

Water Safety New Zealand and University of Otago, PhD Scholarship

One 3-year PhD scholarship (stipend \$25,000 p.a. + negotiable costs) is available in 2010 to conduct research which will support the Research Strategy of Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ).

Research Themes:

1. The impact of socio-economic and cultural factors on water safety;
2. Identifying the causes of drowning incidents and the factors that increase survival in potential drowning situations;
3. Producing 'tools' to monitor and evaluate water safety strategies.

Research Priorities:

1. Reducing the risk of drowning among males;
2. Learning to swim and survive

Location: School of Physical Education, Division of Sciences, University of Otago, New Zealand.

Term: 3 years, preferably beginning in 2010. Progress will be determined by annual review conducted by representatives from WSNZ and the University of Otago. The successful candidate will be expected to meet periodically with the WSNZ Research Advisory Group and provide research updates to the WSNZ community.

Value of Scholarship:

- NZ\$25,000 p.a. stipend, plus waiver of academic fees, for 3 years.
- \$1500 conference travel.
- Additional costs to be negotiated with WSNZ

Supervisors: Primary supervisor: Dr Shayne Galloway. Two additional Supervisors will be confirmed from within the University, and Alexander Brunt from the WSNZ Research Advisory Group.

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Essential Criteria:

- A conferred research degree (preferably Master's thesis).
- Experience in water safety education and/or experiential education
- Strong background in mixed methods research.
- Excellent Grade Point Average, normally of 7 (A-) or more.
- Excellent spoken and written English skills.

Application requirements:

- Cover letter addressing the essential criteria.
- Brief outline of proposed research.
- CV, including tertiary academic record or transcripts.
- Two academic referee reports.

Address for applications:

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The Postgraduate Scholarships Administrator
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