

## Travel Sponsorship for the *Universitas 21* Graduate Research Conference

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*Universitas 21* (U21), an international consortium of 21 research-intensive universities of which U.Va. is the only U.S. member, will host the second annual graduate research conference entitled *Sustainable Cities for the Future*. The conference will be held from Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> to Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Universities of Melbourne and Queensland. Graduate students, from any department, enrolled at a U21 institution are eligible to submit a proposal.

This conference reinforces two strategic priorities of the University: (1) global education, as outlined by the *Commission on the Future of the University*, and (2) research related to the environment, conservation, and culture. As such, the Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR) will sponsor one U.Va. graduate student to attend the conference. VPR sponsorship will include conference registration (AU\$1,000) and international airfare (up to US\$2,000).

Students interested in attending the conference, but who do not receive VPR travel sponsorship also are encouraged to attend. Expressions of interest must be submitted, to the University of Melbourne at the link below, by August 31, 2009. Registration and payment must be received by September 30, 2009.

**Application Materials:** Applications should include: (1) an abstract (no more than 300 words) describing the research topic, (2) a curriculum vitae (CV), and (3) a brief letter of recommendation from the department chair or director of graduate studies.

**Submission Deadlines:** Application materials are due to the Office of the Vice President for Research by 5:00 pm, September 17, 2009. We anticipate announcing the awardee by September 22, 2009. Electronic submission of application materials to [gradstudies@virginia.edu](mailto:gradstudies@virginia.edu) is encouraged. Paper materials may be hand delivered to Thornton Hall A123 or sent by messenger mail to P.O. Box 400882.

### Resources:

Conference Information:

<http://www.gradresearch.unimelb.edu.au/programs/conferenceU21.html>