

PhD Equity Scholarships Semester 2 1998

**People of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander descent**

**Women with children rearing
responsibilities**

The Northern Territory University is pleased to offer two PhD Equity Scholarships to applicants wishing to commence in Semester 2, 1998, who meet the following eligibility criteria.

Applicants must be from groups identified as being under-represented in research. These are people of Aboriginal Torres Strait Islander descent and women with children rearing responsibilities.

Applicants must be Australian Citizens or Permanent Residents, must be eligible to enter into a PhD program, and their program of research must fall within an area of research strength or developing priority at NTU.

The Scholarships provide an indexed, tax exempt living allowance, currently \$15,888 plus other attractive benefits including a relocation allowance where applicable.

NTU provides HECS exemption to all eligible research degree candidates.

CLOSING DATE: 8 JUNE 1998

NTU reserves the right not to award a scholarship

For further details on eligibility and to obtain an application form, please contact:

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NTU's areas of research strength and developing priority are:

- Aboriginal Education
- Aboriginal Legal Issues
- Alternative Energy
- Clinical Nursing
- Education in Diverse Contexts
- Environmental Remote Sensing
- Indigenous Resource Management
- Southeast Asian Studies
- Tropical Aquaculture
- Tropical Built Environment
- Tropical Health
- Tropical Plant Science
- Visual and Performing Arts of the Asia Pacific Region

New Chairman for Judicial Conference

Mr Justice Bruce McPherson CBE of the Queensland Court of Appeal was elected as the new Chairman of the Judicial Conference of Australia in May, following the secondment of the previous Chairman, Justice John Lockhart, as the Judicial Consultant to the World Bank in Washington.

In accepting this office, Mr Justice McPherson is the first judge from a state court to do so, with both his predecessors coming from the Federal Court.

Mr Justice McPherson was born in South Africa and holds a BA from the University of Natal, as well as a BA and LLB from the University of Cambridge and a PhD from the University of Queensland.

He was admitted to the Queensland Bar in 1963 and began practice there in 1965, following a term as a lecturer in Law at the University of Queensland. He took silk in 1975 and was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of Queensland in 1982.

His CBE was awarded in 1988 as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours List for contribution to law reform in Queensland. He has been a Judge of the Queensland Court of Appeal since 1991.

Mr Justice McPherson said, on taking up this office, "The judiciary has a major part to play in improving access to justice and being a constructive force for change in the legal system. We must be careful, however, to safeguard the fundamental values in the Rule of Law – such as the independence and impartiality of our judiciary – which have served the community well."