

INFORMATION SHEET

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International RiverFoundation, by the generosity of a private donor, provides scholarships to study the **Master of Philosophy in Integrated Water Management** in memory of Ken Thiess, a young man who died performing engineering duties on the construction of the Snowy Mountains Scheme.

The inaugural scholarship was awarded to Mr Olita Ogonjo for his outstanding commitment and dedication in improving the waterways in his home country of Kenya. The scholarship includes tuition, international student health care, and miscellaneous expenses (e.g. student visa expenses).

"This course will make me a leader in water in Kenya. I will have the opportunity to investigate Kenya's water issues under the guidance of water experts." Mr Olita Ogonjo. Nairobi, Kenya.

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Location: International WaterCentre Africa Water Research Node (Monash South Africa)

This course is taught by international leaders in a broad spectrum of disciplines from four world-class universities and delivered by the [IWC](#) Africa Water Research Node at Monash South Africa

Graduates gain the research, strategic and managerial skills they need to advance their careers in the water sector and become future leaders in integrated water management. Significantly, Ken Thiess Memorial Scholarship holders will graduate with a co-badged qualification from four of Australia's leading universities.

About the course

The course comprises an interdisciplinary foundation semester consisting of four compulsory units and a three-semester research project. The Master of Philosophy in Integrated Water Management runs full time over a period of two years and comprises four compulsory course units (first semester) and a research thesis (three semesters).

The Master's research thesis will form the bulk of the course weighting, while the coursework component introduces students to some of the complex underlying concepts, such as biological, social and economic factors, which affect sustainable water management.

A combination of coursework and research sets this course apart from the normal research-based structure of a Masters degree. The coursework will prepare students to conduct a practical and high-quality research project.

More information is available at <http://www.watercentre.org/education/iwc-africa>

Or <http://www.monash.ac.za/research/water-research-node/masters/>

Admissions criteria for the Ken Thiess Memorial Scholarship

- A four-year qualification or equivalent honours degree

- 70% achievement or higher in this qualification
- Proficiency in written and spoken English
- It is recommended that applicants have a science background, research aptitude, an interest in multi-disciplinary water issues and some work experience.
- Resident of a country with a demonstrated need for leadership in integrated water management.

Monash South Africa

Located in Johannesburg, Monash South Africa is an international campus of Monash University (Australia). There are currently 3,200 students enrolled in four academic schools. The campus offers students the opportunity to obtain a degree on an attractive, secure, state-of-the-art campus and to benefit from small tutorial groups and personalised attention.

To apply for the Ken Thiess Memorial Scholarship, please download the application form and return to Natalie Baker (natalie@riverfoundation.org.au).