



Research Assistant: Young People at a Crossroads project
School of Geography, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Melbourne

Type: 8 months fixed-term contract, 0.5 FTE

Salary: \$73,669- 80,316 (Level A1-A2, depending on qualifications and experience), pro-rata + superannuation.

Closing date: 3 June 2021 (AEST).

A Research Assistant (RA) is sought to work part-time on the UK Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) funded project 'Young People at a Crossroads: Negotiations of environmental knowledges, practices and subjectivities in immigrant homes at a time of climate crisis'. The project, led by Dr Catherine Walker at the University of Manchester, UK, is an investigation into how families composed of first and second-generation immigrants from the Global South are responding to lived experiences of the climate crisis in two ethnically diverse cities: Manchester and Melbourne. Project details can be found at <https://www.sci.manchester.ac.uk/research/projects/young-people-at-a-crossroads/>

Dr Walker and the RA will work closely in their respective cities to recruit and conduct research with a cohort of second-generation young people (aged 14-18) and their parents. The RA will be responsible for collecting data with up to 15 young people and families in Melbourne. The project will employ a participatory research design comprising online focus groups, interviews conducted with and by young people, and a collaborative book of climate adaptation stories. The successful candidate will benefit from regular supervision with Dr Walker, with back-up from Professor Lesley Head at University of Melbourne, and the opportunity to undertake qualitative research training. The post will ideally suit an Honours graduate with interests in one or more of: environmental education; youth led climate activism; migration; families and generation.

Selection criteria:

- ▶ Honours Degree in Geography, Politics, Education or a related discipline.
- ▶ Experience in designing and conducting research with young people in home, educational or community settings, including awareness of ethical issues of working with young people.
- ▶ Aptitude for conducting qualitative analysis, and willingness to undertake further training.
- ▶ Excellent written and oral communication skills in English.
- ▶ Excellent ability to work co-operatively and positively in a multi-disciplinary team and liaise with people from diverse backgrounds.
- ▶ Demonstrated excellent organisational skills to meet deadlines and bring projects to a timely completion.

Additional job-related information:

- This position requires the successful candidate to hold a current and valid Working with Children Check.
- The position will involve some out of ordinary hours working, including a weekly evening or early morning call with the Principal Investigator who is based in Manchester, UK.
- Subject to covid-19 regulations and UoM risk assessments, some research activities may be conducted in participant homes. All reasonable travel expenses will be covered.
- The post is 0.5 FTE over 8 months, or equivalent time by negotiation. Flexible working is welcomed, provided that essential research activities are completed within the overall timeframe for the post.

Queries should be directed to catherine.walker-2@manchester.ac.uk in the first instance. Any University of Melbourne-specific institutional queries can be directed to lesley.head@unimelb.edu.au.

To apply, please send a CV and cover letter setting out your interest in the role and how you meet the selection criteria. **This should be sent as a single pdf to catherine.walker-2@manchester.ac.uk by 3 June, 11:59pm AEST.**