



NATIONAL CENTRE OF
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Wellbeing SA

PhD Scholarship

Evaluating a systems approach to integrated workplace health and wellbeing in South Australia

We are seeking expressions of interest (EOI) from a highly motivated candidate interested in pursuing a PhD program with Wellbeing SA and the National Centre of Implementation Science (NCOIS).

WHO ARE WELLBEING SA AND NCOIS?

Wellbeing SA has been established as a new government agency to deliver a renewed focus and action on prevention to support improved physical, mental and social wellbeing for all South Australians. Using a population health approach, one of the focus areas is the prevention of chronic disease through a range of settings, including workplaces.

NCOIS is a National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) funded Centre for Research Excellence (CRE). Comprising of world leading Australian and international researchers, the NCOIS executes science research to improve the implementation of chronic disease prevention programs in community settings, including workplaces. The NCOIS also builds research capacity in implementation science, facilitates knowledge translation and supports collaboration.

WHAT WOULD THE PHD FOCUS ON?

Wellbeing SA continues to invest in improving workplace health and wellbeing, with workplaces recognised by the WHO as one of the best buy options for the prevention and control of chronic disease. South Australia is leading an integrated systems approach, together with the [Collaborative Partnership for Workplace Health and Wellbeing in South Australia](#).

Wellbeing SA has the opportunity to host a PhD project which will focus on finalizing and implementing the evaluation framework, including analysis and reporting of the data for South Australia's Workplace Health and Wellbeing approach.

WHAT ROLE WOULD THE STUDENT HAVE ON THE PROJECT?

Under the guidance of the supervisory team comprised of leaders in implementation science, chronic disease prevention and evidence synthesis together with industry supervision from Wellbeing SA, the PhD candidate will contribute to the development of evaluation designs, undertake implementation and data analyses, and lead research manuscripts commensurate with the requirements of a thesis by publication.

WHAT ARE WE LOOKING FOR IN A POTENTIAL PHD STUDENT?

We encourage applicants with a relevant undergraduate or postgraduate degree with an interest in population health and prevention to apply. Relevant degrees may include but are not restricted to; public health, health promotion, evaluation, allied health, exercise physiology, psychology, human resources or occupational health and safety. Whilst it is advantageous for graduates who have

completed an Honours project to apply it is not essential. Students in their final year of study are eligible to apply.

WHAT ARE THE SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS?

The scholarship is available for domestic students only. The successful applicant will be offered a 3.5 year full-time scholarship at the value of \$28, 597 per annum (2021 rate - indexed annually). Note: the living allowance scholarship is for 3.5 years and the tuition fee scholarship is for four years. For additional information about undertaking a PhD at UoN see <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/research/future-students/scholarships>

WHAT ADDITIONAL SUPPORT AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE?

The student will be a member of and co-located with the Workplace Health and Wellbeing team in Wellbeing SA. They will be given opportunities to engage with leading public health researchers, health psychologists, dietitians, education consultants and health promotion practitioners, within Australia and internationally. The position will also be supported by the research environment of the University of Newcastle and the appointed students will be encouraged to join in staff development, meetings and other opportunities. The student will also be eligible for membership of the University of Newcastle's Priority Research Centre for Health Behaviour and have access to funding to support travel, statistical analyses and open access publication.

WHAT IS THE ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA?

The position is for one PhD student commencing December 1st 2021. Please refer to the [admission eligibility criteria](#) for minimum academic requirements. In addition the successful applicant must be able to meet the following criteria:

- a strong academic/research track record with; an undergraduate grade point average equal to or greater than 5.25; OR a first or 2A class honours degree (or equivalent); OR a Masters degree with 25% research training minimum;
- excellent organisational, time management, written and verbal communication skills;
- demonstrated ability to work both independently and in a team environment;
- demonstrated ability to write reports or peer-reviewed manuscripts.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Interested applicants should e-mail a **one page** letter outlining how they meet the above eligibility criteria, **a brief (2 page)** CV and copies of academic transcripts to the NCOIS Research Centre Manager, Dr Meghan Finch at meghan.finch@health.nsw.gov.au

Following this, applicants may be invited to discuss their application further at interview.

APPLICATIONS CLOSE

27th of August 2021

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ENQUIRIES?

Please direct all enquiries regarding the PhD scholarship to the NCOIS Director, Professor Luke Wolfenden at luke.wolfenden@health.nsw.gov.au