RTP2021 R2 – Gender and climate change

Status: Open
Applications open: 15/07/2020
Applications close: 1/09/2020

About this scholarship

Description/Applicant information
Climate change is a serious global threat, yet there are large differences in commitment to address the issue across and within countries and organisations. Gender differences in attitudes towards climate change in the general public suggest that females have greater awareness and concern about climate change than males do (McCright, 2010; McCright and Dunlap, 2011). This suggests that increased representation of females in decision-making roles may contribute to climate change action. There is limited cross-country evidence that points in that direction (Mavisakalyan and Tarverdi 2019). More broadly, gender diversity in leadership has been shown to have implications for policy outcomes in a number of contexts (e.g. Chattopadhyay and Duflo, 2004; Mavisakalyan 2014).

The aim of this project is to investigate the decision-making on climate change action and policies within a single country setting, Australia. The Project will assess the relevance of leaders’ gender identity for decision-making across three dimensions: (i) environmental corporate social responsibility; (ii) law-making in parliament; (iii) local government policies and actions, focusing on responses to natural disasters. Furthermore, it will investigate the mechanisms underlying these relationships, specifically looking to identify whether gender differences in environmental preferences among leaders are consistent with those in the general population. The Project will conduct a series of empirical analyses using novel data and approaches for causal identification.

References

Student type
- Future 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
Total value of the annual scholarships (stipend and fees) is approx. $60,000 - $70,000 p.a. Curtin PhD Stipends are valued at $28,092 p.a. for up to a maximum of 3.5 years. Successful applicants will receive a 100% Fee offset.

https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au
Scholarship Details

Maximum number awarded
1

Eligible courses
All applicable HDR courses

Eligibility criteria
- English language IELTS level of 6.5
- Future Higher degree by research applicants must have completed a Bachelor degree with First Class Honours, or be regarded as having an equivalent level of attainment
- Demonstrated strong background and skills in quantitative research

Enrolment requirements
Eligible to enrol in a Higher Degree by Research Course at Curtin University by March 2021

How to apply

Application process
To apply for this project opportunity applicants must submit an email to the contact Project lead listed below. The email must include their current curriculum vitae, a summary of their research skills and experience and the reason they are interested in this specific project.

The Project Lead will select one preferred applicant for this project and complete a Primary reference on their behalf.

After confirmation from the Project Lead that they will receive a primary reference for this project, the applicant must submit an eApplication for admission into the applicable HDR course no later than 1st September 2020.

All applicants must send an external referee template to their chosen external reference.

All references are confidential and must be submitted by the referee directly to HDRSCH-applications@curtin.edu.au no later than 1st September 2020.

Scholarship applications submitted without a primary reference or a completed application for admission will be considered incomplete.

For further information on the application process or for more RTP2021 Round 2 scholarship project opportunities visit: https://scholarships.curtin.edu.au/hdr-scholarships-funding/rtp-policy/

Need more information?

Enquiries
To apply for this project opportunity email your current curriculum vitae, a summary of their research skills and experience and the reason you are interested in this specific project to:

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