

## **ERCC Postgraduate Program**

The ERCC postgraduate program supports high-quality postgraduate and postdoctoral research experiences in areas relevant to the ERCC. We offer mentoring and research support schemes, career development initiatives, and networking opportunities. Graduate researchers affiliated with the ERCC have the chance to become part of a lively postgraduate community and an active part of the research unit through tailored postgraduate events and other research initiatives.

The ERCC aims to provide a supportive and collegial environment for students as they develop their individual research trajectories and progress from Honours to postgraduate to early career researcher level.

### **What we offer**

#### ***Participation in ERCC events***

Postgraduates affiliated with the ERCC are warmly invited to attend our research seminars, conferences, and other events.

#### ***Research environment***

The ERCC offers an environment for collaborative and interdisciplinary research, bringing staff and postgraduates from different faculties and disciplines together rather than leaving them in discipline-based silos.

#### ***Support with internal funding opportunities***

The ERCC supports all our postgraduate researchers based at the University of Melbourne to apply for internal funding opportunities at all levels including school, Faculty and University-wide funding schemes.

#### ***'New Directions' workshops***

The 'New Directions' workshop series introduces leading scholars who demonstrate new directions of research, in fields relevant to the ERCC, to our postgraduate and ECR cohort. Invited speakers model innovative, interdisciplinary, historically aware research that engages with global challenges.

#### ***Postgraduate conferences***

- ERCC and Centre for Eighteenth Century Studies (CECS, University of York) Online Postgraduate Conference (held June/July). Established in 2020, this annual conference is a joint initiative between CECS and the ERCC that aims to foster scholarly collaboration and exchange between postgraduate and Honours-level students, in Australia and the UK, working in the fields of Enlightenment and Romanticism. Each year several students affiliated with the ERCC have the opportunity to join the international postgraduate organising committee and gain valuable conference-organising experience.

- ERCC Postgraduate and Early Career Researcher Conference (held Nov/Dec). Initiated in 2019, this conference is a face-to-face conference held at the University of Melbourne for postgraduates and ECRs in the ERCC field.

### ***Publication Mentorship Program***

The ERCC is offering a Publication Mentorship Program for five postgraduates and/or early career researchers each year, valued at \$1,000 each. Working on a draft research output (manuscript or journal article), the successful applicant will be mentored by a leading national or international scholar, to bring a major research publication to completion. Applications are accepted twice a year in May and October.

### ***Meet the Publisher events***

The important step of writing your first (or second) book is often a daunting one for early career researchers, littered with questions and uncertainty. How do you choose a publisher? How do you convert your thesis into a manuscript that is of interest to an editor? How do you know what a publisher is looking for when you submit a proposal to them?

Our online ‘Meet the Publisher’ events provide an opportunity for postgraduates and early career researchers to hear answers to these questions from senior editors of leading publishing houses in our field. Events occur biannually in April and September.