

# HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



**Have you thought about completing a PhD? We are looking for you!**

The University of Newcastle is built on the principles of equity, excellence and engagement and has a reputation as a world-class institution making an impact within its own region, throughout Australia and across the globe.

**The Health Behaviour Research Collaborative (HBRC) in the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Newcastle is currently seeking interested students to join our team as PhD candidates in the following areas:**

## **Area 1: Improving the quality of cancer care**

We are working to assess and improve a range of important aspects of cancer care, including diagnosis and prognosis disclosure, decision-making, addressing psychological needs, and ensuring patients are involved in care in a positive way.

## **Area 2: Testing strategies to meet the needs of older people and their carers**

Given our rapidly ageing population, it is important we work to prevent future healthcare crises by implementing changes now. Our work involves identifying needs of older adults and their carers, including those with dementia. Information from these studies will be provided to governments and service providers to improve the quality of life for older Australians.

## **Area 3: Using e-health to improve health outcomes of older adults**

In a time of limited resources, web-based solutions are critical to the future of sustainable care. We are interested in using internet technology to support older people in rural Australia to maintain mental health, wellbeing, independence and social connectedness in older age.

As a PhD candidate, you would have the opportunity to make a real impact on the lives of others. The HBRC tackles complex health problems which often involve multi-level interventions that target individuals, carers, clinicians, and organisations to improve health care outcomes. We have a strong focus on training PhD students and mentoring early career researchers.

Key researchers within HBRC: L/Prof Rob Sanson-Fisher (Director); Dr Allison Boyes; Dr Jamie Bryant; A/Prof Mariko Carey; Dr Andrea Coda; Ms Kristy Fakes; Dr Megan Freund; Dr Anne Herrmann; Ms Bree Hobden; Dr Lisa Mackenzie; Dr Elise Mansfield; and Dr Amy Waller.

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