SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH & COMMUNITY MEDICINE

2013 PhD Research Scholarship

The scholarship is available to a domestic student to undertake a PhD in the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at UNSW. The scholarship comprises an annual stipend of $23,000 tax free and is open to Australian citizens and permanent residents only. The scholarship is available for a period of 3 years subject to satisfactory performance assessed on an annual basis. To be eligible for the scholarship, the student must meet the eligibility criteria with the scholarship awarded on the basis of academic merit and prior research experience. Note that the successful applicant will still need to apply separately for enrolment into the PhD program at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at UNSW.

To be eligible for consideration of the award of a School of Public Health and Community Medicine (SPHCM) scholarship, applicants must:

• Be an Australian Citizen or Permanent Resident
• be enrolled for the first time in Session2, 2013 or have been accepted by the School of Public Health & Community Medicine into the PhD program in 2013
• not be receiving a competitively awarded scholarship (e.g. APA, UIPA, NHMRC) to support their higher degree studies in 2013. Note however that previous scholarship holders are eligible to apply
• be enrolled on a full-time basis for the duration of the Scholarship
• be willing to attend and present at the School of Public Health & Community Medicine Research Showcase and seminar series, if requested

Applications will consist of the following:
• Completed and signed SPHCM Scholarship Application Form
• Expression of interest in the topic, including descriptions of prior experience and skills that make you a suitable candidate.
• Curriculum Vitae, including any research publications and presentations

Progression:
Proof of satisfactory progress must be submitted each year to qualify for the following years' scholarship. We encourage prospective research students to discuss this opportunity with Dr. James Wood (james.wood@unsw.edu.au).

Closing date: 30th May 2013
Should you require further information, please contact resdegree-sphcm@unsw.edu.au.

See below for Scholarships Eligibility Criteria and click here for the Scholarship Application Form
Applications are invited for a PhD scholarship within the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at UNSW researching public health impacts and/or health promotion in relation to drinking water quality and more specifically wastewater reuse. The scholarship is funded through collaboration with the Australian Water Recycling Centre of Excellence (AWRCOE) - Goal 3 project “Reclaimed Water Is Viewed As an Acceptable Alternative Water for Augmenting Drinking Water Supplies”. This thesis project will aim to broaden the awareness on emerging water-related issues in public health involving the use of treated wastewater to augment fresh-water supplies.

Dwindling fresh-water supplies have required water utilities to examine potential alternatives to meet the demand for potable water in their communities, and several countries around the world have utilised treated wastewater to supplement their existing drinking supplies. Water-related health issues are a major global concern affecting morbidity and mortality, and although existing scientific technologies are designed to mitigate potential problems, new developments such as the introduction of wastewater treatment plants and technologies pose the risk of unforeseen public health challenges. Changes in human behaviour coupled with the evolution of pathogens and development of new technologies and practices, are unpredictable drivers of new public health risks and concerns.

The successful applicant will be awarded a UNSW PhD scholarship with an annual tax-free stipend of $23,000. This scholarship is for a period of 3 years and is subject to satisfactory progress reviews. Applicants would be expected to be available to commence their studies in Session 2, 2013.

To be considered for this role, applicants should possess an honours or equivalent degree from a recognized institution with a preference for Master’s level training in public or environmental health. Experience in epidemiological studies will be advantageous.

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