

**Fully funded 3 year PhD Scholarship at the Centre for Urban Research
RMIT University, Melbourne**

**Australian Research Council (ARC) funded Linkage Project:
Infill Developments: HOME (Housing Outcomes, Metrics and Evaluation)**

A PhD scholarship is available for an exceptional candidate to join a large multi-disciplinary international and multi institution research group led by Professor Ralph Horne investigating the provision, design and lived-experience of infill apartments. The candidate will undertake research as part of the Australian Research Council (ARC) funded Linkage Project Infill Developments: HOME (Housing Outcomes, Metrics and Evaluation), which aims to link housing outcomes to metrics and evaluation of housing design in the rapidly growing infill multi-residential sector.

The project is set across four global cities (Melbourne, Perth, Barcelona and London), and will analyse good design and how this is produced and experienced. It aims to address the significant problem of design quality in multi-residential housing and outcomes include robust design evaluation methods and transition strategies for cities, allowing city stakeholders to tailor policies and actions that shape the lives of people in Australian cities.

The 3-year project involves collaboration between RMIT University, University of Melbourne, University of Western Australia and University College London and a range of key industry and government partners.

We seek an outstanding PhD candidate to work on the qualitative social science component of this project. The successful candidate will have a strong academic record, with a minimum of first class honours in a relevant discipline (e.g. sociology, human/urban geography, urban studies, etc., including a research component equating to one full time semester of study), or equivalent research experience. The candidate will also have a strong interest in housing and urban development.

The successful PhD candidate will join the Centre for Urban Research (CUR) at RMIT University. The CUR is one of Australia's leading centres for multi-disciplinary research on urban questions. Our group of more than 45 researchers includes many experts in their international fields. Collectively CUR staff produce new critical and applied knowledge for scholarly, policy, and civic communities that seeks to understand urban life and improve how we manage cities and provide for inclusive and sustainable urbanisation. We do this with enthusiasm and commitment to a better global urban future.

The candidate will be hosted by RMIT University and will be based in Melbourne. They will spend two intensive study periods in Barcelona undertaking fieldwork and receive mentorship from the international research team.

This is a full-time scholarship that includes an annual living allowance of AUD \$28,849 (2015 rate, indexed annually). This position is open to International students and includes an international fee-waiver. Scholarship commencement dates negotiable.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Dr Megan Nethercote
megan.nethercote@rmit.edu.au Please include a full CV.

Applications close Monday February 29th 2016. Early inquiries are welcome.