

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title:

Majority-Minority Acculturation: Individual and collective cultural change through intercultural contact

Project Summary: aims, significance, expected outcomes and potential research impact:

Human societies are becoming more culturally, linguistically and religiously diverse through immigration and globalization. This project aims to investigate the mutuality of acculturation (cultural change and adaptation) in plural societies like Australia. Potential research questions include: 1) What role does religion play in immigrant integration and adaptation? 2) How does the majority or dominant social group adapt and change? 3) What is the role of reconciliation with First Nations' communities and truth-telling in understanding mutual acculturation in post-colonial contexts?

The proposed research will contribute to new theoretical frameworks of acculturation as part of an international research program, and impact Australian government multicultural policy and practice at commonwealth, state and local levels.

Preferred applicant skill set, describe the capabilities of the HDR applicant:

We are looking for a self-motivated and enthusiastic PhD candidate with a background in social or cultural psychology or related discipline, and excellent oral and written communication skills. Candidates with strong critical analytical and quantitative skills and a willingness to learn new quantitative analytic techniques and use of associated software are desired. Experience conducting mixed methods research is also desirable.

Internship opportunity:

An internship with state or local government or a community sector organisation might be possible as part of this project.

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