

# PhD Scholarship in the Lost Mines Project

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*A doctoral scholarship awarded to an outstanding candidate to undertake archaeological research on the legacies of mining in Victoria.*

This committed PhD scholarship will be awarded to a qualified applicant with a background in Archaeology or Heritage.

Lost Mines: The Troubled Legacies of Former Mining Landscapes is a project funded by the ARC to investigate how historic gold mining activities have left a toxic legacy of mercury in Victoria. The project integrates historical archaeology, environmental humanities and environmental science in order to document the spatial distribution of contaminants and novel ways of understanding industrial heritage. The PhD is within the field of historical archaeology and will involve collaboration with environmental historians, hydrologists and biogeochemists from La Trobe University, Monash University and the Australian National University.

The candidate will undertake original research on archaeological sites associated with Victoria's historic gold mining industry with a focus on locations of gold processing and waste disposal. The candidate will undertake archival research and fieldwork to document sites where mercury was used and will produce a landscape analysis of historic mining waste in Victoria. The PhD candidate will be based in Archaeology at La Trobe University (Melbourne).

## Benefits of the scholarship

Benefits of the scholarship include:

- Either a Research Training Program or La Trobe Graduate Research PhD Scholarship for 3 years 6 months, with a value of \$32 500 per annum (2022-23 rate, indexed from 2024)
- a fee-relief scholarship for up to four years
- academic supervision provided by La Trobe, Monash and ANU
- opportunity to work as part of a multidisciplinary team
- opportunity to conduct research contributing to meaningful change
- opportunity to work with La Trobe's outstanding researchers
- access to La Trobe's world-class archaeology facilities
- access to La Trobe's suite of professional development programs

## Eligibility criteria

- First class honours degree or equivalent in Archaeology or Heritage
- Familiarity with historical archaeology

## How to apply

1. Expression of Interest: send your resume, transcripts, certificates and relevant publications (if any) in one PDF file to [S.Lawrence@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:S.Lawrence@latrobe.edu.au) by **30 August 2022**. You will be notified of the outcome by email.
2. If your expression of interest is successful, you will be invited to an interview with representatives of the research team.
3. The successful candidate will be invited to apply for candidature. Details on how to apply are available at: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/research/doctor>
4. Complete and submit your application to the La Trobe Graduate Research School ([admissions\\_grs@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:admissions_grs@latrobe.edu.au)) by **31 October 2022 (30 September for international candidates)** for admission into La Trobe's PhD program, indicating your wish to be considered for the Committed PhD Scholarship in the Lost Mines project.

The project team will review your application and consider you for this Scholarship. You will be advised of an outcome in September.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a zoom interview on Friday 16 September.

It is anticipated that the successful applicant will commence candidature in Semester 1 2023.

## Closing date

Expressions of Interest close **30 August 2022**.

## Contact us

If you require further information, please contact:

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