



History Education Research Report: Research Assistant *Expressions of Interest*

The History Teachers' Association of New South Wales (HTANSW) is seeking expressions of interest for a consulting research assistant in a short-term, non-continuing project investigating the state of History education in Australian secondary schools.

Project overview:

This project will produce a publicly available report that will provide high-level insights and commentary on the state of history education in Australian secondary schools. The project aims to provide an update to the 2006 report developed by Tony Taylor and Anna Clark ('An overview of the teaching and learning of Australian history in schools') produced in 2006 for the Australian History Summit convened by then-Prime Minister John Howard. It will provide insights into the curriculum requirements for history in all major Australian states and territories and include some data (where available) on the number of students electing to take history courses in senior school. HTANSW aims to publish this report in early 2026 to mark 20 years since the release of the Taylor and Clark report with an anticipation that this will contribute broad longitudinal insights into the state of history education across two decades.

Key tasks:

The successful applicant will work in collaboration with HTANSW and be required to investigate and provide data on the following:

- Nature and scope of history requirements within each state/territory's curriculum
- Size of senior history candidature in each state/territory
- Assisting in the preparation of preliminary data made available for discussion at the Australian Historical Association annual conference in June/July (2025).
- The depth and complexity of the research and reporting on each state will vary depending on the nature of each jurisdiction's curriculum

Remuneration:

The initial stage of this project will require the research assistant to complete approximately 50 hours of work paid at the rate of \$150AUD per hour.

Timeline:

In the course of this project, the research assistant will have the freedom to work flexibly and remotely managing the hours in which they work. HTANSW anticipates that the initial 50 hours will be completed by the end of June (2025) but a series of submission dates will also be negotiated at the beginning of the research.

The successful candidate:

HTANSW will be looking to engage a professional researcher with experience in the field of history and the history of education. Ideally, the candidate will be able to demonstrate:

- Relevant expertise in research such as a higher degree thesis, book publication(s) and/or article publication(s)
- Prior experience working independently on relevant research projects including, but not limited to: history, education and/or public policy.
- Clear ability to manage projects including flexibility, collaborative work and meeting deadlines

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To respond to this notice, please submit a one-page cover letter along with a 2-3-page Curriculum Vitae summary to htansw@gmail.com no later than COB 14 March 2025.