



**Postgraduate: PhD Research Scholarship
Division of Environmental and Life Sciences**

**Indigenous responses to climate-related hazards in northern Australia
and/or the surrounding borderlands**

A PhD research scholarship is available at Macquarie University in the Departments of Human Geography and Physical Geography for a project that will investigate existing vulnerabilities and responses of Indigenous communities to current climate-related hazards in northern Australia and/or the surrounding borderlands. The project will provide a foundation for understanding longer term Indigenous responses to climate-related hazards and will develop a methodology to facilitate participatory investigation of both short-term and longer-term (10-30 years) Indigenous resilience, vulnerability and responsiveness to climate change that reflects Indigenous people's perceptions, values, needs and priorities.

Applicants should have completed a four year undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline or interdisciplinary program (Geography, Indigenous Studies, Anthropology, Environmental Studies, Climate Science, Human Ecology or related area) with first class honours, or an equivalent qualification and a demonstrated capacity for cross-cultural research.

Indigenous applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

The successful applicant if an Australian citizen/permanent resident, or a New Zealand citizen, would receive a RAACE award; International applicants would receive an iMURS award. The stipend for the award is currently \$18,837 per annum, tax exempt, and the tenure is 3 years full time subject to satisfactory progress.

Further information on the project may be obtained by emailing Associate Professor Richard Howitt on rhowitt@els.mq.edu.au or phoning (02) 9850 8386.

Application forms, and conditions for RAACE/iMURS awards, are available from the Higher Degree Research Unit by phoning (02) 9850 7987, by e-mailing pgschol@mq.edu.au, or by downloading from www.ro.mq.edu.au/hdru/scholar.htm

Applications should be forwarded to:

The Scholarship Officer
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Closing Date: Friday February 3, 2006.