

**Australian Centre for Economic Research on Health  
(ACERH)**

**PhD Scholarships**

The Australian National University (ANU) and The University of Queensland (UQ) nodes of ACERH have several PhD scholarships in health economics available for creative scholars who are interested in pursuing full-time doctoral studies.

*Australian Postgraduate Award Industry (APAI)*

This scholarship is funded by a Linkage Project grant from the Australian Research Council (ARC) and is tenable at the ANU. Applicants for this scholarship must be an Australian citizen, an Australian permanent resident, or a New Zealand citizen.

ACERH together with industry partner the NRMA – ACT Road Safety Trust have been awarded this grant to undertake an economic evaluation of a new treatment modality for the management of soft tissue injury following motor vehicle crashes in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT). This new modality, which involves the rapid assessment and referral of injuries in a multidisciplinary clinic, has been the subject of a controlled trial in the ACT which commenced in 2007. The trial, known as the Accident Care Evaluation (ACE) trial, is now nearing completion and the APAI scholar will have access to the trial data for their PhD studies.

Further information on the trial is available from the [ACE web site](#). Additional information can be found in a presentation at the TRACsa conference in Adelaide in November 2008 (go to the News 2008 page on the [ACERH web site](#) and download the slides for the presentation entitled 'Improving outcome after musculoskeletal injuries in motor vehicle crashes: A controlled trial').

*ACERH PhD scholarships*

Both ANU and UQ nodes have PhD scholarships available for any applied topic in health economics. Applicants for these scholarships do not need to be Australian citizens or Australian permanent residents.

While preference for at least one of these scholarships may be given to an applicant proposing to conduct research on health insurance and health financing, proposals to undertake research in any applied area of health economics will be considered.

*Financial aspects*

The APAI scholarship and the ACERH PhD scholarships are 3-year stipend scholarships with a base rate on parity with Australian Postgraduate Awards (currently AUD20,007 per year tax free). In addition, ACERH awards a supplementary stipend scholarship valued at AUD5,000 per year tax free. International students who are offered an ACERH PhD scholarship will also be offered a tuition fee scholarship to cover the full cost of PhD tuition fees charged by the ANU and UQ.

*Further information*

Academic enquiries should be directed to Professor Jim Butler (ANU) (E: [jim.butler@anu.edu.au](mailto:jim.butler@anu.edu.au)) or Professor Luke Connelly (UQ) (E: [l.connelly@uq.edu.au](mailto:l.connelly@uq.edu.au)).

To lodge an application for a PhD scholarship, an application for PhD candidature must be lodged with the University where the applicant wishes to enrol. Web links for further information on the application process at each University are available on the ACERH web site [here](#).

**Closing date for applications:** Friday, 5 June 2009

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