



2021-2022 STUDENT PhD PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES



Diabetes in Pregnancy (reducing diabetes related risks for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and communities)

WELLBEING AND PREVENTABLE CHRONIC DISEASES

PhD

We are seeking talented candidates who wish to apply for a PhD. You should ideally have a background and interest in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child and maternal health, health service delivery and models of care, provision of culturally appropriate care and qualitative research methods. Your research will be part of the work of the Diabetes across the Lifecourse: Northern Australian Partnership, and specifically related to the Diabetes in Pregnancy team. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples are strongly encouraged to apply.

There are a range of opportunities for PhD students within the work of the Diabetes in Pregnancy program, which is implementing a participatory action research study with five sites across the Northern Territory and Far North Queensland. Opportunities may include participating in the implementation of co-design workshops or the study's evaluation.

The candidate will be required to live in Northern Australia for the duration of this project and undertake relevant cultural awareness and methodological training as required.

Prof Louise Maple-Brown

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Improving models of care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and youth with type 2 diabetes

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This qualitative PhD project will explore the appropriateness of enhanced models of care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth with type 2 diabetes across Northern Australia. There are a range of opportunities for PhD students within this work including exploring the role of families and peers in enhancing support for youth with type 2 diabetes. The candidate will be required to live in Northern Australia for the duration of this project and undertake relevant cultural awareness and methodological training as required.

Dr Renae Kirkham

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Eligibility: The successful applicant will meet the eligibility criteria for admission to a Master by Research or Doctor of Philosophy degree at Charles Darwin University.

Scholarship Provisions:

Candidates will be encouraged to seek Research Training Program (RTP) scholarship funding through Charles Darwin University. Further information about RTP scholarship application process, eligibility criteria and key dates can be found on this [CDU webpage](#)

A successful candidate who is a recipient of a primary scholarship such as RTP will be eligible to apply for a Menzies top-up scholarship to the value of \$10,000 per annum for up to 3.5 years. Successful candidates will receive \$3,500 per annum for up to 3.5 years to cover direct costs of the research.

Application Process

Applicants should submit the following:

- Brief summary of why they want to complete the project
- Current CV
- Copies of certified academic transcripts
- Proof of Residency (not required for Australian citizens)

All applications should be submitted to Prof Louise Maple-Brown louise.maple-brown@menzies.edu.au or Dr Renae Kirkham renae.kirkham@menzies.edu.au by 30th September 2021 to be eligible for the CDU 2021 scholarship round.

The research opportunities will continue to be available into 2022 for applicants with an alternative funding source(s).