

PhD opportunity for the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research

An integrated care model for people with severe mental illness

Supervisor/s:

To discuss potential research projects please contact:

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Please be prepared to provide your detailed academic resume, complete academic records (including GPA scores/grades and grading scale details), and an example of any academic writing.

Funding:

We will support high quality domestic applicants in their nomination to the University of Queensland's competitive scholarship rounds (three rounds per year).

See <http://www.uq.edu.au/grad-school/scholarships-and-fees> for details of important dates and information. A top-up of \$5,000 per annum may also be available to the successful candidate. Additional part-time employment opportunities may be available.

Student Objectives:

The student will conduct research aimed at improving services and coordination of care for people with severe and complex mental illness (SPMI). Possible topic areas may include:

- Developing the technical specifications, mapping the care pathway and evaluating a pilot Single Care Plan for people with SPMI based on best-evidence practice and current guidelines for primary care, specialist care and NGO community-based activities.
- Evaluating a pragmatic controlled trial of integrated care; comparing health, satisfaction and efficiency outcomes for consumers and service providers.

Achievable Outcomes:

- A PhD in Public Health
- Multiple scientific papers in good research journals
- Experience with oral/written presentations at national/international conferences
- A broad professional network including clinical and health services specialists.