



CDU-NTG PhD Scholarship Opportunity



Evaluation of the social and economic impact of Commonwealth legislated alcohol prohibition in Northern Territory Aboriginal communities in reducing alcohol related harm

3 years full-time appointment | \$32,192pa | Casuarina Campus or Alice Springs

About the Opportunity

From June 2007 to July 2022, the Australian Government directly intervened with the NT Government's ability to legislate and manage alcohol in remote communities, introducing restrictions as part of what came to be called 'the intervention'. Through Commonwealth Acts passed in 2007 and 2012, widespread alcohol prohibitions were enforced in 'prescribed areas' in the NT, including all land held under the Aboriginal Land Rights (Northern Territory) Act 1976, all Community Living Areas and all town camps. Despite the significance of these measures, the impact on alcohol related harm from 15 years of continuous Commonwealth legislated alcohol prohibition in Aboriginal communities in the NT is largely unknown. To date, no specific Commonwealth reviews or evaluations have offered clear findings of any harm reduction as result of these interventions. In this research, the candidate will engage with government, community and industry sectors to undertake qualitative and quantitative research which enhances the understanding of unilaterally imposed blanket alcohol prohibition measures in Aboriginal communities. This will include synthesizing research literature, examining policies and programs in other jurisdictions which may be considered comparable to the Northern Territory, providing analysis of existing data, and undertaking qualitative primary research to investigate in depth the issues faced by communities impacted by the prohibitions.

The opportunity will also include a minimum three-month internship with a research end-user to gain experience and connections.

Scholarship Details

The successful applicant will receive a Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship which will include a \$32,192 (tax exempt and indexed annually) and a RTP Fee Offset for the tuition fees. For further information on the RTP Scholarship conditions, please visit [Higher Degree by Research Scholarships at CDU](#).

Eligibility

The successful applicant must:

- be an Australian Citizen, an Australian Permanent Resident, or a New Zealand Citizen
- meet the PhD course entry requirements at CDU outlined [here](#).

About You

To be considered for this opportunity you should have:

- First Class Honors (or equivalent) in social science or humanities field such as social/public policy, sociology, anthropology, Indigenous studies, public health, or another aligned discipline
- Experience working with Indigenous communities (preferably in the NT) or demonstrated capacity to do so.
- Strong commitment to codesigned research and collaboration with First Nations authority

How to Apply

To submit an expression of interest please send the following to Professor Kim Humphery at kimberley.humphery@cdu.edu.au.

- Brief cover letter outlining your interest and relevant experience.
- Brief Curriculum Vitae
- Academic transcript

For further enquiries please contact Michaela Spencer on Kim Humphery on 0418177715 or email kimberley.humphery@cdu.edu.au.