

## **QUT Creative Industries Precinct PhD Student Scholarship Commencing from September/October 2009**

A three-year PhD scholarship exists at QUT's Creative Industries Precinct with Professor Greg Hearn and Dr Ruth Bridgstock.

The PhD project will fall within the Creative Workforce research program of the ARC Centre for Excellence in Creative Industries and Innovation, which explores various aspects of formal and informal education for the creative economy.

It will be associated with the "Creating Innovators" research project, which aims to build and test theory about the development and deployment of 'innovative career capabilities' in professionals working in the key sectors of science and technology, and the creative industries.

### **Project description**

The PhD project will involve detailed ethnographic and/or observational work to explore the profiles of, and conditions underpinning, individuals and organisations operating successfully in the innovation sectors.

In this research study, the emphasis will be on identifying and characterising real time innovative processes and skill deployment as well as knowledge flows between individuals, work groups, and external stakeholders.

It will explore the trans-disciplinary and networked nature of innovation processes in organisational contexts.

The findings will be used to facilitate the on-going growth of marketable expertise in science and technology, and creative industries professionals.

The successful candidate will be involved in the following activities:

- Literature review of the characteristics and skills of innovative individuals and groups in innovation sectors;
- In situ research into the socialised innovation processes within and among individuals, work groups and organisations;
- Dissemination of research findings through both academic publications and public communications media;
- Direct involvement with the "Creating Innovators" and Creative Workforce Research Program teams.

The successful candidate will also be expected to be involved in the development of theoretical, methodological and data collection aspects of this project.

### **Selection criteria**

Applicants should possess:

- A high class Honours thesis or equivalent (e.g. Masters or work experience) in anthropology, sociology, psychology, business, adult education or related disciplines.
- High level skills in applied social sciences research, particularly in organisational contexts.
- High-level technical and non-technical verbal and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work independently and as part of a team.

### **Stipend**

The stipend is a living allowance of \$22,500 per annum in 2009, tax exempt and indexed annually for the three-year tenure. An additional scholarship top-up of up to \$4,000 per annum can also be negotiated.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must have a minimum Honours 2A or equivalent, and be an Australian citizen or permanent resident.

### **Application closing date**

Applications close on Friday, 2 October 2009.

For more information, please visit [www.creating-innovators.com](http://www.creating-innovators.com) or [www.cci.edu.au](http://www.cci.edu.au). Alternatively, please contact Dr Ruth Bridgstock on (07) 3138 8587 or email [r.bridgstock@qut.edu.au](mailto:r.bridgstock@qut.edu.au) (email enquiries to this address only until Monday, 14 September please)

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