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Fulbright recipient to shine spotlight on apprenticeships

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Nicholas Wyman will use his research opportunity to take a fresh approach on apprenticeships



IN SUMMARY

- > Swinburne MBA graduate awarded 2016 Fulbright Scholarship
- > Research will focus on new opportunities for apprenticeships in Australia and US
- > Research will take place at The Urban Institute in Washington DC

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Nicholas Wyman, a Swinburne University of Technology MBA graduate, has won the prestigious 2016 Fulbright Professional Scholarship in Vocational Education and Training.

The scholarship will allow Mr Wyman to research new and emerging opportunities for the expansion of apprenticeships in both Australia and the United States.

Mr Wyman, who began his career by learning a trade, is now a workforce development and skills expert and CEO of the Institute for Workplace Skills and Innovation.

He is a leader in developing skills-building, mentorship and apprenticeship programs that close the gap between education and careers.

He will undertake collaborative field research at The Urban Institute in Washington DC.

“My research will be around how to attract large numbers of employers to skills programs and in parallel, cover a wide range of occupations,” says Mr Wyman.

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Mr Wyman is also a regular contributor to Forbes and Huffington Post, writing about job skills and training in the 21st century workplace. He has an MBA and studied at Harvard Business School and the Kennedy School of Government and was awarded a Churchill Fellowship in 2012. His book *Job U – Find the path to a successful career in a top job market*, was published by Allen and Unwin this month.

The Fulbright program is the largest educational scholarship of its kind and was created by US Senator J William Fulbright and the US government in 1946. Aimed at promoting mutual understanding through educational exchange, it currently operates between the US and 160 other nations.

Mr Wyman joins the ranks of 30 talented Australians to become a Fulbright Scholar in 2016.

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