

PhD Scholarship: Call for Expressions of Interest

Elucidating the increasing demand for genital cosmetic surgery among girls and women in Australia

Faculty: Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences
Jean Hailes Research Unit, School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine

Location: Alfred Hospital Campus, Prahran

Supervisors: Dr Maggie Kirkman, Professor Jane Fisher, Dr Amy Dobson

Remuneration: AUD \$26,000 per annum for living expenses, tax exempt for up to three years.

The Opportunity

The Jean Hailes Research Unit is offering a full-time 3-year PhD scholarship, tenable from January 2014.

This scholarship is being offered as part of a multi-method, ARC-funded Linkage Project investigating female genital cosmetic surgery (FGCS) in Australia. The research includes qualitative components and a national online survey, all designed to elucidate psychosocial aspects of FGCS. The PhD candidate will be responsible for the survey component, working with an expert and committed supervisory team. The survey constitutes a distinct project, enabling the PhD candidate (under supervision) to design, develop, conduct, and analyse, and report all aspects from start to finish. As a member of the JHRU the candidate will benefit from the academic excellence of Monash University, in collaboration with Deakin University, and the translation and dissemination skills of the renowned Jean Hailes for Women's Health. Other industry partners (Family Planning Victoria, Women's Health Victoria, Monash Health, and the Australian Federation of Medical Women) will also provide mentorship to the scholarship holder.

Candidate Requirements

- A First Class Honours degree or a Master's Degree, ideally in women's studies, gender studies, sociology, psychology, or a health-related field;
- evidence of research experience;
- evidence of interest in women's health;
- well-developed statistical skills; and
- Australian citizenship or permanent residency.
- A candidate whose first language is not English should have a minimum IELTS score of 7, with no band below 6.5.

Remuneration

AUD \$26,000 per annum for living expenses, tax exempt for three years. An additional \$1,200 (total) is available from the School for conference attendance. Applicants are encouraged to apply for an APA, NHMRC, Monash, or other scholarship; those who are awarded one of these scholarships will be eligible for a top-up scholarship and additional research support from the ARC project.

Enquiries and Expression of Interest

Enquiries: Dr Maggie Kirkman (maggie.kirkman@monash.edu, 03 9903 0295).

Expressions of interest: Should include an up-to-date CV and a statement about the applicant's research interests. Submit electronically to Dr Maggie Kirkman maggie.kirkman@monash.edu

Closing date

1 October 2013 by 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.