



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN  
**SEVERE ASTHMA**

*Innovative solutions for severe asthma*

**PhD Scholarship- Supervisors: Professor Vanessa McDonald & Dr Vanessa Clark**

**Determining Models of Care in Severe Asthma**

We are seeking expressions of interest from highly motivated candidates who are interested in undertaking a PhD to develop an innovative “*model of care*” for the treatment of severe asthma. Systematic assessment of severe asthma and treatment of the relevant comorbidities has been shown to have a beneficial effect on outcomes for patients. However, management is highly variable across primary and tertiary care. Whilst expert opinion recommends systematic assessment, the optimal “*models of care*” for severe asthma and its comorbidities are not known.

You will be part of a dynamic and inter-professional research group, with an outstanding research track record and exceptional research facilities. Researchers are involved in translational research not only in severe asthma, but also mild and moderate asthma, COPD and other airways diseases.

This research is part of the Centre for Research Excellence in Severe Asthma.

**SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS**

Living allowance scholarship at the NHMRC rate for an initial period of three years (a six month extension may be granted at the Dean of Graduate Studies’ discretion); 3 years plus 6 month extension. Opportunity to apply for a top-up scholarship are available through the Centre for Research Excellence in Severe Asthma.

**ELIGIBILITY**

- Completion of an undergraduate study and have attained Honours Class 1 or equivalent
- Domestic or international candidate
- Enrolment to commence studies at the University of Newcastle ASAP.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURE (Deadline 31 May 2017 or until filled)**

Interested applicants are advised to send an email addressing eligibility criteria and demonstrating their interest in this topic, and a copy of their CV and transcripts, to:

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