

The Project

About us

The Centre for Disability Studies (CDS) is a non-profit organisation, affiliated with the Sydney Medical School, University of Sydney. Our mission is to create and disseminate knowledge that improves the lives of people with disability. We focus on designing and developing research, teaching and workforce development initiatives, and clinical practice that informs disability policy and practice. Our work is guided by the lived experience of people with disability, and we strive to meaningfully engage people with disability in the creation, development and execution of our programs. Please click [here](#) (or <https://cds.org.au/>) to access more information about CDS.

About this opportunity

We are seeking two motivated students to undertake an exciting Australian Research Council Linkage Grant project entitled: “NDIS: Rhetoric versus Reality?”.

This project aims to explore the realities of living with intellectual disability in Australia, and the impact of individualised funding arising from the introduction of the NDIS. This project will examine, within this era of disability reform, how people with intellectual disability are having their needs met, and the extent to which they are involved in decision-making about their lives.

The student will have opportunity to develop their own research initiatives that relate to the objectives of this proposed project.

This opportunity may interest prospective students from the following discipline areas: disability studies; occupational therapy; social work; education; and other allied health areas.

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