PhD Research Opportunity

CBEH has some exciting research opportunities for highly motivated PhD research students who are interested in doing multi-disciplinary research that makes a difference.

The Centre for the Built Environment and Health (CBEH) examines the impact of the urban environment on the health and behaviour of children and adults.

CBEH offers a highly productive team environment and the opportunity to develop research skills in mixed methods with a strong focus on the translation of research into policy and practice across health, sport, recreation, urban design, planning, transport and other relevant sectors.

Dogs and Physical Activity

There is growing awareness about the importance of pet ownership to physical and emotional health. Pets provide opportunities and motivation to participate in physical activity. Rising world obesity levels has placed physical activity firmly on the public health agenda. Given that more than 60 per cent of Australian households own a pet and almost 70 per cent of these households care for one or more dogs, walking with a dog is seen as an under-utilised health promotion tool.

Physical Activity Minimal Intervention Targeting Dog Owners

PhD Research Project

Directed by Dr Hayley Christian and funded by the Petcare Information and Advisory Service and Healthway, this project will work with local vets to design and evaluate a minimal intervention dog walking program that will benefit both the owner and the dog. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to work with a highly motivated industry partner, Petcare, and to develop skills in intervention research.

Funding for a 3 year PhD scholarship has been provided by Petcare.

For more details, please see the UWA Scholarship’s office and CBEH’s websites:

http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/home/postgrad/medicine/dog_walking


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