



PhD Scholarship

Expression of Interest (EOI)
Autism CRC

Never Stand Still

Medicine

Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry

PhD Scholarship: Adults Living with Autism Spectrum Disorders

The Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry (3DN) <http://3dn.unsw.edu.au/> is offering a three-year full-time PhD stipend to a highly motivated student to work with Associate Professor Julian Trollor on a longitudinal study of the participation, productivity, health and well-being of adults with autism spectrum disorders. The PhD is to be undertaken as part of a broad program of research under Program 3 of the Cooperative Research Centre (CRC) for Living with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Autism CRC <http://www.autismcrc.com.au/> under the Australian Government CRC Program <http://www.crc.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

This PhD scholarship will be provided under the guidelines and conditions of the Australian Postgraduate Award (APA) scheme for a period of 3 years, with a stipend rate of AUD \$25,000.00pa. Students who successfully attract an APA can apply for a partial or top up scholarship to the value of AUD \$5,000.00pa.

To be eligible for this PhD scholarship, you must start your PhD full time in 2014 and study in a field which aligns with Program 3 of the Autism CRC research program.

The Autism CRC takes a "whole-of-life" approach to Autism focussing on diagnosis, education and adult life. The Autism CRC is the world's first national, cooperative research effort focussed on Autism. The Autism CRC brings together a unique mix of partnerships - government, university, research and not-for profit organisations, and world class researchers. The Autism CRC will undertake highly innovative research to directly improve the lifetime prospects of Australian individuals with ASD, provide much needed guidance, support and direction for their families, and enable medical practitioners, educators, therapists, support workers and employers to work effectively with people with ASD.

The PhD student will work on a specific longitudinal study of adults with autism spectrum disorder, which is part of the Autism CRC research program 3, Adulthood: Finding a place in society. This program aims to improve opportunities for people with ASD to successfully transition to post school life, participate in higher education and employment, and identify best practice in physical and mental health management. The candidate will contribute to the project aims and the final topic of the PhD research will be determined by the candidate in collaboration with the research team.

The PhD student will be supervised by the project leader A/Prof Julian Trollor, Chair in Intellectual Disability Mental Health (IDMH) and Head, Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry (3DN). The PhD student will also be co-supervised by an Autism CRC Postdoctoral Research Fellow.

The PhD student will be based within the Department of Developmental Disability Neuropsychiatry (3DN), established within the School of Psychiatry, UNSW Medicine and located near the UNSW Kensington campus. 3DN supports the mental health needs of individuals with Intellectual Disability (ID) through the education and training of health professionals, and by conducting research with a particular focus on the neuropsychiatry of intellectual disability.

Selection Criteria

1. Quality of academic record (a Bachelor's degree with first or upper second class honours in health sciences, psychology, sociology, anthropology or a related field)
2. An interest in/knowledge of the Autism Spectrum disorders in adults
3. Experience of undertaking research (including running research projects, analysing data, and a publication in a peer reviewed journal)
4. Potential for completing a PhD
5. Good organisational skills and demonstrated capacity to meet milestones
6. Good communication and interpersonal skills
7. Commitment to working as part of a team
8. Residency requirement: You must be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen.

Expression of interest

Please contact A/Prof Julian Trollor Email: j.trollor@unsw.edu.au to discuss this opportunity prior to submitting a full application. Please attach your CV and a one-page summary demonstrating how you meet the selection criteria to the email listed above. We encourage potential applicants to submit an expression of interest as soon as possible.

Please visit the Graduate Research School website: <http://research.unsw.edu.au/postgraduate-research-scholarships> and the AIHI website: <http://www.aihi.unsw.edu.au/study-aihi/phd-opportunities> for more information about the application process for entry to a PhD.