

Urban and regional planning

- [Urban planning for sustainable communities](#)

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE PROFESSOR STEFANIE DÜHR Closing 17 November 2021 11:30 PM (ACDT)

PhD Project: Urban planning for sustainable communities

Socially inclusive, environmentally healthy, and economically resilient places and spaces

If you are seeking to advance your career in sustainable urban development, the University of South Australia – Australia’s University of Enterprise – is offering a high-profile opportunity to apply for a PhD project at our [Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute \(AHURI\) Research Centre](#), a member of the [Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute \(AHURI\)](#) which is a national, independent research network that helps improve housing and urban policy development.

In this project you will explore how urban planning can support sustainable communities in large-scale urban regeneration and renewal projects (such as Bowden, SA) as well as in established neighbourhoods (characterised by car-oriented zoning and large ecological footprints).

While urban sustainability principles have been long integrated in Australia’s planning policy, their implementation has been underwhelming. Previous research has shown that residents are more likely to embrace sustainable lifestyles if they are supported by spaces and places that enable social interaction, active travel, and the sharing of facilities.

In this project, you will have the opportunity to delve into the constructs and constraints of urban planning and contribute to the ongoing debate on urban sustainability.

What you will do

Collaborating with urban researchers affiliated with UniSA’s AHURI Research Centre you will analyse how urban sustainability can be achieved in policy and practice, and the role of urban planning and development in creating sustainable communities.

You will connect with end-user supervisors from state and local planning departments who will provide insights into planning policymaking and planning practice and provide access to relevant information and contacts within the sector.

You will also be a part of a collegial research degree cohort and participate in research training and discussions with other PhD candidates and researchers at different levels of seniority and from different disciplines.

There may also be opportunities for you to conduct this research in a comparative research design, which may include travel to other jurisdictions for fieldwork, as well as participate in relevant seminars and activities in a dynamic research environment.

Where you’ll be based

You will be based at the [Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute \(AHURI\) Research Centre](#), at the University of South Australia. We are a part of the [Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute \(AHURI\)](#), a national, independent research network that provides high quality research to influence and improve policy development in relation to housing and urban needs.

Supervisory Team

- [Professor Stefanie Dühr](#) - Principal Supervisor
- [Dr Robert Crocker](#) - Co-Supervisor
- Mr Andrew Bishop (Renewal SA) - End User Supervisor
- Mr Peter Tsokas (Unley City Council) - End User Supervisor

Financial Support

This project is funded for reasonable research expenses. Additionally, a living allowance scholarship of \$28,597 per annum is available to eligible applicants. A fee-offset or waiver for the standard term of the program is also included. For full terms and benefits of the scholarship please refer to our scholarship information for [domestic](#) or [international](#) students.

Eligibility and Selection

This project is open to applications from Australian or New Zealand citizens, Australian permanent residents or permanent humanitarian visa holders and international applicants currently residing onshore within Australia or New Zealand.

Applicants must meet the [eligibility criteria](#) for entrance into a PhD.

Additionally, applicants must meet the projects selection criteria:

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- A degree in urban and regional planning or related relevant discipline;
 - Applicants should submit a research proposal (approximately 2,500 words) for how they envisage to undertake the PhD research on the stated topic with the application. A template to guide the writing of this proposal is available [here](#).

Applicants with prior experience with qualitative and policy-relevant research will be highly regarded.

All applications that meet the eligibility and selection criteria will be considered for this project. A merit selection process will be used to determine the successful candidate.

The successful applicant is expected to study full-time and be based at our [City West Campus](#) in the heart of Adelaide. Note that international students on a student visa will need to study full-time.

Essential Dates

Applicants are expected to start in a timely fashion upon receipt of an offer. Extended deferral periods are not available. Applications close at Wednesday 17 November 2021.

Principal Supervisor: Professor Stefanie Dühr