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PhD STIPEND – Melbourne School of Health Sciences, University of Melbourne (in collaboration with Department of Medicine - Royal Melbourne Hospital)

Job no.: 0054068

Work type: Fixed term

Location: Parkville

Applications are invited for the Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) funded PhD Stipend in Implementation Science

Award amount: \$31,200 per annum tax free for a maximum of 3-years full-time

Project title: Communities of Practice in Residential Aged Care: Can they address know-do gaps in infection prevention and control?

Communities of practice (COPs) in health care show promise for collaborative learning and for improving the quality of care that patients receive. A CoP is proposed to have three defining characteristics: a shared domain of interest (members have shared competence); the community (members engage in joint activities, help each other and share information); and shared practice (members are practitioners who develop a shared repertoire of resources, experiences and tools).

(<http://www.communityofpractice.ca/background/what-is-a-community-of-practice/>).

The PhD program of research will investigate this question in the context of an MRFF-funded study, “**IMpleMenting Effective infection prevention and control in ReSidential aged care (IMMERSE)**”. The candidate will work directly with the project team to investigate the features of COPs among nurse infection prevention and control leads that improve infection control practices in residential aged care facilities.

You will be supervised by Professors [Jill Francis](#) and [Kwang Lim](#) with additional supervisors drawn from the IMMERSE study team.

Applicant criteria

- Background in the fields of health care or behavioural science – allied health, nursing, psychology, medicine, public health, implementation science, or health sciences
- Applicants must meet the University of Melbourne's PhD entry requirements
- A working knowledge of qualitative and quantitative research designs and methods
- Capacity to think in terms of concepts and theories as well as empirical research methods

- Strong communication and leadership skills
- Knowledge of the Australian Aged Care system (desirable)

The stipend is conditional upon acceptance into a PhD degree at the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences, The University of Melbourne. More information on MDHS requirements can be found [here](#).

Due to current COVID-related travel restrictions, applicants should be currently located in Australia.

How to apply:

For more information and to submit an application please follow this [link](#).

Or copy and paste the URL below into your internet browser:

<https://mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/research/2018/medical-projects-by-theme/student-research-project/implementing-effective-infection-prevention-and-control-in-residential-aged-care-immense>

Applications close: Monday 31 January 2022, 11:59pm AEST

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