PhD Scholarship – Improving outcomes for people with osteoarthritis

Approximate value: $26,288 (tax exempt)

This is the per annum value and is indexed at the APA rate for 2016. The amount available for this award is approximate. It will be confirmed at the time of awarding and determined by the committee according to the terms of the award.

Open: 08 July 2016

Close: 12 August 2016

Area of study: Osteoarthritis

Funding type: Scholarship (Stipend)

Citizenship: Australian Citizen, Australian Permanent Resident, New Zealand Citizen, International (includes permanent residents of NZ)

Prior qualifications:

- a four-year bachelor degree in a relevant discipline which includes a substantial research component equivalent to at least 25% of one year of full-time study and have achieved a minimum weighted average of 80% or (University of Melbourne) equivalent;
  or
- a masters degree in a relevant discipline which includes a substantial research component equivalent to at least 25% of one year of full-time study and achieved a minimum weighted average of 80% or (University of Melbourne) equivalent;
  or
- a qualification and professional experience considered to be equivalent;

Enrolment status: Commencing students

Student type: Graduate research

Tenure: 3.5 Years Full time subject to satisfactory progress
BACKGROUND

Project description

Supervisors: Professor Kim Bennell, Professor Rana Hinman (Centre for Health, Exercise and Sports Medicine)

The PhD project will be part of a program of osteoarthritis research within the National Health and Medical Council Centre for Research Excellence (CRE) in Translational Research in Musculoskeletal Pain (http://www.cremusctranslation.com). This CRE is a joint collaboration between multidisciplinary researchers at The University of Melbourne, University of Sydney, University of Queensland, Keele University UK and University College London as well as clinicians, consumers, professional organisations and industry. The CRE conducts implementation research into innovative models of care for osteoarthritis and low back pain to address evidence-practice gaps. It also provides a variety of training and mentoring opportunities for students and early career researchers. The PhD project will investigate strategies to improve uptake and adherence to non-drug, non-surgical management (such as exercise) of osteoarthritis.

Who can apply?

Applicants must meet the entry requirements for PhD in the Faculty of Medical, Dentistry and Health Sciences, University of Melbourne (https://handbook.unimelb.edu.au/view/2016/dr-philmdh). Preference will be given to applicants with prior qualifications in the health sciences field (eg. medical, allied health, psychology, health promotion, public health or science/exercise science degree). The successful awardee must enrol and commence studies before 1st June 2017.

Selection process

Interested applicants are invited to contact Kim Bennell with a CV and submit an expression of interest.

Expressions of interest and enquiries should be made to: k.bennell@unimelb.edu.au by Friday 12th August 2016.

Interviews with the supervisors will be held.

The successful EOI applicant will be invited to complete a University of Melbourne online application for PhD course and scholarship.

Assessment can take up to six weeks and the formal assessment is subject to the entry requirements as listed in the University Handbook, including English language requirements.