PHD SCHOLARSHIP:

Physical Activity Health Promotion Intervention Targeting Dog Owners

We are seeking a highly motivated person to undertake a PhD at the Centre for the Built Environment and Health (CBEH), School of Population Health. CBEH undertakes policy-relevant research that builds capacity and influences planning and urban design policy and practice to create healthy and sustainable communities. CBEH provides a productive and supportive environment for postgraduate research students and currently has 10 PhD students.

A scholarship is available for research in the area of physical activity intervention. This scholarship is funded by an industry partner and is the second CBEH PhD scholarship to be funded by the Petcare Information Advisory Service.

This PhD will build on preliminary research examining the relationship between physical activity and dog ownership to develop and test a minimal intervention targeting dog owners visiting their local veterinarian. It is anticipated that this PhD project will be part of a larger state-wide health promotion project aimed at increasing community levels of walking via dog walking.

This PhD would be well-suited to dog owning students with a background in physical activity and health promotion.

Eligibility

1) Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia
2) Adequate public health knowledge through previous coursework training in public health
3) Possess a bachelor degree with at least first or second class (level A) honours or equivalent
4) Reside in Western Australia for the duration of the scholarship
5) Ready to undertake and enroll in full-time PhD research without delay (no later than January 2012)

Stipend

The scholarship is valued at $26,400 pa (tax exempt) with $2,000 pa to cover travel to conferences. The scholarship will be provided for a maximum of 3 years. Candidates who bring their own Australian Postgraduate Award or equivalent will receive an Ad hoc top-up scholarship to the value of $7,000 pa (tax exempt). Candidates will be encouraged to apply for the current Australian Postgraduate Award application round (due 31st Oct 2011):

http://www.scholarships.uwa.edu.au/search?sc_view=1&id=539&page=1&q=dog&s=1&old_key=0
Application
Applicants should send their CV including contact details for two professional referees, previous research experience, publications and presentations, academic record and a statement addressing why they are interested in this area of research, their oral and written communications skills as well as their willingness to work with an industry partner to:

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