

PHCRED PRIMARY HEALTH CARE HONOURS SCHOLARSHIPS 2009

Information for applicants

The Tasmanian Primary Health Care Research and Evaluation and Development program (PHCRED) is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing and jointly managed by the University Department of Rural Health (UDRH) and the Menzies Research Institute (MRI).

The PHCRED program has two main aims:

- to increase the amount of primary health care (PHC) research being conducted in Australia by building the numbers of PHC researchers;
- to create closer links between research and policy and practice in primary health

More information on PHCRED Tasmania can be found at <http://www.phcred.utas.edu.au>

Each year, as part of the PHCRED Research Capacity Building Initiative (RCBI) Program, PHCRED Tasmania offer two scholarships to students enrolled in an Honours program at the University of Tasmania. In 2009 we are pleased to offer

- **THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL HEALTH, (UDRH) PRIMARY HEALTH CARE HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP (\$3000.00) and**
- **THE MENZIES RESEARCH INSTITUTE (MRI) PRIMARY HEALTH CARE HONOURS SCHOLARSHIP (\$5000.00)**

The PHC Honours scholarships are open to students from all faculties who wish to undertake a primary health care research topic in their honours year in 2009. The UDRH scholarship will be awarded only to applicants with a specific *rural* health focus. Both UDRH and Menzies will only award a scholarship in 2009 if suitable applications are received.

Thesis Topics can be drawn from the areas of:

- Clinical practice
- Public health and health promotion
- Health service delivery models and issues
- Health policies and systems

The Primary Health Care Honours Scholarship is for one year of full-time study. The scholarship money is to be used to support the successful completion of an honours degree and it is a condition of this scholarship that recipients present their research results at the annual PHCRED Primary Health Care Symposium in late 2009. The responsibility for the study program and supervision will remain with the School in which recipients are enrolled.

Applicants are encouraged to select their own thesis topic. Alternatively there are a number of primary health care research projects at UDRH and Menzies which have the capacity to support Honours level research.

Research projects at UDRH are currently available in the areas of *rural*

- workforce
- mental health
- interprofessional education
- chronic disease
- ageing
- community engagement and
- health systems and health policy

At MRI, current research projects include disease prevention, health promotion and management of chronic disease in the primary health care setting.

For more information on current research projects please contact **Dr Peter Orpin** PHCRED Program Coordinator UDRH 62267344 or **Ms Danielle Williams** PHCRED Program Coordinator (MRI) on 62264769

Applications close 31s October 2008

Application forms are available from: www.phcred.utas.edu.au/honours_scholarships.htm

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