

Australia Awards Fellowships

Short Course Proposal

International Environmental Law and Ocean Governance in the Pacific



UNIVERSITY
OF WOLLONGONG
AUSTRALIA

Australia Awards Fellowships

Australia Awards Fellowships offer Australian organisations, from all sectors, the opportunity to deepen and broaden their links with leaders and professionals in developing countries. By providing opportunities for Fellows to undertake short term study and professional development, they aim to:

- strengthen partnerships and links between Australian organisations and partner organisations in developing countries, in support of Australia's economic diplomacy and public diplomacy objectives; and
- increase the capacity of developing countries to advance priority foreign affairs and development issues of shared interest at the country, sub-regional and regional levels.

Fellowships target current and future leaders and mid-career professionals who will be in a position to advance priority foreign affairs and development issues on their return home. Fellowship activities are aimed at providing high-quality training, exchange of expertise, skills and knowledge, and opportunities to enhance networks on issues of shared interest.

The Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security

The Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS) is a research and training centre within the Faculty of Law, Humanities and the Arts at the University of Wollongong. ANCORS was originally established as the Centre for Maritime Policy in 1994, as a joint venture between the University and the Royal Australian Navy.

ANCORS is Australia's only multi-disciplinary university-based centre dedicated to research, policy advice and education on national and international ocean law, marine resource management and conservation and maritime security and cooperation. ANCORS has forged a strong national and international reputation as the foremost centre for oceans research, training and education in the Asia Pacific region, with the following core strengths:

- Ocean law and policy
- Oceans governance
- Maritime strategy and security
- Maritime regulation and enforcement
- International fisheries law and policy
- Coastal zone management
- Maritime delimitation
- Public international law of shipping



ANCORS has built long term working relationships with a number of government departments and international agencies throughout the Asia-Pacific region and beyond. Many of these organisations depend upon ANCORS to develop and provide training for their professional needs. We provide real-world research outcomes that assist decision makers and enhance the quality of policy-making. Our expertise and capacity enables us to employ a multi-disciplinary approach to complex issues and bring to the subject a range of specialised perspectives.

International Environmental Law and Ocean Governance in the Pacific

ANCORS is proposing to run a four week short course in international environmental law and ocean governance. The course will provide an introduction to the law of the sea and principles of ocean governance, before looking at the nature and structure of international environmental law. The course will then move to consider the principal instruments underlying international law and the marine environment, including the Law of the Sea Convention itself, as well as those dealing with marine biodiversity protection, international shipping and marine pollution, and the emerging area of marine protected areas beyond national jurisdiction. Week one of the course would be an online component, to be completed in the home countries of the course attendees. The remaining three weeks would be completed in Wollongong, Australia. Course excursions will include visits to Sydney and Canberra.

If the application is successful, the Australia Awards Fellowship scheme would provide for travel, accommodation, *per diems* and the cost of the course itself. The course would be based at the University of Wollongong, with attendees accommodated in serviced apartment-style accommodation close to the University venue. The course is anticipated to run in February/March 2018.

Under the rules of the Australia Awards Fellowships, only participants from the following States and territories can nominate:

Fiji	Kiribati	Nauru	Palau	Samoa
Solomon Islands	Tonga	Tuvalu	Vanuatu	Wallis & Futuna

States interested in sending participants will need to complete a letter of nomination, a draft of which can be provided, indicating their support. Since the scheme provides funding for the course and attendance, the letter only indicates the willingness of the State to permit individuals to attend, and the perceived merit of the individual's attendance to the State concerned. Applications, including letters of intent, need to be complete before 25 March 2017.

Those interested should contact Professor Stuart Kaye at ANCORS no later than 17 March 2017 at skaye@uow.edu.au