

Summary of Linkage Projects Proposals for Funding to Commence in 2009

Victoria

La Trobe University

LP0989149 Prof SM Gifford; Dr R Wilding; Mr J Smithies; Ms V Guglielmo; Mr A Garton; Ms MM Danckert

Approved Project Title **Home Lands: Displaced youth and the development of positive transnational identities in a supportive local context**

2009 : \$ 83,000

2010 : \$ 100,000

2011 : \$ 135,000

2012 : \$ 25,000

Primary RFCD 3705 DEMOGRAPHY

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Cultural Development Network

City of Melbourne

Centre for Multicultural Youth Issues

APC.AU LTD

Administering Organisation La Trobe University

Project Summary

Home Lands will provide insights into how service providers working with refugee youth can best capitalise on the existing skills and knowledge of displaced youth to assist them in developing positive identities and futures. This will facilitate more positive relationships between refugee youth and the Australian community, and enable Australia to more quickly benefit from the existing cultural and social capital of new arrivals who currently experience marginalisation. The investigation of the process will also contribute to improved community development and refugee service delivery.

LP0989188 Reader DE Kirkby; Prof D Altman; Prof DR Walker; Dr AM Garner

Approved Project Title **A Study of the Fulbright Program in Australia 1949-2009**

2009 : \$ 78,591

2010 : \$ 78,591

2011 : \$ 78,591

Primary RFCD 4301 HISTORICAL STUDIES

APDI Dr AM Garner

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Australian-American Educational Foundation (Fulbright Commission)

National Library of Australia

Administering Organisation La Trobe University

Project Summary

This history of the Fulbright Program of educational exchange between Australia and the USA will explore a significant and undervalued aspect of the post-war relationship between the two countries. It will enhance our understanding of the sources of innovative ideas and their transfer, by investigating whether the 2600 Australian Fulbright scholars since 1949 were influential in re-orienting local research practice and public policy initiatives along US models. It will broaden awareness of the Fulbright Program's place in the Australian experience of globalisation, and contribute to a critical understanding of cultural diplomacy as a key feature of foreign policy.

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LP0989224 Prof TA Murray; Dr CH Smith

Approved Project Title **A Historical archaeology of the Commonwealth Block 1850-1950**

2009 : \$ 94,000

2010 : \$ 94,000

2011 : \$ 26,140

Primary RFCD 4302 ARCHAEOLOGY AND PREHISTORY

APA(I) Award(s): 1

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

Museum Victoria

Administering Organisation La Trobe University

Project Summary

This project has three benefits. First, it will help Australians understand more about the richness and diversity of urban experience in our nation, thereby enhancing the heritage value of Museum collections drawn from urban archaeological sites. Second, transnational approaches to the archaeology of the modern world, with their focus on the movement of people, capital and technology will improve our understanding of the consequences of migration, and of the creation of global economies and local identities. Last, it will enrich the social and cultural histories of Australia through a deeper and closer integration of archaeological and written historical information.

LP0989988 Prof RW Parish

Approved Project Title **A novel reversible male sterility system for hybrid seed production in canola, cotton and oilseed mustard**

2009 : \$ 120,000

2010 : \$ 96,000

2011 : \$ 120,000

2012 : \$ 60,000

Primary RFCD 3002 CROP AND PASTURE PRODUCTION

Collaborating/Partner Organisation(s)

PACIFIC SEEDS PTY. LTD.

Administering Organisation La Trobe University

Project Summary

Demand for grains, fibre and other agricultural products has recently increased significantly. Hence, the security of food production is emerging as a critical global issue. We have identified a central component (AtMYB103) controlling tapetum and thus pollen development and designed a novel reversible male sterility system using AtMYB103. The efficient hybrid seed production systems developed in this project for canola, cotton and mustard will increase the productivity of the Australian oilseed and fibre industries. AtMYB103 gene is conserved among many crop plants. Hence, the new technologies and knowledge gained will be applicable to a wide range of crop plants and have important implications for the agricultural and food industries.