PCOC palliative care outcomes collaboration

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HDR Scholarship Expression of Interest

Summary:

Funded through a partnership between the University of Wollongong (UOW) and the Australian Government Department of Health, Disability and Ageing, PCOC-Plus is pleased to announce a **National Palliative Care Outcomes Innovation Scholarship**: a unique opportunity to partner with PCOC-Plus and contribute to research that advances palliative care outcomes across Australia.

These scholarships offer a unique opportunity to undertake a Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Wollongong in nationally relevant research designed to improve palliative care outcomes, experiences and service delivery across Australia. Candidates will work with our team and PCOC-Plus partners to address important challenges facing patients, families, clinicians and health services.

This scholarship is open to those students who are eager to address key challenges in palliative care.

Potential themes include, but are not limited to:

- Patient experience, outcomes and quality improvements in palliative care
- Palliative care health services research, including access, equity and care coordination
- Data science, artificial intelligence and digital health innovation in palliative care

Applicants may propose an area of interest within these themes. Final projects will be developed with the successful candidates and supervisory team.

Eligibility criteria:

Applicants from relevant disciplines are encouraged to apply, including medicine, nursing, pharmacy, allied health, public health, health services research, biomedical engineering, health informatics, data science, and artificial intelligence.

Candidates with technical or engineering backgrounds are encouraged to apply if they are interested in using AI, data analytics or digital technologies to address real-world challenges in palliative care and healthcare delivery. Applicants should demonstrate strong research potential and an interest in improving health outcomes and services.

Other essential criteria includes:

- Applicants must meet the admission requirements for a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) at the University of Wollongong
- Candidates should hold a relevant honours degree (Class I or Class II Division 1), master's degree with a substantial research component, or an equivalent qualification demonstrating research capability

Scholarship availability

PhD scholarship opportunities are available for candidates commencing in 2027 or 2028, subject to the University's admission and scholarship requirements.

Applicants should indicate their preferred commencement year in their expression of interest. The scholarship stipend is $38,420 per annum at the applicable UOW scholarship rate.

Candidate enrolment will align with UOW's Graduate School of Medicine.

Expression of interest (EOI): Please complete the EOI via this link. For specific enquiries regarding the scholarship, please contact Dr Arjun Poudel at apoudel@uow.edu.au.

Shortlisted applicants will be notified of the next stages of the selection process.