PhD Research Opportunities

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.

The RESIDE Project

Healthy and Sustainable Communities:

The RESIDential Environments Project (RESIDE) is a longitudinal experiment evaluating the State Government’s Liveable Neighbourhood Guidelines which aim to create more pedestrian-friendly neighbourhoods by examining the impact of urban design on walking, cycling, use of public transport and sense of community.

RESIDE involves a multi-disciplinary research team and a number of industry partners including the Department of Planning and the Heart Foundation. Funding has been received for a 4th follow-up of RESIDE participants, as well as a two year research translation phase.

PhD Projects

1. The impact of the food environment on eating behaviours
   Chief Investigator: Dr Siobhan Hickling
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2. Physical activity and sedentary behaviours
   Chief Investigator: Professor Fiona Bull
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3. The development of social networks in new neighbourhoods and the impact on mental health
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4. Barriers to urban policy implementation and better understanding density
   Chief Investigator: Professor Billie Giles-Corti
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Note: There is scope for other PhD projects relating to the Centre’s areas of research. Please contact us to discuss your potential idea.

For more details see CBEH’s website: