

Physical activity PhD Research Scholarship

PhD scholarship for an outstanding candidate aimed at supporting the health and wellbeing of young people with Prader-Willi syndrome through participation in physical activity and exercise.

This prestigious scholarship, established by La Trobe University in partnership with the Prader-Willi Research Foundation of Australia and the US Foundation for Prader-Willi Research, will be awarded to an outstanding applicant interested in research to support participation of young people with Prader-Willi syndrome in physical activity.

Applicants should have a high level of achievement, including a first class honours degree or equivalent. Applicants from a range of backgrounds (health, education, sport, disability, psychology, public health etc) will be considered.

Applicants should have an interest in physical activity and/or disability. You will work as part of a research team completing a national study of exercise in young people with Prader-Willi syndrome funded by the Commonwealth of Australia's Medical Research Future Fund. Your PhD will complement the national study, and include one component focusing on physical activity among young children with Prader-Willi syndrome.

Benefits of the scholarship

Benefits of the scholarship include:

- a La Trobe Research Scholarship for three and a half (3.5 years) years, with a value of \$27,596 per annum, to support your living costs [2019 rate] plus an annual top-up of \$5,000 per annum for 3.5 years.
- \$5,000 towards conference travel expenses
- a fee-relief scholarship (LTUFFRS) for four years to undertake a PhD at La Trobe University (international applicants only)
- opportunities to work with La Trobe's

outstanding researchers, and have access to our suite of professional development programs

Eligibility criteria

To be eligible, you need to:

- Have an Australian Master's degree at a minimum H1 standard, or approved international equivalent, or an Australian Bachelor's degree with an honours year at a minimum H1 standard, or approved international equivalent. All acquired degrees must have included a significant research component, for example, completion of a minor research thesis.

How to apply

If you wish to apply for this Scholarship opportunity, follow these steps:

- Review details on how to apply for candidature at: latrobe.edu.au/research/future
- Select Professor Nora Shields (n.shields@latrobe.edu.au) or Professor Nicholas Taylor (n.taylor@latrobe.edu.au) as your potential supervisors, indicating that you wish to be considered for the "Physical Activity PhD Research Scholarship".
- When you have received in-principle agreement for supervision, complete and submit your application to the La Trobe Graduate Research School (admissions.grs@latrobe.edu.au) for Domestic applicants; International applicants will need to submit their application via email to: ltiresearch@latrobe.edu.au

The University will carefully review your application and consider you for the Physical Activity PhD Scholarship.

Closing date

Applications are open until a suitable candidate has been identified.

Contact us

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