



Evaluating Diabetes in Pregnancy Co-design and/or Diabetes in Pregnancy Clinical Registers

WELLBEING AND PREVENTABLE CHRONIC DISEASES

PhD

Do you have an interest in improving the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women and families? Are you passionate about ensuring that our health services are culturally safe and appropriate?

The Diabetes Across the Lifecourse: Northern Australia Partnership, led by Professor Louise Maple-Brown, is seeking talented candidates who answer 'yes' to these questions to apply for a PhD within our Diabetes in Pregnancy team.

Commencing in 2011 in the Northern Territory with a focus on Diabetes in Pregnancy, the Diabetes Across the Lifecourse: Northern Australia partnership has since expanded. With study sites and staff across the NT, Far North Queensland and the Kimberley, the Diabetes Across the Lifecourse: Northern Australia Partnership has a strong background of collaborating with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, health services and policymakers with a focus on intergenerational impacts of diabetes, including type 2 diabetes in children and young people.

Funding from the Medical Research Future Fund is enabling our Diabetes in Pregnancy work to focus on two main aims:

1. Enhancing and sustaining the NT and FNQ Diabetes in Pregnancy Clinical Registers to support ongoing continuous quality improvement.
2. Reducing diabetes-related risk for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women before, during and after pregnancy through participatory research approaches.

Opportunities exist within this program of work for PhD projects. These include the implementation and/or evaluation of co-designed research activities to reduce diabetes-related risks, and/or evaluation of the DIP Clinical Registers. The successful candidate would live in Northern Australia for the duration of the project and undertake relevant cultural awareness and methodological training as required.

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Dr Renae Kirkham

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Eligibility Criteria and Scholarship Provisions

Eligibility: The successful applicant must be eligible to apply for an RTP scholarship and be available to commence/enrol in Semester 1 2023.

They will have a background and interest in one or more of the following:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander child and maternal health
- Health service delivery and models of care
- Provision of culturally appropriate care
- Some experience with qualitative and/or quantitative research methods

Scholarship Provisions: The applicant must be eligible to apply for an RTP scholarship

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 Dr Renae Kirkham (renae.kirkham@menzies.edu.au)

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Understanding stigmas amongst young First Nations people with type 2 diabetes and the implications for diabetes care

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Rates of type 2 diabetes amongst young First Nations people are increasing, and diagnosis of this condition is occurring at earlier ages. Current models of care and educational resources do not adequately meet the needs of or appropriately engage First Nations young people. Appropriate, culturally safe models of care have the potential to improve the health of young First Nations people and reduced the risk of the intergenerational transmission of diabetes and of diabetes-related complications.

There is an opportunity for a student to undertake a project within our program of work on experiences of social stigma amongst young First Nations people with type 2 diabetes. This project is an in-depth qualitative study that will explore the aspects of diabetes and diabetes care that lead to stigma amongst young First Nations people; and how these experiences relate to First Nations concepts of 'shame', the social roles of young First Nations people and to biomedical constructs of 'self-efficacy'.

This project will analyse the implications for models of diabetes care, clinicians' approaches to diabetes management and patient education and will contribute to the development of patient and clinician resources. Your research will be part of a project enhancing model of care for young First Nations people with type 2 diabetes and is situated within the Diabetes across the Lifecourse: Northern Australian Partnership.

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Eligibility Criteria and Scholarship Provisions

Eligibility: The successful applicant will have a social science degree and an interest in First Nations health, health service delivery, and cultural safety.

The successful applicant will ideally have experience working in health services or on health-related projects, experience working in collaboration with First Nations people of Australia and experience in undertaking qualitative research

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