

Summer School for Indigenous Postgraduate Students
Five day residential course at Trinity College, University of Melbourne,
February 8 – 12 February 2010

Full name of student: _____ **Preferred First Name** _____ (M / F)

Please circle the appropriate answer:

Enrolment Status (PhD /Masters degree/Hons)

Other: _____

Full-time or part time **Year:** (1st/2nd/3rd/4th) **Field of study:** _____

University: _____ **Department:** _____

Thesis requirements for Masters degrees application (ie. 10 000 word minor thesis etc):

Mailing Address: _____

TEL: _____ **FAX:** _____

EMAIL: _____

- **Students please attach an abstract (no more than 200 words) that describes your thesis topic**

I am interested in attending the ASSA Summer School for the following reasons, please tick relevant topics:

- development of research questions;
- ethics;
- data collection/analysis
- Other, please explain _____

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL SUPERVISORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND
NOMINATING SUPERVISOR OR HEAD OF DEPARTMENT:**

POSITION: _____ **ATTENDING: YES / NO**

UNIVERSITY:: _____ **DEPARTMENT**

ADDRESS : _____

TEL: _____ **FAX:** _____

EMAIL: _____

- **Please attach a brief statement indicating why you have nominated the student for the Summer School.**
Supervisors letter of support

Terms & Conditions:

In 2010, the Indigenous Postgraduate Summer School is a University of Melbourne award course for those students who wish to undertake the assessment module to gain a Professional Certificate in Indigenous Research Training and Practices. This additional assessment module counts as credit towards a Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Research Training Practices.

Students will be required to undertake a written component and presentation. Assessment will be focused on work relevant to your thesis.

Assessment Requirements

Award	Non-Award
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 minute presentation (2 x 10min Presentations)• Reflective journal (to be submitted 2 weeks after the summer school)• 4,000 written assignment (to be submitted 6 weeks after the summer school)• actively participate in the schools workshops	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 20 minute presentation (2 x 10min Presentations)• Reflective journal• actively participate in the schools workshops

Do you want to undertake the assessment module to complete the Professional Certificate: Yes No

For more information on this module please contact Prof Ian Anderson at i.anderson@unimelb.edu.au or 03 8344 9385

- Students are to agree to the Trinity College Code of Conduct found on their website: http://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/campus_life/residence/code_of_conduct
- Students must live on residence for the 5 days of the Summer School
- Be currently enrolled at an Australian University
- Undertake a student presentation and actively participate in the schools workshops
- Undertake a commitment to attend the Summer School on accepting an offer
- Students must provide all relevant documentation prior to commencement of the Summer School
- Priority will be given to students who have not attended previous Summer Schools

Attachments:

- Abstract (no more than 200 words) that describes your thesis topic
- Supervisors letter of support
- Short Bio
- Indication if you would like to undertake the assessment component

The Summer School is limited to 15 students. Accordingly, nominations must be received before the application deadline (November 30, 2009). If more than 15 applications are received, the Summer School Executive Committee will select the course participants. Students and nominating supervisors will be notified before December 31st.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing you agree to the terms and conditions of the 2010 Summer School

Please mail or email nomination form by November 30, 2009 to:
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