

PhD Scholarship

School of Geography and Sustainable Communities



INNOVATING URBAN GOVERNANCE

As cities become more complex, more is expected of urban governance. One significant response is innovation in how and by whom cities are governed. New roles for the government, business, civic and university sectors are emerging, as are innovations in governing practice associated with, for instance, hacking, co-producing and prototyping, along with new means of financing and new styles of collaborative practice. Little is known about the governance capacities produced by these new governing mechanisms and practices, their effectiveness, inclusiveness and legitimacy, or their ultimate benefit to future cities.

This Scholarship is associated with Australian Research Council Discovery Project DP200100176 (CIs Pauline M^cGuirk, Robyn Dowling, Sophia Maalsen, Tom Baker).

The PhD scholar will be expected to develop and carry out a project that supports the aims of the ARC project to build new theoretical and empirical understandings of the actors, practices and processes involved in advancing urban governance innovations, their possibilities and limits. The project specifically seeks to build new knowledge to inform urban governance innovation for the Australian context.

The project is likely to focus on innovation in specified key domains of urban governance: such as housing; mobility; place-based disadvantage; public space etc. The PhD candidate is expected to align with an empirical focus on one or more of these sectors. The research will primarily involve qualitative research.

The project will be supervised by Prof Pauline M^cGuirk in the School of Geography and Sustainable Communities and ACCESS (the Australian Centre for Culture, Environment, Society and Space). The PhD candidate will be supported through the active research programs of ACCESS (<https://www.uow.edu.au/social-sciences/research/access/>),

For detail on entry requirements, eligibility, stipend and application process, consult <https://documents.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@sci/@eesc/documents/doc/uow263569.pdf>

— Deadline for application: Extended to **OCT 3rd, 2020.**

— Applicants should submit:

- a letter of application outlining your thematic interest in relation to the project, motivation and profile (maximum 2 pages)
- a CV
- relevant academic transcripts
- a relevant sample of your academic writing (e.g. a working paper, a thesis chapter)

to Professor Pauline M^cGuirk (pmcguirk@uow.edu.au)

and

— a full Higher Degree Research (HDR) admission application, available at <https://www.uow.edu.au/apply/index.html>



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