



### **Applications Now Open - Research Fellow on Garuwanga Project**

An exciting opportunity exists for an experienced Research Fellow to become an integral member of the research team on the UTS Indigenous Knowledge Forum project: Garuwanga: Forming a Competent Authority to protect Indigenous knowledge. The Garuwanga Project has successfully attracted ARC Linkage funding to work with four Aboriginal communities from the Kimberley in Western Australia to the South Highlands and South Coast of New South Wales to identify, evaluate and recommend an appropriate Competent Authority legal structure so Australia can meet the requirements of the Nagoya Protocol. The role of the Research Fellow is integral to the success of the project and the main tasks for this position include:

- Complete and deliver project tasks in accordance with the Garuwanga project plan including preparing minutes and associated documents for all meetings
- Manage and reconcile budget and financial statements for the project
- Organise research project meetings including catering and travel arrangements for Partner Investigators
- Organise research field trips to Indigenous communities in South Coast NSW and the Kimberley in WA
- Manage the Indigenous Knowledge Forum website

The position description and application information is available at

[https://recruitment.uts.edu.au/OA\\_HTML/OA.jsp?OAFunc=IRC\\_VIS\\_VAC\\_DISPLAY&p\\_svid=103307&p\\_spid=3088700](https://recruitment.uts.edu.au/OA_HTML/OA.jsp?OAFunc=IRC_VIS_VAC_DISPLAY&p_svid=103307&p_spid=3088700)

Applications close **Friday 12 January 2018 at 11:59pm**. Please feel free to share the details of this position with your network.

### **Project Update - Garuwanga<sup>1</sup>: Forming a Competent Authority to protect Indigenous knowledge**

The Garuwanga Project commenced in July 2016 and has made significant progress to date. Together with the Chief Investigators and Partner Investigators, a Research Fellow, PhD student and 11 Additional Investigators have joined the team. The research program has progressed with a number of research outputs produced including:

- Comparative Study Report on Competent Authorities
- Partner Investigator Reports on Organisation Governance
- Draft performance criteria to assess governance structures
- Review of literature on governance criteria and evaluation of legal structures including cultural competencies
- Comparative Study and Governance Principles Report.

Work is progressing on preparing the Discussion Paper identifying potential models for an independent competent authority. This document will be presented and discussed during community consultations to be held in the Kimberley, WA and South Coast NSW in May 2018. For further information on the project including selected publications, please visit

<https://www.indigenousknowledgeforum.org/garuwanga-forming-a-competent-ortho>

#### **Contact**

If you would like to follow the progress of our research or learn more about the Indigenous Knowledge Forum you can do so at:  
[www.indigenousknowledgeforum.org](http://www.indigenousknowledgeforum.org)

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<sup>1</sup> D'harawal for Dreaming Cycle