

# PhD Scholarship in English and Aboriginal Studies

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This scholarship is associated with the ARC Discovery Project 'Travelling Home: A Study of *Walkabout*, Australia's Geographic Magazine (1934-74)'. *Walkabout* was one of twentieth-century Australia's most popular magazines, educating local and international readers about the Australian landscape, its peoples and industry. Our interdisciplinary project investigates *Walkabout's* role in middlebrow print culture, one with significant influence on popular attitudes towards, and understandings of, the modern nation.

The PhD research project will focus on the popular writers who contributed to *Walkabout*, such as J K Ewers, Ernestine Hill, Ion Idriess, Arthur Upfield, and Mary Durack (this list is not exhaustive). In addition to shedding new light on the authors, the project will aim to elucidate the nexus between middlebrow fiction and non-fiction, and thus contribute to an understanding of *Walkabout's* influence.

The co-supervisors for this project will be Dr Anna Johnston (School of English, Journalism and European Languages) and Dr Mitchell Rolls (Riawunna, Centre for Aboriginal Studies).

The scholarship offers a tax-free stipend of \$26,669 p.a. for up to three years. Applicants should hold a first or upper second-class honours degree, or research masters degree, in an appropriate discipline.

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