Maastricht – Western Sydney Joint PhD Scholarship in Medical Education

Specifications

- Location – Maastricht University, Maastricht, The Netherlands, and Western Sydney University, Sydney, Australia.
- Function type – PhD candidature
- Scientific field – Medical Education
- Hours – 38 hours per week
- Salary – A tax-free stipend will be offered as per the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council Postgraduate Scholarship rate (see https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/grants-funding/apply-funding/postgraduate-scholarships/nhmrc-postgraduate-scholarship-stipend-and-2) A waiver will be offered from Western Sydney University international student fees. Additional funding will be provided for research costs.
- Education – A Master of Science degree in a relevant field
- Job number
- Translations – English
- About the universities – Maastricht University www.maastrichtuniversity.nl and Western Sydney University http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/

Job description

- Do you have a passion for educating and training doctors for the future?
- Would you like to build the evidence base for what works in medical education?
- Does the opportunity of travelling and doing research in Australia and the Netherlands appeal to you?

If so, we invite you to apply for a new joint PhD program offered by Maastricht University and Western Sydney University. Successful applicants will be offered a full time scholarship stipend (equivalent to the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council Postgraduate Scholarship) upon acceptance into the PhD program.

Supported by the Maastricht University School of Health Professions Education PhD preparation program, the successful applicant will develop a PhD proposal on a topical issue in medical education which is relevant to the undergraduate or graduate medical programs offered by Western Sydney and Maastricht universities.

Topics could include, but are not limited to the student experience, authentic learning environments, workplace based learning and assessment.

Requirements

The successful applicant should:

- hold a Masters (MSc) in Health Professional Education, Education, Medicine or related disciplines,
- be able to collaborate with a diverse and international group of researchers and practitioners,
• be fluent in English, and
• will be required to successfully complete the Maastricht School of Health Professions Education PhD preparation program [see https://she.mumc.maastrichtuniversity.nl/writing-phd-research-proposal].

Conditions
The PhD will be jointly supervised by promoters from both Maastricht University and Western Sydney University. The successful applicant will be partly located at Maastricht University and at Western Sydney University School of Medicine in Sydney Australia during their candidature.

For the Western Sydney component, the candidate will be based at the School of Medicine in Sydney, or its clinical teaching sites. For the Maastricht University component, the candidate will be based at the School of Health Professions Education. Office services, including printing, videoconferencing, workstation will be provided, and research support, such as library services.

The successful applicant will enrol in the PhD student pathway at Maastricht and Western Sydney universities, and on completion be awarded a joint PhD degree.

Organisation
Maastricht University (UM) is renowned for its unique, innovative, problem-based learning system, which is characterized by a small-scale and student-oriented approach. Research at UM is characterized by a multidisciplinary and thematic approach, and is concentrated in research institutes and schools. Maastricht University has around 14,500 students and 3,800 employees. Reflecting the university's strong international profile, a fair amount of both students and staff are international.

Western Sydney University is located in the third largest economic region of Australia, and draws over 37,000 students from more than 160 ethnic groups in Western Sydney and beyond. The University is committed to expanding opportunities for all capable students irrespective of their background. The University aims to be distinctively student-centred and research-led, and to have regional, national and global impact, with strengths in interdisciplinary research, industry engagement and community advocacy.

Department
The Graduate School of Health Professions Education (SHE) within the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences of Maastricht University offers a PhD program where national and international PhD candidates carry out educational research in the area of medical or health sciences education. PhD candidates receive supervision from highly experienced and internationally acknowledged educational researchers associated with the SHE. The two main research themes are: learning & innovative learning arrangements, and assessment & evaluation.

The Western Sydney University School of Medicine was established in 2007 to create and implement an undergraduate medical program with a foundational base in problem-based learning, followed by immersive learning in clinical and community service environments. The School has dedicated teaching sites across the region and strong relationships with health services for the purposes of educational research. The Medical Education Unit is a multidisciplinary team of academic and professional staff which was established at the School’s inception to support the design, implementation, evaluation and continuous improvement of education and training offered by the School. Medical Education research has been promoted from the beginning through PhD
Scholarships, and has now grown into streams of research leading to publications and international collaborations.

**Additional information**
Applicants are requested to write a letter in which they describe their abilities and motivation, accompanied by a curriculum vitae, to be send to the e-mail addresses below before 1\textsuperscript{st} June 2016.

For more information, please contact:

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