



## **PhD Scholarships: Police Use of Force ARC Centre of Excellence in Policing and Security (CEPS)**

- Established partnerships with policing and security agencies
- Collaborative national and international research networks
- Multiple campus locations

**The Research Centre:** CEPS is a partnership between Griffith University, which is the host institution, the Australian National University, the University of Queensland and Charles Sturt University. CEPS has an extensive and diverse research program, with established partnerships with policing and government agencies. Successful applicants will be based at Griffith University (Mount Gravatt Campus). For more information on CEPS visit [www.ceps.edu.au](http://www.ceps.edu.au).

**The Project:** The Use of Force Project is part of the Frontline Policing program of research within CEPS. The project aims to enhance our knowledge of police use of force policies and practices in Australia. The project, which commenced in late 2010, will gather data on policies, laws and practices in Australia (and overseas jurisdictions) governing use of force. It will conduct a longitudinal study of police attitudes to use of force in Australia, as well as examine the findings from significant inquiries, disciplinary hearings and inquests. The project will contribute to the existing body of knowledge in the field but also inform police training, national policies and guidelines. The project provides extensive opportunities for researchers to engage with industry partners (such as Queensland Police Service) who will provide data and other assistance. The research team in CEPS working on this project has a broad disciplinary background spanning criminology, sociology, psychology and law. The research team consists of Professors Simon Bronitt, Geoff Alpert and Phillip Stenning, and Senior Research Fellow, Dr Louise Porter and Research Assistant, Linzie Jones.

**The role:** We are seeking a PhD candidate to join the Use of Force Project at CEPS. A scholarship is available for a suitably qualified candidate.

Successful candidates will join a dynamic cohort of high quality PhD students based at the Centre's Australian universities as well as our international partner universities. CEPS offers excellent research support to students, including funded professional development opportunities and fieldwork overseas.

**The person:** Successful applicants are expected to have a minimum Honours 2A or equivalent in a relevant discipline, e.g. criminology, law, psychology, social sciences or humanities. Both international and domestic applicants are welcomed.

**Remuneration:** The scholarship will be awarded for 3 years at an equivalent Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) rate of AUD22,860 per year (2011 rates). A research allowance of up to AUD5,000 during candidature is provided.

**Contact:** For more information on research requirements, contact CEPS Director, Professor Simon Bronitt (email: [s.bronitt@griffith.edu.au](mailto:s.bronitt@griffith.edu.au), phone: 07-3735-5938).

**Applications:** For information regarding the application process, please contact Dr Louise Porter, CEPS HDR Co-ordinator on (07) 3735 1035 or [l.porter@griffith.edu.au](mailto:l.porter@griffith.edu.au).