

FedUni and Bass Coast Health Scholarship Application



Project: **Partnering in Healthcare – Health Care Transformation across the Gippsland South Coast.**

Location: To be negotiated but including Berwick or Gippsland campus of Federation University Australia

Surname

Given name

Address

Telephone

Email

Are you a current FedUni HDR candidate?

Yes Student ID:

No Complete the HDR Candidature application in addition to the Scholarship application

Applications close 5:00pm Wednesday 1 May 2019. Applicants interviewed will be advised of the outcome at the earliest opportunity, with the successful applicant to commence by 1st June 2019 (preferred date).

For questions related to the research project, please contact 03 5122 8032 or s.cooper@federation.edu.au

Conditions

Scholarships are for a period of three years only. Extensions to scholarships will not be granted. Applications are open to both domestic and international applicants. This position and scholarship are full-time, with no possibility of being undertaken part-time during candidature. Students will be required to commit to a minimum of four days per week attendance.

View the general conditions for [Fed Uni HDR Scholarships on the Research Website](#). Where these conditions differ to those on this form, the conditions outlined for this specific scholarship take precedence.

Eligibility to undertake a PhD

Scholarship applicants must also be eligible to undertake a PhD. Verify you can meet [eligibility requirements outlined on the Research website](#). If you are applying for '[Honours equivalence](#),' please ensure that you provide detailed information to support your case.

Referees

Nominate one referee who can comment on your academic and research experience and capacity, and one referee who can comment on your industry and work experience, particularly in relation to the research project area. Referee reports must be returned to Research Services by 1st February 2019 for your application to be considered. Any applicant without referee report forms will not be forwarded for consideration.

Statement

All prospective candidates are required to provide a 2500 word statement covering the following areas:

- Discuss your motivations for applying for this PhD scholarship, and your intended outcomes (both for yourself (personally and professionally), and for the sector)
- Discuss some of the key policy imperatives/directions, and existing research literature, which impact this topic area
- Discuss the opportunities and constraints of the proposed methodology (or, where a methodology has not been explicitly identified, please identify a relevant methodology and discuss the opportunities and constraints)
- Discuss potential challenges and how you might overcome them
- Please note, you are not required to provide the 250 project summary requested on the HDR Application for Enrolment Form – however you must note that you are applying for Scholarship.

Please list all documents provided, including supporting information:

	Required Documents		Other Supporting Documents
	HDR Application for Enrolment Form		List of published works
	2500 word statement		Professional memberships
	Qualifications		
	Transcripts		
	Scholarship Application (this form)		

Applications for the FedUni Bass Coast Health scholarship may be submitted via mail, email or in person

For general scholarship and candidature information, please contact:

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Research project outline

This PhD scholarship will be of interest to those wishing to gain foundation research experience in fields such as health service planning; delivery and coordination; workforce development; and public health. An outline of the project is listed below. The successful applicant is likely to allocated a unique identifiable component of the project based on their expertise and interests. Supervisors will be assigned based on student and project requirements. In the first instance please feel free to discuss the scholarship/role with Professor Simon Cooper.

Title: Partnering in Healthcare – Health Care Transformation across the Gippsland South Coast.

Background:

There are many references within the health literature about the need for health agencies to work togetherⁱ. Health Partnerships provide a platform for improved and systemic collaboration between health services.ⁱⁱ The Victorian Department of Health & Human Services (DHHS) cite the need to establish formal partnership approaches to overcome challenges faced by rural health services.ⁱⁱⁱ In response, Rural and Regional Health Partnerships Guidelines 2018-2019 emphasise a more connected approach to health service planning, delivery and coordination.^{iv} Furthermore, the needs of local communities are often best addressed by the provision of local platforms for collaboration and decision making.^v

After many years of working independently, the Boards and CEO's of South Gippsland Hospital, Gippsland Southern Health Service and Bass Coast Health recognised the potential benefits of working together and agreed to meaningfully collaborate, driven by a sub-regional Clinical Service Plan (CSP).

Implementation of the CSP resulted in Steering Committees being convened to guide the creation of CSP Action Plans focusing on Maternity, Surgery & Anaesthetic and Primary & Community service delivery.

Aim: The overarching aim of the project is that by June 2022, eighty percent of people living in the Gippsland South Coast will receive health care in their local area

Objectives: That each health service will collaborate to create a stronger service system for the Gippsland South Coast catchment by:

- Implementing and strengthening shared clinical governance processes (establishing and supporting joint Clinical Governance Frameworks an Morbidity & Mortality reviews)
- Implementing shared referral pathways with role delineation (developed through service mapping and gap analysis)
- Strengthening the interface with local and metropolitan health services (establishing formal referral pathways and innovative models of care i.e. telehealth)
- Developing shared workforce planning and development models to support sub-regional service delivery (joint credentialing, scope of clinical practice; clinical governance frameworks)
- Engaging with academic and research linkages (e.g. a collaborative PhD scholarship opportunity)

Likely Impacts: Bass Coast Health will achieve Sub-Regional status, providing higher acuity services for the Sub-Region. Maternity Services will be secured at all three health services and strengthened through partnerships and improved governance. Surgery & Anaesthetic services will offer greater complexity within the

catchment and improved workforce utilisation. Primary & Community service provision will be more equitably distributed and integrated across the sub-region offering more innovative service delivery models including an integrated prevention partnership.

References

ⁱ Carnwell, Ros, and Julian Buhanan. *Effective Practice in Health, Social Care and Criminal Justice: A Partnership Approach*, McGraw-Hill Education, 2008. ProQuest Ebook Central, <http://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/acu/detail.action?docID=420768>

ⁱⁱ Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, UK (2003), *Assessing Strategic Partnership: The Partnership Assessment Tool*

ⁱⁱⁱ State of Victoria, Department of Health & Human, October (2017), *Statewide design, service and infrastructure plan for Victoria's health system 2017-2037*

^{iv} State of Victoria, Department of Health & Human Services, draft document (2018), *Rural and Regional Health Partnerships Guidelines 2018-19*

^v State of Victoria, Department of Health & Human Services, draft document (2018), *Rural and Regional Health Partnerships Guidelines 2018-19*