Opportunities of Interest

**PhD in Neighbourhood Approaches in Humanitarian Programming** *(Sydney, Australia)*

This research seeks to unpack area-based, settlements, and neighbourhood approaches in humanitarian programming used in disasters and conflicts, exploring the effectiveness of these strategies in promoting recovery of communities. Potential areas of focus will include unpacking organizing principles of integrated humanitarian approaches, cross-case comparison of community recovery outcomes, or organizational change of humanitarian organizations to adapt to new delivery mechanisms. Findings will inform best practice for international donors and humanitarian organizations seeking to fund and implement programs using one of the considered approaches.

https://sydney.edu.au/research/opportunities/opportunities/2434

**Research Fellowships at IIASA Your Scientists Summer Program** *(Vienna, Austria)*

The Young Scientists Summer Program at IIASA offers fellowships for PhD students to undertake a summer project on a topic related to IIASA’s research agenda. Every summer from 1 June to 31 August, IIASA hosts up to 50 doctoral students from around the world. Each participant works on a topic related to his or her PhD thesis and IIASA’s research agenda, the goal being to write a publishable paper. All YSSP participants are personally mentored by IIASA senior scientists.

www.iiasa.ac.at/yssp

**PhD in Scaling Safe Construction in Humanitarian Shelter** *(Sydney, Australia)*

This research seeks to investigate strategies to scale safe shelter and housing construction practice in the aftermath of disasters and conflicts in developing communities. Potential areas of focus may include behaviour change and household motivations for safer construction, performance of non-engineered building components, and ‘self-recovery’ strategies in humanitarian shelter programming. Findings will offer policy recommendations to extend the impact of humanitarian shelter assistance in developing communities.

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Other Items of Interest

**Culture strongly influences coping behaviours after natural disasters – 2/11/18**

Demographic and cultural differences strongly influence the coping styles young people use when they’re affected by a natural disaster, and these disparities should be taken into account when providing services to help them recover from these traumatic experiences, researchers say.


**Micro-earthquakes preceding a 4.2 earthquake near Istanbul as early warning signs? – 1/11/18**

Researchers have observed foreshocks that, if analyzed accordingly and in real-time, may possibly increase the early-warning time before a large earthquake from just a few seconds up to several hours.


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