

PHD SCHOLARSHIP - USING HEALTH LITERACY APPROACHES TO DEVELOP AND APPLY INTERVENTIONS TO IMPROVE HEALTH SERVICES AND GENERATE EQUITABLE HEALTH OUTCOMES

Public Health Innovation, Population Health Strategic Research Centre, Health and Social Development, Faculty of Health

A PhD scholarship is available in Deakin University's Population Health Strategic Research Centre, School of Health and Social development. The PhD student, under the guidance of the Chief Investigator, will initiate and conduct research on the topic of '*Using health literacy approaches to develop and apply interventions to improve health services and generate equitable health outcomes*' led by Prof Richard Osborne with Professor Gerry Elsworth and Dr Alison Beauchamp.

The successful applicant will be based at the Burwood Campus.

Research Topic

Open to several fields: Evaluation, Psychometrics, Epidemiology, Health Services Research and Public Health and Health Promotion more broadly.

Aim of the Project

The PhD research project is linked to a large national and international research initiative with the following vision:

To use the full potential of health literacy (HL) approaches to reduce health inequalities and disease burden. The aims of this initiative include, but are not limited to the:

1. Design and application of HL interventions for the improvement of health outcomes.
2. Development of new, and refine current, approaches to the assessment and monitoring of HL in the community and hospital sectors in Australia and internationally.
3. Development and testing of new methods for generating HL interventions within health services such that they become fully implemented (i.e., locally owned, fit for purpose, embedded, cost effective) and fully integrated into service structures and policy.
4. Development, testing and implementation of interventions that recognise the HL needs of vulnerable members of society to improve health equity and health outcomes.

Value and benefits

A stipend of \$26,288 per annum tax exempt for 3 years.

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must meet Deakin's PhD entry requirements, be enrolling full-time and hold an Honours degree (First Class) or a Master's degree with a substantial research component in a

related field. Please refer to the [entry pathways](#) to higher degrees by research for further information.

- Applications are open to Australian/New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents.

How to apply

Please refer to the [Apply for a research degree](#) webpage for application information.

Further information

If you wish to discuss your research interests and project proposal before applying, please contact Professor Richard Osborne via [email](#) or phone +61 3 9244 6999.