

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Adelaide welcomes applications for higher degree (PhD) scholarships in all disciplines, including in conjunction with an ARC project entitled: **Food Body Encounters: New approaches and alternative solutions to obesity prevention and policy** under the supervision of Associate Professor Megan Warin.

This project is seeking a PhD student to conduct ethnographic work to investigate how people embody knowledge about food, eating and bodies in the context of obesity. The project is embedded in an ARC Future Fellowship led by Associate Professor Megan Warin and the fieldwork component is located in suburban Adelaide.

Obesity is a complex problem that is situated within a web of shifting social, cultural, political and economic institutions and practices. Interventions have not had sustained success due to a reliance on popular and pervasive individualistic understandings of bodies, action and change. The overall aim of this research is to provide in-depth understanding of the practices that people from differing genders and social classes enact and reproduce in relation to food, eating and social change. This comparative project asks not 'what' people eat but rather 'why and how' they eat. It takes us beyond current approaches to investigate how eating practices are culturally shaped and configured by multiple factors and rationales. Ethnographic research methods and embodiment and social practice theories will be used to understand consumption, food and eating as circuits of social and collective practices, rather than as individual behaviours.

Potential applicants will need to have some understanding of ethnographic techniques (including participant observation/interviewing) and the forms of writing and analysis that this data requires, as well as knowledge of social theories concerning health and the body. Opportunities for research training, professional development and collaborations will be supported and provided during candidature.

For more information on this project, please contact Associate Professor Megan Warin (megan.warin@adelaide.edu.au)

Eligibility: applicants will have a minimum of Honours 2A result or equivalent in a relevant discipline. Applicants must be citizens of Australia or New Zealand, or permanent residents of Australia, by the closing date of 31 October 2014. Stipend: \$25,392 pa per annum (2014 rate), indexed annually. It is likely to be tax exempt, subject to Taxation Office approval.

Apply at: <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/graduatecentre/admission/apply-now/> and also provide a copy of your application to the potential supervisor at the email above.

Applicants should note that the awarding of any such higher degree scholarship is dependent on the availability of funding which, as at the date of this announcement, is yet to be confirmed. The selection panel reserves the right in its absolute discretion not to award any such scholarship in any discipline having considered any, and all, applications.