



## **Postgraduate Research Scholarship in Mental Health and Substance Use**

The supervisory team for these scholarships will be led by a level B-E academic of the Matilda Centre, dependent on area of research.

The PhD candidate will be based at [The Matilda Centre](#) for Research in Mental Health and Substance Use at the University of Sydney. The Matilda Centre provides a world-first synergy of leading prevention, early intervention and treatment research and translation programs in substance use and mental disorders. The Matilda Centre brings together researchers in broad fields to share skills, integrate data, and harness new technologies to develop and trial innovative prevention, early intervention and treatment programs for substance use and mental disorders.

The Matilda Centre provides a highly supportive study environment, with excellent facilities including desk space, computer access and statistical support. The benefits of pursuing research studies within the Matilda Centre include:

- Access to world-class research supervision and training opportunities
- Development of a strong professional profile and career trajectory
- Increased confidence and skills as researchers
- Ongoing professional and personal development support within a collaborative and friendly workplace
- Opportunities to attend and present at scientific conferences
- Facilitation of collaborations with senior academics, peers and service providers in the community
- Access to ongoing monthly meetings with peers to share ideas and develop skills appropriate to PhD stage.

Our treatment research aims to develop and evaluate the efficacy of novel interventions to treat mental and substance use disorders as well as their combination. Our prevention research aims to reduce the occurrence and cost of these disorders, by developing, evaluating and translating innovative approaches to prevention in schools and communities. Our epidemiology research aims to carry out epidemiological studies, both cross-sectional and longitudinal, examining the prevalence, correlates and natural history of mental and substance use disorders. Our research development and strategy activities are designed to develop and support key internal and external partnerships and contribute to a diverse and world-leading mental health and substance use research program.

The Matilda Centre hosts the PREMISE NHMRC Centre of Research Excellence in Prevention and Early Intervention in Mental Illness and Substance Use and state, national and international programs in mental health and substance use research. The Centre develops and maintains partnerships and collaborations with government, philanthropy, local health districts and other agencies to drive world-class innovative research and translate evidence into public health policy and practice. The Centre has a strong growth trajectory with over 70 academic and professional staff, 12 PhD students and over 50 ongoing projects. For more information on the Centre please go to: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/matilda-centre/>. For a list of potential Matilda Centre supervisors and their respective research interests please go to: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/content/dam/corporate/documents/matilda-centre/study-and-training/phd-handbook-2020.pdf>.



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