



ARC Training Centre for

ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE RESOURCES SECTOR

What's next Starts here.

Do a PhD that makes a real
difference.



Join the ARC Training Centre for Archaeology in the Resources Sector and help shape the future of cultural heritage management in Australia's mining industry.

Cultural heritage management in mining is a high-stakes field undergoing significant change – and there's a global shortage of researchers with the skills to lead it.

We need people who can collaborate, communicate and navigate different perspectives across academia, Indigenous organisations and industry. We prepare you for this environment.

Our PhD projects offer you the opportunity to do impactful research at the intersection of archaeology, Indigenous knowledge and the resources sector.

You'll work with Traditional Owners, industry leaders and senior executives on major challenges – and emerge with the skills and networks to further your career and make a difference.

RESEARCH THAT MATTERS

Our four integrated Research Programs tackle the big challenges to transform how Australia's mining industry engages with cultural heritage management.



Technological adaptation and implementation

Delivering more accurate,
affordable archaeological
assessments



Best-practice frameworks

Safeguarding cultural
heritage across a mine's
life cycle



Organisational dynamics

Embedding archaeological
knowledge in operational
decisions at every level



Knowledge systems and two-way learning

Improving cultural heritage
outcomes through Traditional
Owner knowledge



PhD
Scholarships

Available For 2027



PhD PROJECTS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE

- Geochemical provenancing of material culture in arid landscapes
- Detecting archaeological landscapes with airborne LiDAR and remote sensing
- Mine closure frameworks for archaeology and cultural heritage
- Archaeology's role in compensation for cultural loss
- Cultural heritage as a decision maker in the resources sector
- Indigenous rights in the resources sector
- Co-designing Indigenous-led training models in cultural heritage science and practice
- Applying Indigenous data sovereignty in the resources sector
- And more!
- **Applications Due November 5th 2026**

Applicants whose thesis is currently under examination may apply. Offers may be made conditional on successful completion and formal award of the required degree.

WHY JOIN THE TRAINING CENTRE?

- ✓ Generous, fully-funded PhD scholarships
- ✓ Work directly with leading mining companies, Traditional Owners, cultural heritage firms
- ✓ Gain hands-on experience with industry partners through internships
- ✓ Be supervised by internationally recognised researchers in archaeology and social sciences
- ✓ Be part of a supportive PhD cohort across 3 universities
- ✓ Graduate with outstanding, industry-desired skills and experience
- ✓ Exciting career pathways in the resources sector and cultural heritage consulting
- ✓ Become a leader in the future of cultural heritage management

SCHOLARSHIPS INCLUDE

-  **\$41,555 stipend** (indexed annually)
-  Fieldwork and conference funding
-  World class supervision
-  National cohort experience
-  Industry mentoring



Our Universities



Traditional Owners



Mining Companies & Mining Advocates



Cultural Heritage Consulting Firms



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