

SGS Graham Larcombe Award 2026

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About the Award

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The [SGS Graham Larcombe Award](#) is awarded annually to recognise demonstrated interest in equity and social disadvantage issues in urban development.

SGS Economics & Planning Pty Ltd (SGS) is pleased to sponsor this award, named after the late Graham Larcombe. Graham was a friend and constant supporter of the SGS project over many years, as a co-consultant, teacher and honorary adviser.

Graham Larcombe was a champion of the people and appreciated the capacity of communities to take control of their destiny and transform their environment. He participated in their struggles and cherished their triumphs. He loathed corruption and campaigned fearlessly against it in his own community. He lived his beliefs in his everyday life.

Graham was the Principal and Director of Strategic Economics Group. He held post graduate qualifications in economics and planning. He was actively involved in industry policy development in Victoria in the 1990s. During this time he became one of Australia's leading exponents of spatial economics. His insights into the geography of investment and job creation proved very influential at the time and continue to be cited today. Graham became a leading, well respected Australian contributor to international organisations such as the OECD and Asian Development Bank. He assisted Australian governments at all levels to develop economic strategies and plans to achieve the best future for cities, industries and local economies.

Graham led large teams of economic and infrastructure specialists working in Australia and developing countries in Africa and Asia. He had a great love in particular for Vietnam, South Africa and East Timor - countries which he helped in practical terms with economic development, housing and infrastructure plans after they emerged as free nations after long periods of oppression and conflict. He was fiercely proud of their achievements.

Graham was passionate about equality of opportunity, environmental sustainability and the proper, inclusive governance of our cities, towns and regions. For him, these were integral elements of a truly prosperous society.

One award of \$7,500 will be offered to a student currently enrolled in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning.

Incomplete applications and/or applications received after the closing date will not be considered.

This section of the application form is designed to help you, and us, understand if you are eligible for this award. It is crucial that you complete these questions before any others to ensure you do not waste your time applying for an unsuitable award.

If you have any questions in regards to the following eligibility criteria, please contact abp-awards@unimelb.edu.au.

If you do contact us throughout the application process, please quote the application number below:

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Application Number

This field is read only.

The identification number or code for this submission.

Eligibility Check

I confirm that:

1. I was a student enrolled in a postgraduate degree program in 2026 at the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne
2. I will have completed **at least two** of the following subjects in the 2026 academic year (January - December)

- - Participatory Planning ABPL90315
 - The Economies of Cities and Regions ABPL90246
 - Housing Markets, Policy and Planning ABPL90281
 - Cities Without Slums ABPL90279
 - Inclusive Cities ABPL90266
 - Minor Thesis Urban Planning Part 1 ABPL90396
 - Minor Thesis Urban Planning Part 2 ABPL90397
 - Urban Design Thesis ABPL90376

Please select below: *

☐ YES

☐ NO

If you answer NO, you will not be able to submit an application.

About You

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The University of Melbourne is committed to protecting personal information provided by you in accordance with the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 (Vic). All information collected by the University is governed by the University's Privacy Policy. For further information about how the University deals with personal information, please refer to the University's Privacy Policy [here](#) or contact the University's Privacy Officer at privacy-officer@unimelb.edu.au.

About You

Applicant *

First Name

Last Name

Phone Number *

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University of Melbourne Email *

Must be an email address.

Personal Email *

Must be an email address.

About Your Studies

Student ID *

Full Course Name *

University of Melbourne academic transcript or Statement of Results *

Attach a file:

A Statement of Results can be downloaded from the Student Portal free of charge.

Expression of Interest

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Your Expression of Interest should address the following questions.

How do you intend to apply the knowledge and skills learnt (in at least 2 of the previously listed subjects) in advancing equity and social disadvantage in the community? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

How have you demonstrated your commitment to, and leadership in, championing equality, diversity and inclusion (eg community engagement, active citizenship)? *

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Declaration

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This section must be completed by the applicant.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made within this application are true and correct, and I understand that if my application is successful, I will be required to accept the terms and conditions of the award as outlined in the letter of offer.

Name *

First Name

Last Name

Date *

Must be a date.

Please check through your application carefully.

Once submitted, changes cannot be made to your application.

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