The Urban Research Centre at the University of Western Sydney invites applications from highly motivated graduates to undertake doctoral research. The Centre undertakes research into the dynamics of cities, the development and delivery of infrastructure, housing issues, economic development pathways, sustainability, design, governance and urban indicators.

Airports are now seen as key to the economic success of major cities, but they are also seen as major contributors to global warming. This Australian Research Council funded scholarship will explore the dilemma from a range of perspectives, which could include architectural design, urban planning, environmental politics, transport geography, or other relevant approaches. A comparative international focus is encouraged, and the scholarship includes significant additional funding for overseas fieldwork expenses.

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The scholarship is open to applicants with an interest in the emerging role of airports in the constitution of cities, especially as generators of flows and movements and as mediators of particular forms of urban life.

**Academic criteria:**
- Applicants should hold a Bachelor Honours degree (Class 1 or 2.1) in an appropriate discipline, or equivalent qualifications and/or experience.

**Scholarship:**
- Competitive tax-free, index-linked stipend of $30,007 per annum for up to 3 years
- Funded Research Training Scheme place
- Funding for overseas fieldwork expenses is available if applicable

**How to Apply:**
Applicants should submit the application form together with a short research proposal by the due date.

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