

# PhD Scholarship: Call for Expressions of Interest

## Evaluation of health promotion and disease prevention programs

<b>Faculty / Portfolio:</b>	School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine Faculty of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences Monash University
<b>Location:</b>	Alfred Hospital Campus, Prahran/Melbourne
<b>Supervisors:</b>	A/Prof Ben Smith
<b>Remuneration:</b>	AUD \$25,849 per annum for living expenses, tax exempt for up to 3 years.

### The Opportunity

A recently funded Australian Research Council study offers the opportunity for a PhD candidate to undertake ground breaking research about the evaluation of health promotion and disease prevention programs in Australia. The mixed-methods study, comprising surveys, documentary audit and in-depth interviews, will explore the strengths and limitations of evaluation by health promotion agencies, and the influence of individual, organisational and system-level factors upon evaluation practice and use. These insights will guide efforts to build capacity for evaluation, improve systems for organisational learning, and strengthen evidence gathering.

Study investigators are A/Prof Ben Smith from Monash University, Prof Adrian Bauman and Prof Chris Rissel from the University of Sydney, and A/Prof Trevor Shilton from the National Heart Foundation. The appointed candidate will be based in the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Monash University. The School is centrally located in the Alfred Hospital precinct in Melbourne, and offers a vibrant and well-resourced environment for higher degree research.

### Candidate Requirements

- An Honours degree, ideally in a health-related field, or Master of Public Health degree;
- Sound understanding of contemporary health promotion;
- Knowledge of program evaluation designs and methods;
- Skills in qualitative and quantitative research;
- 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.

### Remuneration

AUD \$25,849 per annum for living expenses, tax exempt for 3 years. Applicants may apply for an APA, NHMRC, Monash, or other scholarship concurrently and/or during the early phase of candidature.

**Enquiries:** A/Prof Ben Smith ([ben.smith@monash.edu](mailto:ben.smith@monash.edu) or 03 9903 1654).

**Expressions of interest:** Those wishing to apply should submit a letter of application, addressing the requirements listed above, together with curriculum vitae to [ben.smith@monash.edu](mailto:ben.smith@monash.edu).

**Closing date:** 5pm, 18 March 2015