

# Summary of Discovery Indigenous Researchers Development Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2007

## Australian Capital Territory

### The Australian National University

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**Approved Project Title** **A study of Buddhism and Chinese Buddhist Monks in modernising China**

**2007 :** \$12,373

**Primary RFCD** 4402 RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS

**Administering Organisation** The Australian National University

#### Project Summary

This project will analyse the relationship between religion and modernisation in China. There is a tendency for modernising states to abandon or marginalise traditional religions but paradoxically, while religious practice has undergone transformation and reform in China, Buddhism has not only survived but flourished over the last two decades. This project will investigate these changes and will assist in broadening the fields of expertise in the vibrant and growing field of Buddhist studies within Australia, a development that will undoubtedly help to forge closer links in the region, both in academic forums and more broadly with informal people-to-people contact.