

HUMSCI: Special Education Centre PhD Scholarships  
Closing Date: 31 July 2009 (To be extended)

Full-time PhD scholarships currently available in the Macquarie University Special Education Centre, Macquarie University are listed below. Applicants should clearly label their project of interest on the front of their application form e.g. SPED Project #1.

**Project 1: Aboriginal Literacy PhD Scholarship (MQRES) \*DOMESTIC APPLICATIONS ONLY\*\***

This is a collaborative project between the Macquarie University Special Education Centre and Cape York Partnerships. The successful candidate will join a research and development team charged with implementing a roll out of a literacy program ('MULTILIT') across four schools in Cape York. The project is funded by DEEWR through Cape York Partnerships and involves pre- and post- testing of students following intensive evidence-based literacy interventions.

Applicants should have an academic background in a relevant discipline, for example: Psychology, Linguistics or Special Education. Candidates who have experience working in educational settings or with indigenous communities are particularly encouraged to apply. Thorough familiarity with quantitative research methodology is essential. Limited casual work as a research assistant on the project may also be available.

Further information on the project may be obtained by contacting the principal supervisor: Dr Robyn Beaman, telephone: +61 2 9850 1602, email: robyn.beaman@mq.edu.au; Dr Alison Madelaine: telephone:+61 2 9850 9699; email: alison.madelaine@mq.edu.au; or Profesor Kevin Wheldall telephone: +61 2 9850 1600, email: kevin.wheldall@mq.edu.au.

**Project 2: Literacy and Social Disadvantage PhD Scholarship (MQRES) \*DOMESTIC APPLICATIONS ONLY\*\***

This is a collaborative project between the Macquarie University Special Education Centre and the Exodus Foundation. The successful candidate will join a research team evaluating the efficacy of a literacy intervention program ('MULTILIT') for older low-progress readers from socially disadvantaged backgrounds. The project is funded by the Exodus Foundation and involves pre- and post- testing of students following intensive evidence-based literacy interventions.

Applicants should have an academic background in a relevant discipline, for example: Psychology, Linguistics or Special Education. Candidates who have experience working in educational settings or with socially disadvantaged students are particularly encouraged to apply. Thorough familiarity with quantitative research methodology is essential. Limited casual work as a research assistant on the project may also be available.

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MQRES scholarships (unless otherwise stated) are available to domestic or international students. Applicants should have equivalent research qualifications to an Australian undergraduate degree with first class honours (such as a Masters degree with a substantial thesis component) in a relevant discipline (as outlined in the project guide).

The scholarship pays a living allowance, currently \$20,427 per annum, tax exempt (2009), and the tenure is a maximum 3.5 years full time, subject to satisfactory progress. Tuition fees will be funded for the scholarship tenure. Additional support for projects and conference travel will be available from the Faculty.

Application forms and award conditions are available from the Higher Degree Research Office: telephone +61-2- 9850 7987, e-mail: [hdschol@vc.mq.edu.au](mailto:hdschol@vc.mq.edu.au).

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