

FACULTY OF MEDICINE, NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

HEALTHY AGEING RESEARCH UNIT (HARU)

HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL AGEING IN A MULTICULTURAL AUSTRALIA

A PhD scholarship is available in the Healthy Ageing Research Unit within the School of Primary Health Care, Monash University. This is located in the Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at the Notting Hill site. This three-year stipend is funded by DYNOPTA to support a full-time research student as part of their PhD program at Monash University. The successful applicant will join a vibrant multidisciplinary team and have access to training and supervision in the fields of gerontology, sociology and psychology.

The research will provide ground-breaking knowledge on the changing health and lifestyles of older Australians as they age. The research will examine lifestyle behaviours amongst older Australians, exploring their stability over time and determining predictors of behaviour change. The research will make use of the resource of the Dynamic Analyses to Optimise Ageing (DYNOPTA) program which encompasses data from nine longitudinal studies on ageing in Australia with a combined pool of over 50 000 participants. The DYNOPTA project is a new innovative multi-disciplinary program that builds on Australia's substantial investment in Longitudinal Ageing Studies. The collective information provided by the studies is being used to identify key incidence rates and risk factors for health outcomes. The study will take an interdisciplinary psychosocial approach focusing primarily on quantitative methodologies but with opportunities for qualitative approaches.

Value: The stipend (living allowance) is \$21,231 per annum, plus additional funds to assist with some research expenses, conference attendance and/or final production of the thesis.

Selection criteria:

- Australian citizens, permanent residents of Australia or New Zealand Citizens
- A research Masters or Honours 1 or 2A degree in the social or behavioural sciences
- Eligibility for admission to the PhD program at Monash University, to be undertaken full-time
- Capacity to undertake qualitative research is essential
- Experience/background in both qualitative and quantitative research methodologies would be an advantage

Applications:

Please refer to www.med.monash.edu.au/sphc/haru/ (link to postgraduate students) for further information about the application process and the activities of the Healthy Ageing Research Unit.

Closing date for applications: November 28th 2008.

Anticipated candidature start date: **By negotiation.**

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PHD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications for this scholarship should be sent directly to the scholarship provider. Please confirm details with scholarship provider (HARU) before submitting an application.

Applicants are required to submit:

1. A covering letter outlining interest in the topic, past research experience and academic qualifications.
2. A current CV that includes relevant research background.
3. Copies of past academic records.
4. A professional reference in support of the application.

Please forward application to:

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