Doctoral Scholarship Opportunity in Counselling

A one-time doctoral scholarship for an outstanding full-time applicant in the field of Counselling.

About the scholarship

Applicable study: PhD

Tenure: Up to 36 months

Number on offer: One

Offer rate: One-off

Value: Up to $28,800 p.a. plus compulsory fees and international health insurance. Available to domestic students and domestic fee-paying international students\*.

Application closing date: 31st May 2022

Enrolment deadline / Commencement date: 31st October 2022 or earlier

The successful applicant will undertake a PhD thesis in the School of Counselling, Human Services and Social Work, Faculty of Education and Social Work, that aims to make a significant contribution towards the strategic research initiatives of the Counsellor Education Programme, supervised by the Programme Director – Dr Brian Rodgers.

Interested individuals must complete an Application for Admission (AfA) and meet all of the University’s entry requirements. Application for this scholarship is made at the same time as the Application for Admission.  The Statement of Research Intent, Doctoral Referee Reports, CV or resume, and transcripts must be scholarship worthy. Please indicate your interest in the ‘**Doctoral Scholarship in Counselling**’ on the AfA.

\*Note: Given the uncertain Covid-19 situation, international applicants will need to qualify under applicable requirements related to travel.

About the Counsellor Education Programme

The Counsellor Education Programme has been involved with training counsellors for over 30 years. We aim to nurture deeply reflexive and self-aware graduates who understand the significance of their personal and cultural heritage in Aotearoa New Zealand, and who have the resources to facilitate positive change in the people they work with.

Research brief: The field of counselling has tended to be predicated by Western psychological concepts and constructs. Whilst these have facilitated understandings of how to assist people in distress, and to improve people’s wellbeing, there are inherent limitations in formulating seemingly universal constructs based on culturally bound assumptions. Under-examined ideas around individual agency, independence, and autonomy abound in many of the traditional therapeutic approaches. Our current strategic research initiatives aim to unpack some of these assumptions, including in the following areas:

* Culturally centred counselling practices: Unpacking the implications of cultural assumptions for the practice, education, and theory of counselling, particularly within the bicultural context of Aotearoa New Zealand
* Culturally attuned encounter: Investigating the facilitation of authentic bi- and cross-cultural encounter and therapeutic engagement
* Culturally responsive measurement protocols: Developing approaches to the measurement of therapy process and outcome which are culturally sensitive and meaningful

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