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AUSTRALIAN POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANTS – INFORMATION SHEET 2009

Applications due by mail or fax at close of business, 30th September 2009
Successful Applicants will be advised by 31st October 2009

Ronald and Catherine Berndt

Ronald M. and Catherine H. Berndt established the discipline of Anthropology at The University of Western Australia in 1956. At that time, Anthropology was a Centre within the Department of Psychology but in 1963 it became a separate Department. The Berndt's unique research collaboration in northern Western Australia, South Australia and the Northern Territory covered almost fifty years and resulted in a wide range of published works and unpublished reports. They were also responsible for establishing the Berndt Museum of Anthropology at The University of Western Australia. The Museum contains one of the largest collections of items from Australia, with a smaller number of items from Papua New Guinea and South Asia. Ronald and Catherine also founded *Anthropological Forum*, a journal that continues to be devoted to the publication of anthropological research in Australian and Pacific settings.

The Ronald and Catherine Berndt Research Foundation

The Foundation was established from a sum of money bequeathed to The University of Western Australia by Ronald and Catherine Berndt. Its purpose is to ensure that funds available from the Bequest are used to promote anthropological research about Aboriginal Australia.

The Research Grant Process

The Foundation has allocated funds to support postgraduate research by any enrolled postgraduate student at an Australian university that will contribute to the collections of the Berndt Museum of Anthropology, and/or to support anthropological research and Aboriginal Studies more broadly. Amounts of up to \$8,000 will be awarded to those applications that help to (i) facilitate thesis research, (ii) meet the criteria established through the Foundation's Postgraduate Research Grant Committee, and (iii) are judged by the Foundation's Postgraduate Research Grant Committee to warrant financial support.

Applications

Applications for a grant are to be made on the Application Form that can be downloaded from the Foundation's Web site at http://www.berndt.uwa.edu.au/generic.lasso?token_value=foundation

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