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### Aberdeen Curtin Alliance PhD Scholarship

Status: Closed  
Applications open: 26/03/2019  
Applications close: 28/03/2019

#### About this scholarship

##### Description/Applicant information

The Aberdeen Curtin Alliance was established in early 2017, combining 500 years of academic strength, history and tradition of Curtin University of Technology with the academic and intellectual of the rapidly growing Curtin University, based in Perth, Western Australia. The alliance offers students the opportunity to undertake a collaborative PhD in projects across a broad range of focus areas including engineering, health and medicine, and business.

The available PhD scholarships is:

##### Theme: Energy

Research Area: Environment, Law (Regulatory)  
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Aberdeen Supervisor: Professor Tina Solomon Hunter

##### Student type

- Full-time Students

##### Faculty

- Faculty of Business and Law

##### Course type

- Higher Degree by Research

##### Citizenship

- Australian Citizen
- Australian Permanent Resident
- New Zealand Citizen
- Permanent Humanitarian Visa
- International Student

##### Scholarship base

- Merit Based

##### Value

Students undertaking a collaborative PhD under the alliance are offered a seamless international experience as well as a fully funded scholarship with living support. You will spend time at each institution and will be supervised by both Aberdeen and Curtin research staff. Living expenses will be awarded to the successful applicant. The living stipend is paid to the home institution when the student is studying at that home institution, and then by the host when the student is offshore at the host institution. The stipend rates are payable at the rate for each country. Curtin University will pay 80% of the Australian Government RFP scholarship base rate of AUD\$18,000 (2019) per annum. The University of Aberdeen will pay the 20% Research and Innovation National Minimum Doctoral Stipend to the student of £4,177 per annum.

Further information about the Curtin/Aberdeen scholarship arrangement will be made available through the Aberdeen and Curtin Alliance website: <http://www.aberdeen-curtin.org>

#### Scholarship Details

##### Maximum number awarded

1

##### Eligible courses

Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs only

##### Eligibility criteria

Students applying for PhD courses entry requirements for both institutions. If English is not your first language, please visit the following link for requirements: <http://www.aberdeen-curtin.org/australian-curtin-alliance-phd-scholarship>

##### Enrolment requirements

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##### Changes to Enrolment

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##### How to apply

##### Application process

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##### Need more information?

##### Enquiries

For specific project/research information please contact the Curtin supervisor for your project of interest:  
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##### Further information

Please see the [Aberdeen Curtin webpage](http://www.aberdeen-curtin.org) for more information: [www.aberdeen-curtin.org](http://www.aberdeen-curtin.org)

##### Theme: Energy

Research Area: Environment, Law (Regulatory)  
Project: Legal Regulatory Framework for Offshore Wind Decarbonising in Australia

##### Project details

As the Australian offshore petroleum sector continues to mature, this will give rise to increased decarbonisation activities which require an investigation of the legal and regulatory framework and risk associated with offshore wind decarbonisation. After the Brent Spar incident in 1993, the international community, under the auspices of the OSPAR Convention and in consideration of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), guidelines were established for the transfer of petroleum, as the competent authority to establish that there are no significant reasons why it should remain. However, in 2016, the OSPAR Convention, which is the primary transnational law governing petroleum, was amended to include the decarbonisation of petroleum. This amendment, which is a legal obligation, is being discussed. Other national law will only provide a legal basis for decarbonisation of petroleum. Such a legal obligation to transfer petroleum, however, is not included, did not reduce the sharing of petroleum well decommissioning as part of the field development plan. The project seeks to understand the Australian legal regulatory framework, both nationally and with the requirements of international law, including the decommissioning of petroleum wells as part of the decommissioning of petroleum production wells. Such attempts will include Australian and international law, and may also require an assessment of other petroleum jurisdictions such as the UK and Norway.