



Expression of Interest Guidelines

Background

Growing the next generation of clinician-academics is a strategic priority for the Barwon Health and Deakin University (BH/DU) partnership.

We are delighted to announce that the Deakin University Faculty of Health will provide up to five PhD scholarships available to support the BH/DU PhD program. Each PhD scholarship will be supported by \$10,000 of project funding in year 1 from the Barwon Health Foundation. Supervision teams and their candidates will then have the opportunity to apply to the BHF for further project funding for subsequent years of the project. Scholarships will be awarded to joint supervision teams to enable them to attract strong candidates. The Principal Supervisor will need to be a Deakin staff member or have a joint affiliation with Deakin, and the proposed supervision team will include both Barwon Health and Deakin staff.

The BH/DU PhD Program will:

- bring together clinical and academic teams to tackle important clinical research questions for the Australian health system
- support allied health, nursing and medical practitioners to develop their research interests and skills
- provide flexibility to enable people to maintain their clinical training and roles whilst embarking on a PhD

The PhD program is an excellent way to bring together a multidisciplinary team to tackle an important clinical research question, and build research capacity in clinical units.

Eligibility

Candidates:

Candidates must be employed by Barwon Health. However, this employment could take the form of a small clinical role at Barwon Health during the course of the scholarship.

Supervisors:

As per the Deakin HDR Supervision Procedure, supervision teams will include either a principal or an executive supervisor, and have one of the following compositions:

- Principal supervisor plus at least one associate supervisor. One or more external supervisors may also be included but not as a principal supervisor.
- Two co-supervisors, one of whom will be the executive supervisor, plus one or more associate supervisors and possibly external supervisors. Where one co-supervisor is external to Deakin, an associate supervisor must be included in the team.

Deakin Honorary or adjunct staff may not be principal or executive supervisors.

Deakin conjoint and emeritus staff may be principal or executive supervisors provided they meet all the relevant conditions in clause 46 of the procedure

Expressions of Interest

Please submit an expression of interest (maximum two A4 pages, minimum 10 point font) to research@barwonhealth.org.au that includes the details of the supervision team and a project outline by **Friday 30 April 2021**.

Assessment Criteria

Expressions of interest will be assessed by a Barwon Health/Deakin University panel according to the following criteria:

- Clinical and scientific significance of the project
- Relevance to the Barwon/Deakin partnership
- Quality and diversity of the supervision team
- Training opportunities provided by the proposed program
- Likelihood of the project leading to improved health/patient and or health service outcomes
- Likelihood of the project leading to competitive funding

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