THE ANIKA FOUNDATION – CRESP

PHD SCHOLARSHIP IN ADOLESCENT DEPRESSION & SUICIDE

Black Dog Institute

Value: $30,000 (plus $5,000 for approved expenses) for 3 years

The Black Dog Institute is a cutting edge, collaborative, translational research institute and a world leader in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mood disorders such as depression and bipolar disorder. The Black Dog Institute is dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by mood disorders through the high quality translational research, clinical expertise and national education and professional development programs. The Institute incorporates a clinic which offers psychiatric assessment and psychological treatment to the wider community. For more information, you can visit the website at http://www.blackdoginstitute.org.au.

This Scholarship has been established with the support of the Anika Foundation to encourage exceptional postgraduate students to undertake full-time research leading to a PhD in adolescent depression and suicide at the Black Dog Institute, an affiliate of UNSW Medicine.

The Scholarship will be supervised by Black Dog Institute and the recipient will complete research within CRESP (NHMRC Centre for Research Excellence in Suicide Prevention) with a focus on young people, including regional and Indigenous youth. The successful candidate will be based at the Black Dog Institute in Randwick. For more information on CRESP, you can visit the website at http://www.cresp.edu.au.

The Scholarship (valued at $30,000 per year) is provided for three years to a candidate undertaking a PhD, subject to satisfactory progress and annual review.

An extra fund of up to $5,000 per year will be available for approved expenses related to the recipient’s research, which may include but is not limited to:

- IT equipment
- Travel to relevant scientific meetings for presentation of research findings
- Printing and thesis expenses

The Scholarship will commence from Semester 1 2015. Indigenous candidates and researchers with a focus on Indigenous mental health are encouraged to apply. International candidates may also apply but will be required to pay relevant the Tuition Fees, Student Visa Fees, Overseas Student Health Cover, as well as all relocation expenses.

Selection Criteria/Eligibility

- Applicants must be enrolled or planning to enrol in a full-time PhD in the area of adolescent depression and suicide in the School of Psychiatry, UNSW Medicine
- Honour’s degree, or Masters by Research degree, or equivalent academic qualification(s) approved by the appropriate Faculty Higher Degree Committee
- A statement outlining the applicant’s commitment to research in the area of adolescent depression and suicide, and outlining the anticipated benefits of the proposed research project
Having read the documentation, you may then direct any enquiries to CRESP Coordinator, Karolina Krysinska k.krysinska@unsw.edu.au.

To apply for this position please address all of the selection criteria and submit with your CV to CRESP Coordinator, Karolina Krysinska k.krysinska@unsw.edu.au.

This is one of three PhD scholarships in suicide prevention currently available within CRESP, with other opportunities also available at the National Institute for Mental Health Research, Australian National University (Canberra) and the Brain & Mind Research Institute, University of Sydney (Camperdown). Please contact the CRESP Coordinator for details with regard to these other opportunities.

Applications close: 16 January 2015