PhD Scholarship Opportunities

Improving Health Outcomes for People Leaving Prison

The Justice Health Group is seeking four outstanding PhD candidates to join a national research program improving health outcomes and transitional care for adults released from prison, spanning two related NHMRC- and MRFF-funded projects across Curtin University, University of Queensland, University of New South Wales, Monash University, Burnet Institute, and King's College London.

The research program

HARP4 — the world's largest and richest cohort study of adults released from prison, following >4,000 women and men released from prisons in Queensland, Western Australia, New South Wales, and Victoria, with rich baseline survey and medical record data linked (retrospectively and prospectively) to state and Commonwealth health and correctional records.

The **HARP Trial** — a five-year MRFF-funded project building directly on HARP4, co-designing a nationally applicable model of transitional health care for people leaving prison (Phase 1), evaluating an implementation of the model of care in a randomised controlled trial in southeast Queensland (Phase 2), and adapting and scaling the model nationally (Phase 3).

About the scholarships

4 PhD scholarships available, each valued at $42,440 per year for 3 years.

Students will have access to national and international expertise through the large investigator network associated with these projects. Specific PhD projects will be crafted with the successful applicants, to align with your own interests and expertise. Opportunities span **epidemiology, health services research, data linkage, implementation science, and mixed-methods/qualitative research.**

Who we're looking for

Applicants with a strong academic record and interest in prison health, transitional care, justice-involved populations, health services research, health equity, health economics, or related fields.

We are committed to a diverse and inclusive research team and warmly encourage applications from people of all backgrounds, including people with lived experience of incarceration.

We strongly encourage First Nations peoples to apply. First Nations students will have the opportunity to be co-supervised by a senior First Nations investigator. Our research group is committed to providing a culturally safe work and study environment.

How to apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit a short cover letter and updated CV to Project Manager Gustavo Hermes Soares [**gustavo.hermessoares@curtin.edu.au**].

In your cover letter, please briefly describe your research interests, relevant experience, and how these align with the HARP research program.