

NCIS Summer Scholarships

The National Centre for Indigenous Studies promotes and initiates cross-disciplinary research and teaching in a wide range of areas of relevance to Indigenous Australians. Through this research NCIS aims to deepen Australia's understanding of Indigenous cultures and histories and ensure Indigenous knowledges, perspectives and experiences are respected, valued, accessed and incorporated into all learning environments at the ANU and beyond.

NCIS was established in January 2005. NCIS's charter is for it to be recognised as a leading academic institute for inter-disciplinary research in fields of relevance to Indigenous Australians, especially in relation to the enrichment of scholarly and public understandings of Australian Indigenous cultures and histories. NCIS works collaboratively with the nine main research and teaching areas of relevance to Indigenous Australians within the ANU. NCIS is privileged to have close working relationships with the Australian Institute for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies, Reconciliation Australia and the National Museum of Australia.

A Summer Research Scholarship includes:

- return travel from a student's place of Australian residence to the Australian National University;
- accommodation and all meals on campus from late November 2011 to late January, 2012; and
- a weekly stipend

If a scholar wishes to remain on campus over the Christmas break, they must request this at the time of completing their residential form.

One Summer Research Scholarship will be offered by NCIS this year. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students are strongly encouraged to apply.

Research Areas at NCIS

Supervisors available for the scholarship include the Deputy Director of NCIS and Jo-Anne Weinman (until the Christmas break).

NCIS welcomes applications for Summer Scholars to work on a project of interest to the applicant within the field of Indigenous Studies. While the applicant may propose projects outside these topics, current research priorities at NCIS are:

- Indigenous engagement, Indigenous governance and Indigenous public policy
- International Indigenous issues
- Law, rights and social justice issues
- Education on Indigenous issues

The Application Process

Step 1

In the first instance you should look at the Research Areas listed below and email NCIS (anna.damiano@anu.edu.au) with an Expression of Interest. You should write

your name and Summer Research Scholars in the subject heading, introduce yourself and provide some basic details in the email such as:

- 1) Your Full Name and student ID number
- 2) The University you currently attend
- 3) The degree program and year you are currently enrolled in.
- 4) Your GPA or average results
- 5) Your interest, experience in the research area/s or projects that the academic is offering to supervise in

Once you have been given the go ahead by NCIS you should complete and submit the online application form.

Step 2

Please complete the online application form. In Q. 18 choose 'College of Law' and in Q. 19 state that the project is with NCIS.

In addition to completing the online application form and gathering your supporting documents, all applicants are required to prepare a statement which responds to the following questions:

- What interests you specifically about this project?
- How would this project add to your existing education and experience?
- What (if any) other commitments will you have over the summer? (Summer Research Scholars may be expected to keep regular working hours).

Please note: Copies of your statement, academic transcripts and referee reports must be emailed to researchdegreeslaw@law.anu.edu.au by 31 August 2011. Your application will not be considered complete, nor will it be assessed until supporting documents are received.

If you have any administrative or procedural questions about the program please email: researchdegreeslaw@law.anu.edu.au

General Information

For general information on the Summer Scholars Program more generally please email: summer.scholarships@anu.edu.au

| Conditions of Award [\[link to http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/scholarships/srs/coa.pdf\]](http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/scholarships/srs/coa.pdf)

| How to apply [\[link to: http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/scholarships/srs/apply.php\]](http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/scholarships/srs/apply.php)

Key Dates for 2011/2012

1st of August 2011

Summer Research Scholarship Applications open

31st of August 2011

Summer Research Scholarship Applications close

Last two weeks of September 2011

Summer Research Scholarship offers issued

28th - 30th November 2011

Summer Student welcome and orientation

Timetable, End of Program Research Report and Program Acknowledgment

Upon arrival, successful applicants will be expected to develop a timetable in consultation with their supervisor.

Successful applicants upon completion of the program will also have to:

- * Prepare a research output (typically a 5,000 word research paper)
- * Present their research findings to a small group of peers at the end of their tenure

Summer Scholars are also encouraged to complete an online student survey on their experiences within the Summer Research program.

A certificate of acknowledgement, signed by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research and Graduate Studies), Professor Mandy Thomas, will be presented to all Scholars towards the end of the program.