

Western Health and Deakin University PhD Scholarship for 2024-2026

Introduction

Western Health is committed to providing Best Care to our community. Underpinning Western Health's world-class clinical care is our commitment to research and education. One key initiative of the Strategic Directions 2021-2023 is to "build stronger connections between and amongst researchers, educators, clinical leaders and frontline staff, through multidisciplinary projects, learning, and innovation". This is achieved by fostering curiosity and supporting staff to lead and participate in research.

The Executive Director of Nursing and Midwifery in conjunction with the Faculty of Health at Deakin University, are delighted to announce the inaugural co-funded PhD scholarship to undertake dedicated nursing and/or midwifery research. The scholarship will consist of a stipend of \$48,500 per annum (at 2023 rates), tax exempt for three years. Standard scholarships are usually to the value of \$33,500 per annum, so this is an excellent opportunity for a Western Health nurse or midwife.

Terms of scholarship

The successful candidate must be eligible to apply for PhD candidature through Deakin University School of Nursing and Midwifery and comply with the terms of the scholarship. Details can be located here:

<https://www.deakin.edu.au/study/fees-and-scholarships/scholarships/find-a-scholarship/rtp-and-duprs> .

The successful candidate will be supervised by at least one staff member in the Western Health Deakin University partnership.

All research must comply with Western Health and Deakin University's Research ethics and governance policies and the National Health and Medical Research Council statement. Ethics approval must be gained before the commencement of any research.

Support

Nurses and midwives interested in this opportunity are strongly encouraged to seek support and advice from the Chair of Nursing, Professor Bodil Rasmussen or the Chair of Midwifery, Professor Linda Sweet. They will assist in confirming eligibility and in preparing a research proposal.

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Application guidelines

Applicants must complete the Western Health and Deakin University PhD Scholarship 2024 application form and provide supporting documents.

Selection criteria

The following criteria will be used to assess applications:

Scoring Framework	Max Points
Academic Merit	40
Research experience and publications relative to opportunity	20
Alignment of proposed study with Western Health research priorities	20
Alignment of proposed study with Deakin University research priorities	20
Total	100

Submission

Applications must be submitted by email to WHDeakinPartnership@wh.org.au

Application close **24th November 2023**