



### **ARC Linkage Project entitled Disaster risk reduction practices that leave nobody behind**

Applications are sought from a high-quality research student with background experience and passion in pursuing research that includes people with disability and who have demonstrated capacity to perform effectively in planning with our disability, community and emergency management partner organisations.

In addition to working with multidisciplinary research and supervisory team, the PhD student will gain specific industry research experience with our community partners that comprise organisations from the emergency services, health, community, and disability sectors. It is expected that the PhD program of study will complement and extend the current ARC Linkage project by addressing the unique needs of people with disability in situations of natural hazards and other emergencies (e.g., house fire).

PhD study findings will answer important questions about access to emergency preparedness information for people with disability and provide important practice and policy solutions. We expect this research to inform the larger study through an in-depth examination of a specific topic (to be developed by the student and their supervisory committee) to assist with the development of solutions needed to meaningfully include people with intellectual disability in emergency preparedness and remove barriers to their participation in community-level DRR.

Specific projects should target topics related to the following:

- the capabilities and support needs of people with disability, their family and carers in emergency situations
- the role, capacity and tools of community, and/or health care, and/or disability support providers to contribute to disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction
- the role and contributions of emergency management to disability-inclusive disaster risk reduction for people with disability, their family and carers

Candidates must meet the University of Sydney entry criteria. Preference will be given to applicants with qualifications in one or more of the following: health care, disability services, emergency management, or applied social sciences.

We are seeking candidates who want to make a difference in how we work to decrease risk and increase resilience of people with disability (e.g., people with intellectual or other disability) and other high risk groups (e.g., people living in social housing) to disaster.