Australian Research Council Program.

Contemporary lessons from a history of Aboriginal, women’s and generalist community health services in Australia 1970-2020.

Opening Date: xxxxxx      Closing Date: xxxx

We are seeking an outstanding candidate for a PhD scholarship for an ARC Project entitled: Contemporary lessons from a history of Aboriginal, women’s and generalist community health services in Australia 1970-2020. This exciting project is a partnership between Flinders University, the University of Sydney, La Trobe University, the National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (NACCHO), The Sydney Local Health District, Paul Laris and Associates and Tony McBride and Associates.

Australia has a strong history of innovation of community-driven health services, concerned with equity, action on the social determinants of health, community empowerment, and holistic and multi-disciplinary responses to health issues. These proponents included Aboriginal health, trade unions, women’s health movements and locality-based community groups. Our research will analyse the role of the range of social movements that identified the need for such services and fought to establish their own or to encourage governments to support them. Post Covid-19 there will be a great chance to reconstruct and rethink health and care systems after one of biggest pandemics and this research is designed to contribute thinking about health services which enable improved access and community input to services.

We are open to any area of study relevant to our project. This includes focusing on the emergence of Aboriginal Community-Controlled health organisations as part of the broader community health movement. We strongly encourage Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander candidates to apply for this aspect of the project. Candidates interested in the emergence of the women’s health movement are also encouraged to apply.

The project has a funded PhD scholarship and will be based at Flinders University (Principal supervisor Prof. Fran Baum). Associate supervision will be provided by the other members of the research team located at Flinders University (Dr T Freeman, Dr. Katy Osborne and A/Prof Tamara Mackean).

BENEFITS and TENURE

The scholarship includes:

- a stipend valued at $28,597* per annum (2021 rate) tax free
- The scholarship will be awarded for 3 years

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the award of this scholarship a student must:

- be an Australian citizen; or a New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident at the closing date for applications; and
- completed a Bachelor degree with Second Class (Division A) Honours or above, or an equivalent level of academic attainment.
• Other general conditions of the award will be as per current conditions of award for Australian Government Research Training Program Scholarships.

APPLICATION

Prior to submitting their applications, prospective applicants are advised to contact the project Lead Investigator, Prof Fran Baum via email at: fran.baum@flinders.edu.au

The application for admission and the scholarship will be separate processes; applications for admission to candidature are submitted electronically.

The successful candidate will ideally begin by June 2021, subject to negotiation (and not later than October 2021).