Do you want to help improve indigenous health through better health professional education?

Masters and Doctorate Scholarships to address indigenous chronic disease and health professional education

Educating for Equity international research project

Indigenous peoples in New Zealand, Australia, and Canada experience a greater burden of chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and mental illness than non-indigenous populations. This is partly due to differences in access to health care and in the standard of care received. Indigenous patients tend to receive poorer quality health care than non-indigenous people, which is partly due to health professionals’ clinical decision making, communication and engagement with patients and families.

One way to address this is through education of current and future health professionals, yet there is currently little known about how education can influence these ‘health professional factors’ or what approaches work best.

This project is about comparing, building and sharing experiences and approaches to Indigenous health teaching and learning in the area of chronic disease. A major focus of the project will be ensuring that the lessons learnt are translated into practice. The research will make a substantial and enduring contribution to improving the quality of health care for indigenous people with chronic disease and their health outcomes.

Postgraduate scholarships

Stipends for Masters and PhD programmes are on offer for suitably qualified candidates to undertake research based at The University of Auckland or the University of Otago, leading to a Masters or Doctoral degree. There is some flexibility in the scope of the thesis/dissertation as long as it contributes to the broad objectives of the Educating for Equity project.

Applicants should have a Bachelors degree (for Masters scholarships) or a Bachelors degree with Honours/Masters degree (for PhD scholarships) in Indigenous Health, Education, Medicine, Public Health, Social Science (e.g. Anthropology/Sociology/Development Studies/Maori Studies/Pacific Studies) or a related discipline.

Applications are open to New Zealand citizens, permanent residents and international students. The successful applicant/s will be in a position to commence their candidature subject to successful enrolment in a Masters or PhD programme through The University of Auckland or the University of Otago.

Applications must include: CV, copy of academic transcript, 2 letters of recommendation from your faculty, a sample of your written work (an assignment from an undergraduate programme, a thesis chapter, dissertation or published paper), and a ‘Statement of Purpose’ of up to two pages, which should outline your interest in Indigenous Health, your research interests, your reasons for pursuing an advanced degree in general and what attracts you to this project in particular.

Applications for The University of Auckland or the University of Otago should be sent by post or email to:

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