



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre
Autism Cooperative Research Centre

Postgraduate Research Scholarship: School Leavers aged 15-25 years on the Autism Spectrum

The Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC) is offering a 3-year full-time Postgraduate Research Scholarship, funded by the Autism Cooperative Research Centre (www.autismcrc.com.au), to a highly motivated student to study factors associated with transition from school to adulthood in individuals on the autism spectrum. The PhD candidate will be supervised by Associate Professor Amanda Richdale and will be co-supervised by Dr Lauren Hollier, Autism CRC Post-Doctoral Research Fellow.

OTARC is Australia's first centre dedicated to research on Autism Spectrum Disorders and is an essential partner in the Autism CRC. OTARC is situated in the School of Psychology and Public Health within the College of Science, Health and Engineering (SHE) at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia.

The PhD candidate will work within the Autism CRC "Longitudinal Study of Australian School Leavers with Autism", which is following individuals on the autism spectrum, aged 15-25 years and their parents over 3 time points, at entry into the study, and 1 and 2 years later, across a range of educational/vocational, wellbeing and mental health factors. The study is now collecting 1- and 2-year follow-up data.

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www.latrobe.edu.au/otarc

Scholarship Details

The successful applicant will receive an Autism CRC post-graduate research scholarship for a period of 3-years. The rate is equivalent to a Research Training Program (RTP) stipend scholarship (currently \$26,682 per annum) and is tax-free.

Alternatively, if the successful applicant has a RTP stipend scholarship s/he may be eligible for a \$5,000 per annum Autism CRC top-up scholarship

Selection Criteria

- A Masters degree or an Undergraduate degree with first class honours in psychology, health science or a related field
- Interest and/or experience in Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Experience in research (e.g., conducting research projects, data analysis, publications)
- Potential for completing a PhD
- Good organisation and communication skills

Eligibility

A Master's or a Bachelor's degree with Honours.

Open to international and domestic applicants. International students must be an H1 applicant and should contact the La Trobe International Office or visit the University's International website for information about application procedures.

Expression of Interest

Please contact Associate Professor Amanda Richdale (a.richdale@latrobe.edu.au) before submitting any application. Attach a CV supported by a verified academic record, and one page introductory letter demonstrating how you meet the selection criteria. Applicants will then need to apply:

1. Through the La Trobe Graduate Research School for entry into a La Trobe University graduate research degree.
2. For an Autism CRC Graduate Research Scholarship which will need to be approved before a scholarship can be awarded.

Graduate Research School

For information about PhD applications at La Trobe University see:

<http://www.latrobe.edu.au/research/future/apply>

Applicants should contact Associate Professor Amanda Richdale and submit expression of interest documents by 31 October, 2017.

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