



CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN
SEVERE ASTHMA

Innovative solutions for severe asthma

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

Targeting Anxiety and Depression in Severe Asthma

We are seeking expressions of interest from highly motivated candidates who are interested in undertaking a PhD to develop and implement a program aimed at targeting anxiety and depression in severe asthma.

People with severe asthma have substantially higher rates of anxiety and depression compared to the general population. Anxiety and depression impact on severe asthma treatment outcomes and reduce adherence to medications, as well as impacting on other positive health behaviours including physical activity. People with co-existing anxiety and/or depression and severe asthma have considerably more healthcare use, and adverse health outcomes compared to those with severe asthma without anxiety and depression, with few seeking treatment for their mental health concerns.

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 PhD scholars grant 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

Interested applicants are advised to send an email addressing eligibility criteria and demonstrating their interest in this topic to:

Contact: Dr Vanessa Clark

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Closing Date: 31st August 2017