

## **PhD Scholarship – Sustainability transformations and policy development**

**School of Social Sciences – Human Geography**

**Faculty of Arts, Monash University**

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This exciting PhD research project will undertake a comparative analysis of the transformative innovation policy contexts for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Australia, Canada and Sweden, with the aim of fostering entrepreneurial activities and informing future policy and program interventions. Supervised by A/Prof. Megan Farrelly and A/Prof. Wendy Stubbs, this PhD will contribute to TRANSFORM ([www.transformcities.ca](http://www.transformcities.ca)), an international research collaboration with academics from Germany, U.S.A., Canada, Sweden and the Netherlands. One aim of TRANSFORM is to develop policy guidance for governments to link innovation and sustainability strategies that support SMEs as key actors in sustainability transformations. By contributing to this broader research agenda, the successful candidate will have opportunities to seek visiting researcher placements and academic mentoring from internationally-regarded academics.

The research will broadly draw on sustainability transitions, transformative innovation policy, multi-level governance, and organizational change scholarships. Through qualitative research data collection techniques (e.g. semi-structured interviews, case studies) and field work with a variety of SMEs and policy/government decision-makers, the research will focus on scholarly insights, but also on developing critical insights to inform policy and guide future governance pathways. This work will seek to answer the question: What does a transformative innovation policy context look like for encouraging SMEs to actively participate in a sustainability transition?

**Scholarship:** AU\$28,373 per year (tax-free) for 3 years plus additional research and travel allowance.

**Candidate:** An Australian or New Zealand citizen, permanent resident or permanent humanitarian visa holder, with a minimum of a first class honors degree or equivalent. A range of disciplinary backgrounds will be considered such as environmental science, geography, policy, social science, corporate sustainability and corporate social responsibility.

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**Application requirements:** Expressions of interest should be addressed to A/Prof. Megan Farrelly and include a cover letter detailing your relevant experience/interest, a CV, copy of academic records and two referees, by no later than close of business on **31<sup>st</sup> January 2020**.

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