



Expressions of Interest for two PhD Scholarships.

Impacts of visitation along the Ningaloo coast, Western Australia

Are you interested in experiencing one of Australia's iconic tourism destinations? Three Western Australian universities offer an exciting postgraduate opportunity for involvement in an internationally significant, multimillion dollar tourism research project based in Perth. The School of Marketing, Tourism and Leisure at Edith Cowan University, the School of Environmental Science, Murdoch University and the Curtin Sustainable Tourism Centre, Curtin University of Technology are seeking candidates interested in exploring the sustainability of visitation along the Ningaloo Reef Coast of Western Australia. Ningaloo Reef is the world's longest fringing coral reef, extending over 300km and home to an extraordinary diversity of marine life. The projects will employ a dynamic modelling approach examining coastal visitor impacts.

The PhD projects will directly contribute to an existing \$12.4 million dollar research program currently developing systems to explore scenarios for sustainable management and development of this iconic region.

Applicants require: either first class honours or a completed master by research degree; excellent research and analysis skills and; a dynamic, open minded approach to examining issues in the region.

Successful candidates will receive a generous three-year PhD scholarship commencing in Semester One, 2008 and ending 2010. Enrolling as full-time students and residing in Western Australia throughout the duration of the PhD is a requirement for successful applicants.

Expressions of interest should include a curriculum vitae; evidence of relevant academic achievements; and examples demonstrating research potential and/or achievements such as thesis extracts, published papers, reports and other relevant academic research material.

Please submit expression of interest by emailing Dr Michael Hughes at m.hughes@curtin.edu.au or post to the address below. Short listed expressions of interest will be invited to submit formal applications for PhD candidacy. The closing date for expressions of interest is 28 September 2007.

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