

PhD Opportunity

New models of dementia care and support

Background

The Ageing Research Group at the University of Canberra and Community Home Australia are looking for a highly motivated candidate to undertake a PhD starting in 2023 which will investigate improved ways of providing dementia support and care in the community. The research program will evaluate whether a unique person-centred care approach can enhance health outcomes, the quality of care to people living with dementia, and its effects on workforce satisfaction and retention.

How will it work?

The successful applicant will be based in Canberra at the University of Canberra Hospital (UCH) Specialist Centre for Rehabilitation, Recovery and Research and work within a multidisciplinary team of researchers in the Ageing Research Group. Within the Faculty of Health, the Ageing Research Group aims to make a difference in society through research that adds to the evidence base underpinning practices, programs and policies that impact older people where they live, including community, residential and a range of health service settings. As part of the PhD program, the candidate will be expected to have ongoing involvement with Community Home Australia and their services, which currently provide small-scale dementia care at Kambara House, day care at Club Kalina, and a range of other services.

Are you eligible?

The successful applicant will need to meet the requirements for entry to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at the University of Canberra. To be eligible, you must be either an Australian or New Zealand citizen, permanent resident, or other candidate. A relevant Honours or Masters degree, or a Bachelor's degree plus demonstrated interest in dementia, aged care, gerontology or a related health field (e.g. psychology, occupational therapy, nursing) is desirable. Well-developed knowledge and research skills, and experience with people living with dementia and/or older people are beneficial, but not essential. The successful applicant will receive a PhD stipend of \$30,000 AUD per year for three years, tax-free.

Research team

Assistant Professor Nathan D'Cunha, Faculty of Health
Associate Professor Kasia Bail, Faculty of Health
Associate Professor Stephen Isbel, Faculty of Health
Distinguished Professor Diane Gibson, Faculty of Health

How to apply

Please send the following to nathan.dcunha@canberra.edu.au:

- a brief letter outlining your suitability and why the position is of interest to you
- a current CV with contact details for 2 referees

Closing date: 5th September 2022

Links

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/research/graduate-research>

<https://www.canberra.edu.au/about-uc/faculties/health/research/ageing/ageing-research-group>

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