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## **PhD scholarship opportunities**

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The Sport in Society Research Program in the Institute for Sport, Exercise and Active Living (ISEAL) at Victoria University, Melbourne, Australia is pleased to announce two exciting, fully funded PhD scholarships in the sociology of sport.

### **PhD Scholarship 1:**

#### **Sport, Diversity and Social Cohesion: A Micro-Sociological Analysis**

Supervisors: Associate Professor Ramón Spaaij and Dr Brent McDonald

#### **The PhD Project**

How communities engage with and experience diversity is an issue of growing importance that poses new challenges to community wellbeing and social cohesion. This PhD project will use sport as the lens to investigate the social processes and mechanisms in interactional situations that shape people's sense of belonging and social cohesion. In doing so, this project will aim to identify ways to enhance social cohesion in highly diverse urban areas. The project will produce new theoretical, methodological and empirical insights into diversity and belonging in the sports context relevant to future social policy and program development.

### **PhD Scholarship 2:**

#### **Elite female road cycling: an ethnographic examination of labour, identity and wellbeing**

Supervisors: Dr Fiona McLachlan and Dr Brent McDonald

#### **The PhD Project**

Women's cycling, like most "professional" women's sports, has not been properly supported financially. This PhD project will interrogate the conditions of professional women's cycling and the effects of these conditions on the lives and well-being of female athletes. The purpose is to gain a better understanding of the complex cultural and structural relationships that shape the practices of cycling and cyclists' identities to ultimately guide policy that aims to improve the conditions for elite female athletes and thus their health and well-being.

### **Candidate Requirements**

Applicants will have an excellent academic track record with a Bachelor's degree with First Class Honours or a Master's degree with a research component in Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, Sport Management or cognate discipline. Applicants will be considered provided they fulfill the criteria for PhD admission and scholarship of Victoria University and demonstrate excellent research capacity.

### **Remuneration**

We offer a full 3.5-year PhD scholarship and research support of up to \$10,000.

### **Expressions of Interest (EOI)**

Please send your CV, full academic track record and a synopsis of your research experience via email to:

PhD scholarship 1: Ramón Spaaij ([ramon.spaij@vu.edu.au](mailto:ramon.spaij@vu.edu.au))

PhD scholarship 2: Fiona McLachlan ([Fiona.mclachlan@vu.edu.au](mailto:Fiona.mclachlan@vu.edu.au))

By 12 November 2016.