



PhD Scholarship for research in either the Environmental or Maritime History of Southeast Asia.

A fully funded three and half year PhD scholarship is available to work under the supervision of Professor James Warren, who is coordinating one research stream of a 7-year Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI) anchored at McGill University entitled 'The Indian Ocean World: The Making of the First Global Economy in the context of Human–Environment Interaction'.

Applications are invited for candidates with similar or complementary research interests. These interests can be pursued through study of the impacts of climate related and other natural hazards (cyclonic storms, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, drought) on the economy, society and history of one or more nations in Southeast Asia from the 10th to 19th centuries. This includes, but is not limited to, projects oriented towards: reconstructing spatial, temporal and social patterns in vulnerability to the adverse effects of climate variability and natural hazards in the Philippines (earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and floods), Vietnam (cyclonic storms and floods) and Indonesia (volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and tsunamis). Projects may also aim to improve understanding of the geographic, temporal and social variables that correlate with increased vulnerability or resilience to natural calamities across time.

Projects may also be dedicated to another key research domain of the Major Collaborative Research Initiative, namely maritime trade and the circulation and flow of commodities and peoples in the Indian Ocean World (stretching from the coast of East Africa to the shores of the South China Sea) between the 10th and 19th centuries.

The successful candidate will be based at Murdoch University's Asia Research Centre in Perth, Australia, which has a strong concentration of scholars with specialist research expertise on Southeast Asia. Joint supervision with Professor Warren and a relevant team or Centre colleague is thus possible, depending on the precise project. The Centre holds workshops, seminars and conferences that further enrich the intellectual climate on offer to the successful candidate. For details of the Centre's researchers and activities see <http://www.warc.murdoch.edu.au>

The three and a half year scholarship carries a stipend of \$27,222 per annum plus up to \$10,000 of additional funding for archival research and fieldwork in Europe and Southeast Asia, and conference attendance support. Please forward expressions of interest or enquiries to Professor James Warren ([J.Warren @murdoch.edu.au](mailto:J.Warren@murdoch.edu.au)).

Expressions of interest should include completion of the Asia Research Centre's thesis proposal form (<http://www.warc.murdoch.edu.au/pgstudies/choosearc.html>) and a current curriculum vita. These can be submitted at any time before and up to 15 December. The successful candidate can take up the scholarship from as early as February 2012 and would be expected to start no later than June 2012.