



15 - 19 February 2027

The Academy in Advanced Legal Research and Method (virtual)

Convened by the
[Transnational Association of Legal Scholars](#)



Call for Applications

Applications due by 1 October 2026 (AEST)

Applicants advised by 16 October 2026 (AEST)

The Transnational Association of Legal Scholars (TALS) is a group of legal scholars established in 2023, experienced in research and supervision, and interested in the conduct and method of research in law.

Each year, we convene the TALS Academy. Our goal is to provide a short period of intensive training to a carefully selected group of 16 graduate students and early career legal researchers in the legal academic activities of research writing, careful reading, and effective academic communication. The focus is on method, practical training and the cultivation of an ethos, rather than on providing schematic and critical overviews of different theories and approaches that might constitute the field of legal research from time to time. Studying the membership of TALS will give applicants a sense of the general orientation of the Faculty. The Academy will be wholly online, and live (meaning synchronous, not recorded).

In selecting the 16 Academy Scholars, preference will be given to those based in universities in the Global South. In order to participate, you must have reliable internet access.

Important Dates

The virtual academy will run during the week of 15 – 19 February 2027. Over that week, it will run for 18-20 hours. The final schedule will be determined after selection and based on the location of participants and faculty.

1 October 2026 (AEST)	Applications due
16 October 2026 (AEST)	Applicants advised of outcome
10 December 2026 (AEST)	Paper (3,000 words) due for writing workshop
15 – 19 February 2027 (AEST)	TALS 2027 Academy

Faculty

Core faculty will be drawn from the Transnational Association of Legal Scholars.

The Program

The Academy generally comprises four components:

1. **Writing Workshop** in which participants will give and receive feedback on each other's work, and receive individual feedback from faculty.
2. **Skills** presentations on academic craft and skills, delivered by faculty.
3. **Surgeries** in which faculty members will work with small groups of participants to talk with them about their individual questions about craft, research, careers and cognate matters.
4. **Design Lab** sessions conducted through sustained engagement with the basic architecture and the choices made in the design of a specific "work-in-progress" of a faculty member. The Design Lab sessions will act as a companion exercise to the Writing Workshop for the participants.

The virtual academy will be conducted over 5 days and have a daily duration of 4 - 4 ½ hours. Participants must commit to attending all 16 -18 hours in total over the week. **Partial attendance is not permitted.** Participants must also ensure that they have the necessary access to internet facilities in place before the Academy.

Available Expertise

The Academy will draw upon the expertise and interests of TALS. This expertise includes several years of research mentoring, organising, and participating in research writing workshops, organising reading groups to develop student reading skills, and important contributions towards influencing/forming the practical engagements with research methods in the international legal field.

Fees & Scholarships

The Fees to attend the Academy are \$AUD 1000, but a large number of scholarships are available, which will fully cover the fees. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please tick the box in the form. All participants are expected to attend the whole Academy and must commit to doing so as part of the application.

There are two elements to applying:

1. Complete [this application form](https://forms.gle/b2Cmob6sYHHL6zSv6). If the hyperlink does not work, paste the following link into your browser: <https://forms.gle/b2Cmob6sYHHL6zSv6>.
2. Submit your supporting document as a PDF in the Dropbox link located in the application form.

The supporting document should be structured as follows (using these headings in this order):

- Name: (first name, last name in CAPS e.g. John LENON).
- Contact Details: (email, phone, WhatsApp)
- Affiliation: University/Organisation
- PhD Status: Institution and year completed OR Current year of enrolment e.g. JNU (2023) or, Uni of Melbourne, 3rd Year)
- Why I want to attend: 250 words max on why you want to attend the Academy
- Abstract: 250 words abstract on the paper/chapter you would like to share at the writing workshop
- Curriculum Vitae (3 pages max)
- Academic Referee: Name and email of one referee

In the footer of your application, number each page of your application.