



Design & Health ARC PhD Scholarship

A PhD scholarship is available for exceptional students to complete a PhD that aligns with the Australia Research Council's research priorities for population health and wellbeing. The scholarship is available to undertake a design research PhD, which will focus on the areas in a range of disciplines including interaction and visual design, youth mental health and design & evaluation of health technology.

Eligibility details

Essential:

- meet the QUT PhD entry requirements;
- meet QUT's criteria for Honours 1 equivalence;
- be able to enrol as a full-time PhD student
- a portfolio of design work that demonstrates knowledge of methods used in experience design; interaction, graphic and interface design
- Practical knowledge of graphic design software (eg. Adobe creative suite)

Desirable:

- Experience in designing communication resources for health contexts
- Knowledge and understanding of adolescent mental health
- An interest and awareness of health technology

You cannot apply if you:

- hold a research doctorate degree or equivalent research qualification; and,
- are receiving an equivalent award, scholarship or salary to complete a research degree that provides a benefit greater than 75% of this scholarship's stipend rate.

Scholarship Details

- Students will receive an annual living allowance of \$25,849, paid fortnightly for up to 3 years.
- A top-up scholarship of \$5,000 per year, sponsored by our partners, Kids Helpline, will be available to provide support for funds associated with project costs, research activities and conference or overseas study travel.
- The scholarship is tax exempt.
- The scholarship duration is up to 3 years. QUT has the strong expectation that you will complete your work and submit your thesis for external examination within this timeframe.

How to apply

To apply for this scholarship – or for more information about the project, eligibility or selection criteria – email Dr Oksana Zelenko (o.zelenko@qut.edu.au). Please include your CV, academic transcripts, and a broad description of research interests (maximum 500 words).

Project title	Designing, implementing and evaluating a youth mobile help-seeking tool-kit
Project summary	The project undertaken by the successful PhD candidate will be closely aligned with a national ARC-funded project 'Designing, implementing and evaluating a youth mobile help-seeking tool-kit'. The national project is currently part of flagship research in Queensland University of Technology's new Design Lab, under Design for Health & Wellbeing Research Program. It aims to promote mental health and wellbeing of young people in Australia by designing and evaluating a novel integrated model of e-mental health that links a new mobile-based tool-kit with traditional forms of counselling. The project will generate new ways of designing and delivering engaging visual health messages for young people using technology.
Research keywords	Interaction and visual design, wellbeing, youth, mental health, participatory design, technology
Partnerships and End User Engagement	The project is undertaken in collaboration with Australia's largest 24-hour youth counselling service – Kids Helpline. This scholarship provides industry immersion with the successful candidate embedded within the partner organisation for a minimum of one year of their

	candidature. The candidate will be part of a trans-disciplinary design and health research team and will contribute to the participatory research process collaborating directly with young people and counsellors.
Study level	PhD (full time)
Supervisory team	Dr Oksana Zelenko (QUT, School of Design) A/Prof Gavin Sade (QUT, School of Design) Prof Leanne Hides (QUT, School of Psychology) Industry supervisor: John Dagleish (Kids Helpline)