

## **PhD scholarship with the Life Patterns research program**

### **The University of Melbourne**

The Life Patterns research program has been conducting longitudinal research tracking cohorts of young people as they complete their studies and transition into employment and beyond. Cohort 1 participants completed secondary school in 1991 and are now in their late 40s; cohort 2 participants completed secondary school in 2006 and are now in their early 30s; and cohort 3 participants will leave secondary school in 2022. The current ARC Discovery Project grant (ARC DP, 2021 - 2025), builds on two previous 5-year ARC grants. It is an internationally recognised research program that is highly productive, supported by a team of 6 CIs and two international PIs. This phase of the program investigates how in a context of technological and structural change (which includes the COVID pandemic), a new generation of young Australians builds livelihood-resilience, keeping the focus on those elements that have proven to be enabling for previous generations to generate new knowledge about the influences of education, work, housing, relationships, wellbeing on positive trajectories.

The successful candidate's research will use selected data from the project, framed by one of the project's core aims which are to:

- Analyse the ways in which a new generation of young adults navigate generational shifts in the challenges and opportunities of higher education, work, social relationships, and attitudes towards personal, social and global futures.
- Analyse, across three generations, how young adults access the material and social resources to manage productive trajectories through education and work.
- Analyse the policy structures and social processes that support young adults in their trajectories through education, work and relationship formation.

**Nominated principal supervisor:** Associate Professor Hernan Cuervo

**Nominated co-supervisor:** Dr Jenny Chesters

Applications close 1/11/2021. Current Honours students are encouraged to apply, pending their final results

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