

# PhD scholarship in Overseas Chinese History



Expressions of interest are sought for a 3.5-year PhD scholarship connected to the ARC-funded project 'Chinese seeking citizenship in Australia, New Zealand and Canada, 1860 to 1920' (DE160100027).

This project, undertaken by Dr Kate Bagnall, concerns the interconnected histories of Chinese naturalisation in colonial New South Wales, New Zealand and British Columbia. The project will consider how and why Chinese became British subjects, and how naturalisation affected their experience of colonial life.

## RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT AND TOPICS

The PhD project will be supervised by ARC DECRA Fellow Dr Kate Bagnall and ARC Future Fellow Associate Professor Julia Martinez within the History program at the University of Wollongong (<http://lha.uow.edu.au/hsi/index.html>). History at UOW has a vibrant research community with a strong focus on settler colonial history and Australia's connections with Asia. Wollongong's location offers access to significant archival collections and research libraries in both Sydney and Canberra.

The proposed PhD project should focus on Chinese migration and settlement in New South Wales before 1945, or offer comparative perspectives by investigating Chinese communities in one or more British settler colonies of the Pacific Rim in a similar period. Projects should also address at least one of the following themes: writing overseas Chinese lives; colonial Chinese voices; Chinese responses to White Australia; race, gender and nationality.

We encourage you to contact Dr Bagnall ([kbagnall@uow.edu.au](mailto:kbagnall@uow.edu.au)) to discuss your ideas before preparing a proposal.



## ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION DETAILS

The scholarship is for three and a half (3.5) years full-time with a stipend of \$AUD 26,288 per annum (tax free and indexed annually).

PhD scholarship applicants should have:

- first-class honours, or masters degree with a thesis component, in History or a related field such as Australian Studies or Asian Studies
- archival research experience
- ability to work independently and manage a complex project
- high-level written and verbal English proficiency
- written Chinese-language proficiency and familiarity with Cantonese would be an advantage.



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Applicants should submit:

- a cover letter detailing relevant experience, your CV and academic transcripts to the Faculty Research Unit via [lha-research@uow.edu.au](mailto:lha-research@uow.edu.au).
- a full Higher Degree Research (HDR) admission application, including a UOW scholarship application via <https://www.uow.edu.au/apply/index.html>. Include your academic transcript, copy of your passport or birth certificate and an outline of your proposed research project. In the Scholarship Details Section select 'Other UOW Funded Scholarship' and include the names of the DECRA Research Fellow (Dr Kate Bagnall) and the grant ID number (DE160100027).

**The deadline for applications is Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016**

