

APPLICATION

OPEN Monday, 20th of January 2020 and CLOSE Monday, 2nd of March 2020 at 5pm

No late applications will be accepted

To apply, please send your application to DCRCgrants@unsw.edu.au with the subject heading "DCRC PhD Scholarship Application: [candidate surname]"

To complete the application you must provide the following documents (labelled using the following naming conventions):

- Evidence of citizenship or permanent residency (*Surname_Residency*)
- A copy of an official academic transcript <from last degree attained> (*Surname_Transcript*)
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae (*Surname_CV*)
- A research proposal of up to 3 pages (*Surname_ResearchProposal*) including references (see below)
- A 250 word lay summary of your proposed project, including an indication of which priority areas the project is relevant to (*Surname_Summary*)
- Supervisor/s details (name, contact details, 1 page CV) (*Surname_Supervisor*)
- Signed letters of support from your proposed primary supervisor and university research office (supplied at the end of this document) (*Surname_Approval*)

*Note: All documents **MUST** be labelled using the requested naming conventions and pages numbered.*

Applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Scientific quality of proposed research 40%
- Feasibility (supervisor cred, university, research plan suitable for PhD) 20%
- Addresses an evidence gap/area of need 15%
- Addresses an NNIDR research priority 15%
- Academic record of applicant 10%

THE RESEARCH PROPOSAL

The research proposal should not exceed 3 pages, including references, with a minimum font size of 12pt. Please do not exceed 20 references. Any additional pages will not be forwarded for assessment. Explanatory appendices are not permissible. You are permitted to include figures and tables within the 3 pages. Descriptions for figures may be in size 10pt font.

The research proposal should include the following sections:

- **Aims**—List specific aims and potential significance of the project. Clearly state the research question and hypothesis(es) to be tested, as well as rationale and

objectives. Be clear in the aims which of the research priorities the project will address.

- **Background**—Summarise previous work that provides the basis for the proposed research.
- **Research strategy**— Include a clear description of the methods and research design, including research strategy. Include information about how consumers will be involved in the research.
- **References**—List all references quoted in the application, with a maximum of 20 in total.

The final decision on successful applicants will be made by a panel of experts in the dementia priority areas and the Directors of DCRC, with input from consumers.

The successful applicants will be notified by the end of April 2020.