

PhD Scholarship: Call for Applications

Elucidating the increasing demand for Female Genital Cosmetic Surgery 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 immediately.

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 scholarship is being offered for an investigation of social media's involvement in the construction and distribution of discourses about female genitals and FGCS. This component of the research constitutes a distinct project, enabling the PhD candidate (under supervision) to design, develop, conduct, analyse, and report on all aspects from start to finish. As a member of the Jean Hailes Research Unit, 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 Foundation. 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 (or high Second 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, ideally in internet research;
- evidence of interest in women's health;
- well-developed skills in qualitative methods; 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, or have successfully completed a degree in English.

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. The successful applicant will be encouraged to apply for an APA, NHMRC, Monash, or other scholarship; those who are awarded one of these will be eligible for a top-up scholarship and additional research support from the ARC project.

Enquiries and Applications

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

Applications: 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

Monday 14 April 2014 by 5pm Australian Eastern Standard Time.