Black Dog Institute

Anika Foundation Scholarship in Youth Suicide Prevention

PhD Scholarship 2024

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Introduction

The Anika Foundation is sponsoring a PhD scholarship for an outstanding domestic candidate to be trained to conduct research specifically in Youth Suicide Prevention, under the supervision of Associate Professor Michelle Tye (affiliated with the Faculty of Medicine and Health at UNSW).

The scholarship comprises:

- An indexed stipend based on the payment schedule below, covering a maximum of 3.5 years of candidature, based on satisfactory progress:

2024	$37,684
2025	$38,438
2026	$39,206
2027: half year	$19,995

- Access to a comprehensive Research Training and Career Development program at Black Dog Institute

The successful candidate will be admitted to the UNSW PhD Program in Term (Trimester) 1 of 2024 and will be subject to the relevant UNSW HDR policies, procedures, and guidelines as well as the present Terms and Conditions. A start date of Term 2, 2024 can also be negotiated.

The Scholarship

- The Anika Foundation scholarship will be offered to 1 outstanding applicant who holds a degree in psychology (with honours), public health, medical sciences, or a related discipline.
- The applicant must undertake their PhD specifically in the area of youth suicide prevention, under the supervision of A/Prof Michelle Tye: https://research.unsw.edu.au/people/associate-professor-michelle-helen-tye
- Applicants may optionally reach out to A/Prof Tye to discuss potential projects prior to submitting an application: m.torok@unsw.edu.au
- The scholarship will be offered for a maximum of 3.5 years to undertake the PhD degree at UNSW. Scholarship payment will cease the day the PhD thesis is submitted. If the successful candidate submits early, before the 3.5 year term, scholarship payments will also cease early.

Full time/Part time candidature

Full time or part time enrolment will be available for all categories of scholarships. Tax will apply for part-time scholarships.

Leave entitlements

Leave entitlements will be applicable for scholarship holders as described in the *Higher Degree Research Scholarships Procedure*.

Expectations

During their 3.5 year candidature it is expected that the candidate will:

- Participate at least once in a communication opportunity (such as the annual Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition at Faculty level); and
- Present at least one domestic and one international conference during their candidature; and
- Attend mandatory workshops/events during their candidature.
- Maintain a satisfactory level of progress.

Scholarship eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must meet the requirements described in the *Admission to Higher Degree Research Program Procedure* at the time of admission.

In addition, applicant must:

- be and Australian or New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident
- be eligible to receive an Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) scholarship or equivalent
- not be receiving another scholarship or salary providing a combined benefit in excess of 75% of this scholarship stipend rate as described in the *Higher Degree Research Scholarships Procedure*.
- be able to start their candidature the year specified in this document
- enrol as full time or part time PhD candidate at UNSW
- spend a minimum of 2 days per week of their candidature on-site. Conducting research from home will require a formal process of approval.

Scholarship conditions

In order to remain enrolled in their higher degree research program, and to continue to receive their stipend, candidates will need to adhere to the following conditions:

a. **Acceptance**

All successful applicants will need to accept the offer of the scholarship by the prescribed deadline described in their letter of offer. No deferral will be approved.

b. Enrolment

All successful applicants will be required to commence their candidature by the prescribed Term in their letter of offer.

c. Duration of the scholarship and leave entitlements

As described above the scholarship is offered for a maximum of 3.5 years.

All leave entitlements will be considered according to the *Higher Degree Research Scholarships Procedure*.

d. Ongoing eligibility

The successful applicant will need to adhere to the following rules to continue to be eligible for their stipend:

- Be confirmed in their candidature within 15 months full time equivalent of their first enrolment, participate in a Research Progress Review at least every 12 months and maintain satisfactory progress as demonstrated during the reviews. The relevant procedure can be found at: *https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/progressreviewandconfirmationofresearchcanditureprocedure.html*
- Maintain regular and appropriate communication with their supervisors during the course of their candidature
- Submit their PhD thesis within 3.5 years full-time equivalent

e. Variation to candidature

Variations to candidature, such as changes to supervision team or project will be managed in consultation with the primary supervisor and through the Graduate Research Information System (GRIS), according to the relevant procedure:

https://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/variationprocedure.html

How to apply

There will be a merit-based process when applying for the Anika Foundation Research Scholarship in Youth Suicide Prevention:

1. Contact A/Prof Michelle Tye to discuss potential projects m.torok@blackdog.org.au
2. Applicants must complete an application form and provide a curriculum vitae.
3. Applicants will be interviewed and asked to provide the name and contact details of two referees.

Only complete applications submitted by the deadline will be considered. All applications will also need to comply with the relevant UNSW Higher Degree Research admissions, supervision and scholarship policies and procedures.