

Economics of Autism Research Scholarship

Doctoral research scholarship awarded to an outstanding candidate to undertake research aimed at assessing the economic value of interventions to improve the health and well-being of children with autism.

This scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding applicant who is interested in evaluating services designed to improve the lives of children with autism.

Applicants should have a high level of achievement, including a first class honours degree in health economics or equivalent.

Working across both the Department of Public Health and the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC), the successful applicant will join a team of researchers investigating a range of services designed to improve the health and well-being of children with autism. The program of work comprising this research is built around an economic evaluation of alternative ways of supporting children in early childhood settings. The thesis could also include an assessment of the costs of different service delivery options, evaluation of the burden falling on families, and a review of outcome measures suitable for economic evaluation in this area.

Benefits of the scholarship

Benefits of the scholarship include:

- a La Trobe Research Scholarship for three years, with a value of \$26,288 per annum, to support your living costs
- a fee-relief scholarship (LTUFFRS) for four years to undertake a PhD at La Trobe University (international applicants only)
- opportunities to work with La Trobe's outstanding researchers, and have access to our suite of professional development programs.

How to apply

If you wish to apply for this scholarship, follow these steps:

- Email Professor Shiell (a.shiell@latrobe.edu.au) to indicate your interest
- Attach your CV to this email
- Consult the [get a research degree web-page](#) for information on how to apply formally

The University will review your application and consider you for higher degree candidature and this Scholarship.

Closing date

Applications will remain open until this scholarship is awarded.

Contact us

If you require further information about the Health Economics research program and the sorts of project that might fit, please contact:

Professor Alan Shiell
a.shiell@latrobe.edu.au

To find out more about the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre go to:

latrobe.edu.au/otarc

If you wish to find out about the terms and conditions of the scholarship or how to apply please contact:

La Trobe Graduate Research School
Admissions.grs@latrobe.edu.au

Supplementary information (optional)

The Health Economics Program is a recent initiative of La Trobe University. It provides general health economic support across the wide range of health research at La Trobe University from clinical interventions to community programs, as well as seeking to develop methods for the evaluation of transformative systems change. We are part of the health economics program of the Australian Prevention Partnership Centre (TAPPC), which is seeking to improve decision making frameworks for disease prevention and to develop better methods for communicating the value of prevention.