Applications are invited for a Charles Sturt University PhD scholarship (APA equivalent) to work on a new project examining Indigenous values and uses of wetlands in the Murray region.

The successful applicant will be based at Charles Sturt University, Albury or Wagga Campus and work closely with a small team of researchers within the Institute for Land, Water and Society and project staff from Murray Local Land Services (LLS).

Project description: Wetland ecosystems are of material and cultural importance to Indigenous people: many have profound cultural significance and values. The aims of this project are to:

i) assess the connectedness to wetland landscapes of the indigenous people of the Murray region;
ii) determine the use and non-use values associated with a range of wetland; and
iii) gain insights regarding traditional knowledge of wetlands management as an important basis for natural resource management (which has evolved over several hundred generations of people living on and managing custodial responsibility for country).

A PhD project related to any of these areas will be considered.

Availability: One scholarship is available for this project. Applications remain open until a suitable candidate is identified.

Scholarship Details: The scholarship will comprise an annual CSUPRS (APA equivalent) tax-free stipend of $25,392, operating support of at least $5,500/year for 3 years and additional top up funding from Murray LLS of $10,000 per year. There are no University enrolment fees.

Required Skills: Applicants should have skills in at least one of these areas: sociology, environmental science, landscape ecology; and/or Indigenous culture. Experience working in agricultural/rural landscapes and liaising with landholders and Aboriginal people is desirable.

Eligibility: The scholarship is open to citizens of Australia or New Zealand or Australian permanent residents. Applicants should have received either Honours Class 1 or 2a or Masters by research or equivalent.

Application Details: Applications or enquiries should be directed to:
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