The Australian Catholic University (ACU) is offering scholarships for Australian or International PhD students to contribute to its ‘Modes of Knowing’ research project (see “Current Projects” at http://irci.acu.edu.au/research/biblical-early-christian-studies/). Scholarships cover all fees, and provide a living allowance equivalent to $31,300AUD pa (2016 rate). Students would be based at ACU Melbourne, and would have the opportunity to spend time at Durham University or KU Leuven. Additional funds are available to support travel and living expenses associated with such study at partner institutions. Funding supports projects for three years, with a flexible start date. The first students would start in July 2017. Applications will begin being considered immediately.

To apply, please send 1) An academic transcript; 2) a 1000 word research proposal related to the Modes of Knowing program; and 3) a CV with contact details of 2 academic referees to Dr Michael Champion (michael.champion@acu.edu.au), who can also provide further information. Details about the project can also be found on the Institute website: https://irci.acu.edu.au/research/biblical-early-christian-studies/

PhD research proposals should: i) Identify the central research questions for your proposed topic; ii) provide a short sketch relating the proposed project to existing work in the field; iii) identify the strand(s)/research theme(s) of the Modes of Knowing project to which the PhD project would contribute; and iv) outline briefly how the project would advance knowledge in the field of early Christian studies more generally.

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