

PhD Position at ANCORS in International Law of the Sea

Closing date: 17 Sept 2023



***The Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS)
at University of Wollongong is offering an exciting PhD opportunity in
International Law of the Sea***

Project Overview: Regulating Ocean Noise Pollution

With ever increasing human activities in the ocean in the context of the Blue Economy, oceans are becoming increasingly noisy. Noise pollution can cause significant harm to marine life, including whales and other mammals. Despite the significance of the problem, the current international legal framework for ocean noise is woefully inadequate and fragmented. The 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, as the constitution of the oceans, provides an overarching legal framework to regulate any kind of pollution in the marine environment. However, its obligations are general in nature. While some sectors have issued guidelines on ocean noise, many gaps remain. This PhD project will address this legal lacuna and analyse regulatory and policy solutions for underwater noise pollution.

About us:

ANCORS is Australia's only multi-disciplinary university-based centre dedicated to research, policy advice and education on ocean law, marine resource management and conservation, and maritime security and cooperation. Visit our website: <https://www.uow.edu.au/ancors/>

The PhD candidate will be supervised by Associate Professor [Aline Jaeckel](#), Dr. [Dawoon Jung](#), and [Frances Anggadi](#).



The details of PhD scholarship:

The candidate will be enrolled in the PhD programme at [ANCORS](#) within the University of Wollongong. The candidate will need to apply for admission to the programme and, if successful, will receive a [Higher Degree Research scholarship](#). The scholarship includes a domestic tuition fee waiver and a living stipend of AU\$ 29,863 per annum tax free (2023 rate; indexed annually for the duration of the award) for a period of 3.5 years, starting in February 2024.

To be eligible, the candidate must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or an Australian Permanent Resident. Domestic students, especially Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, are encouraged to apply.

Qualifications:

The selection process will consider the candidates' academic merit, research experience, and interests. The candidate will need to fulfill UOW [admission requirements](#) and demonstrate excellent English writing and legal reasoning skills.

Application Process:

The application process will be as follows.

1. Pre-selection process: by Sunday, **17 September 2023** please submit via email to Dawoon Jung (djung@uow.edu.au):
 - o CV
 - o University transcripts
 - o A cover letter outlining your research experience and reasons to apply (500 words max)
 - o A draft research proposal on a topic that aligns with the project scope (1500 words max)
 - o 1 writing sample (eg a publication, masters dissertation, or previous university assignment)
 - o Contact information for two academic or professional references
2. Informal online meeting: Thursday, **21 September 2023** (or by arrangement)
3. Formal [PhD application](#) to UOW: Tuesday, **3 October 2023**

For further information about this position, please contact [Aline Jaeckel](#), [Dawoon Jung](#), or [Frances Anggadi](#).