

Western Sydney Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Medical Education

Are you passionate about researching the **education and training of medical students and doctors?**

In partnership with Maastricht University, Western Sydney are proud to offer the **Western Sydney-Maastricht PhD in Medical Education** program, supported by the **Western Sydney Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Medical Education**.

Established in 2007, the School of Medicine at Western Sydney University has a reputation for innovation through workplace based learning and assessment. Its educational philosophy is founded on evidence-based and research informed approaches. The School now hosts a range of national and international medical education research collaborations. Potential research areas include:

- Learning and assessment in authentic environments
- Pedagogy and curriculum design
- The student experience
- Faculty and clinical teacher development

The Maastricht School of Health Professions Education (SHE), Maastricht University, The Netherlands, is a graduate school for education, research and innovation in health professions education. SHE provides high quality multidisciplinary research and teaching aimed at the improvement of health professions education. SHE offers a PhD program that is internationally recognized. See <https://she.mumc.maastrichtuniversity.nl/>

The successful Scholarship holder will receive world-class research training and access to international research networks. At the start of their candidature, they will be located at SHE, Maastricht University. The candidate will then be located at the School of Medicine in Western Sydney, Australia (SoM). Doctoral research proposals which are relevant to the SoM medical education and research program are invited.

What does the scholarship provide?

- Scholarship holders will receive a tax-free stipend of \$30,000 AUD per annum for a period of four years to support living costs. In addition, tuition fees usually applicable to international (non-Australian resident) students will be waived. Student fees for Australian residents will be covered by an Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fees Offset. Top-up funding equivalent to NH&MRC Postgraduate Scholarships may be offered for outstanding candidates.
- Additional funding for training, conference attendance, fieldwork and direct research costs will be provided on an annual basis.

Eligibility criteria

We welcome applicants from different backgrounds who are passionate about building the evidence base on educating and training medical students and doctors. Successful applicants will have a keen interest in trends, innovation and interdisciplinary approaches to medical education, and develop the ability to apply and extend these to their own research.

The successful applicant should:

- hold qualifications and experience equal to one of the following (i) an Australian First Class Bachelor (Honours) degree, (ii) coursework Masters with at least 25% research component, (iii) Research Masters degree, or (iv) equivalent overseas qualifications.
- demonstrate strong academic performance in disciplines relevant to medical education and training
- Successfully complete the SHE PhD Proposal Writing course with a research proposal that is relevant to the Western Sydney medical program, and approved by SoM for doctoral research (see below)
- be willing to travel and reside in both Western Sydney and Maastricht
- be enthusiastic and highly motivated to undertake further study at an advanced level.

How to apply

1. Contact Professor Wendy Hu e:w.hu@westernsydney.edu.au, or Professor Diana Dolmans, d.dolmans@maastrichtuniversity.nl to discuss your eligibility, the project requirements and for further information.

2. Include in your PhD Scholarship application your:

(a) CV and contact information for two referees

(b) academic transcript

(c) cover letter explaining your capacity and motivation to undertake postgraduate research in medical education

(d) at least two examples of research publications and/or academic writing. For example your Masters thesis

(e) and a 1-2 page research proposal.

3. Apply for the PhD Proposal Writing Course offered by SHE, Maastricht University.

NOTE: To be eligible for the WSU-Maastricht PhD, applicants must satisfactorily complete this course with a proposal that is relevant to the Western Sydney medical program. See <https://she.mumc.maastrichtuniversity.nl/writing-phd-research-proposal>

Applications close

Applications will be accepted until **March 1, 2019**