

PhD Scholarship in Southeast Asian Environmental History

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Expressions of interest are sought for a fully-funded three year PhD scholarship at the Asia Research Centre, Murdoch University, in Perth, Western Australia.

The successful applicant will join a team of scholars led by Emeritus Professor James Warren and focusing on the Southeast Asian and Indo-Pacific regions. Investigations centre upon periods of acute environmental crisis, variously characterized by natural disasters, epidemic disease, socio-economic instability, and migration, bondage, and mass mortality. Within this framework, researchers will investigate current and traditional perceptions of environmental risk and risk management, explore past-to-present patterns to the human and environmental dimensions of crisis, and apply the results of historical research to enhance environmental risk and governance protocols. This groundbreaking initiative is not limited to the discipline of history, involving geography, anthropology, and the environmental sciences.

Applications are invited for candidates with similar or complementary research interests. Essential criteria include:

- A first-class Honours or Masters degree with a thesis component in a relevant historical or related social science field;
- Archival and/or fieldwork experience;
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.

The successful candidate will be based at the Asia Research Centre and School of Arts. The Asia Research Centre has a strong track record of innovative research in the social and environmental history of Southeast Asia and the Indian Ocean World, and offers a supportive and collegial environment to postgraduate students.

The scholarship is open to domestic and international applicants. The scholarship provides a stipend, fees for international students only, plus some additional funding for archival research and fieldwork.

Applications should include a current CV and completed thesis proposal form (<http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Research-capabilities/Asia-Research-Centre/Postgraduate-Studies/>) and be sent to j.christensen@murdoch.edu.au by 1 September 2018. Selected applicants will then be invited to submit proposals via Murdoch University's postgraduate scholarship application process (deadline 30 September 2018). Prospective applicants must be able to commence no later than mid-2019.

More information please
visit <http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Research-capabilities/Asia-Research-Centre/The-Research/Indian-Ocean-World/> or write to Dr Joseph Christensen at j.christensen@murdoch.edu.au.

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