

Travel to Archives is history, with new postgraduate scholarships

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The National Archives of Australia today launched a joint scholarship program with the Australian Historical Association (AHA) at the AHA annual regional conference in Launceston. The scholarships provide postgraduate scholars with free digital copies of records from the National Archives' collection.

'Assistance with copying costs for postgraduate research gives scholars even easier access to archival files', said Dr Stephen Ellis, Acting Director-General of the National Archives.

'Scholars based in one city may want to view records in a National Archives office in another city. These scholarships provide valuable assistance to those who may not have the funds – or the time – to travel to different locations for research.'

'The whole community benefits from this approach', said Professor Marilyn Lake, president of the AHA. 'The digitised files will be made available online to the broader research community. In addition, the scholarship recipients, as part of the award, are encouraged to share the significance of their archival research through the creation of finding aids and research articles.'

The scholarship awards each recipient \$500 worth of digital copies of records from the National Archives' collection. Four scholarships will be made available each year, with applications for the first round opening on 1 October 2011. Winners will be announced in November 2011.

More information, including selection criteria and how to apply, is available at naa.gov.au.



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