

CEPAR POSTGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS IN DECISION MAKING AND AGEING

The ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) would like to announce the CEPAR Postgraduate Research Scholarship for Decision Making, Expectations and Cognitive Ageing Research.

Based at the University of New South Wales, the CEPAR is a unique collaboration bringing together academia, government and industry to provide global solutions to the economic and social challenges of population ageing.

One PhD scholarship is on offer for up to 3.5 years starting in 2019. The CEPAR scholarship will be awarded under the same conditions and benefits as the <u>Research Training Program</u> and include an additional \$5,000 annual top-up.

The Role

The PhD project must be aligned with the core interests of the Centre's decision making, expectations and cognitive ageing research stream. Projects may involve secondary analysis of existing datasets or collection of new data and literature reviews.

Research proposals must fall into one of the following research areas:

- 1. Cognitive ageing in relation to financial and health decision making
- 2. Identifying individual and social influences on decision making at older ages
- 3. Expectations about aging, implicit bias about ageing and how this impacts outcomes such as health, policy or other social or psychological outcomes.

The Person

Applications are invited from outstanding and enthusiastic, domestic graduates from psychology, population health or related disciplines. Candidates will have a first-class Honours degree, a research masters degree, a coursework masters with a relevant research component, or equivalent. Applicants must fulfil the PhD admission criteria for the University of New South Wales, including meeting English language requirements, and demonstrating excellent capacity and potential for research. Demonstrated research capacity (research outputs such as publications or conference presentations) will be highly regarded. Applicants must be able to undertake their studies full-time.

How to Apply

Application open: October 8, 2018.

Applications close: November 30, 2018.

To apply, please send your application to b.brady@unsw.edu.au with the subject heading "CEPAR PhD Scholarship Application: *Surname*"

To complete the application, you must provide the following documents (labelled using the following naming conventions):

• Evidence of citizenship or permanent residency (Surname_Residency)

- A copy of an official academic transcript from last degree attained (Surname_Transcript)
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae, including a detailed publication history (if applicable) and a detailed account of research experience (if applicable) (Surname_CV)
- A research proposal of up to 2 pages (Surname_ResearchProposal)
- Two current referee reports noting suitability to research area (Surname_Referee_1,2)

The Research Proposal

The research proposal should include the following sections:

- Aims—List specific aims and potential significance of the project. Clearly state the research question and hypothesis(es) to be tested, as well as rationale and objectives.
- Background—Summarise previous work that provides the basis for the proposed research.
- **Research strategy**—Include a clear description of the methods and research design, including statistical strategy.
- **References**—List all references quoted in the application, with a maximum of 20 in total.

Assessment Process

Shortlisted applicants may be invited to an interview. It is expected that the successful applicant will be notified by email by mid December 2018.

For questions or discussion of potential topics, please contact: Kaarin Anstey k.anstey@unsw.edu.au