



Strategic APA: University Strategic APA Scholarship with resources for ‘Top-Up’ and fieldwork costs.

Studentship Title:	Researching the effectiveness of mother-child group intervention in the aftermath of domestic and family violence
Supervisors	Professor Cathy Humphreys (Department of Social Work) and Professor Kelsey Hegarty (Professor Family Violence Prevention, The Royal Women’s Hospital and Department of General Practice and Primary Care)
Institution	The Melbourne Research Alliance to End Violence Against Women and their Children (MAEVe), University of Melbourne
Contributing Partner	Children’s Protection Society http://www.cps.org.au/
Program duration	3 years (commencement by March 2017)
Funding Source	University of Melbourne APA PhD Scholarship with top up funds and field work costs from Children’s Protection Society

Who Can Apply

Applications are welcomed from applicants who meet the following criteria for a Melbourne Research Scholarship:

- An Australian citizen, New Zealand citizen or Australian permanent resident, or the recipient of an International Postgraduate Research Scholarship;
- Not have previously held an APA for six months or more;
- Have completed tertiary studies that are at least equivalent to a 4-year honours degree at an Australian university (or international equivalent) with a result of first class Honours (this can include a Master’s degree in which there is 25% research);
- Have applied for and met the entry requirements for a Doctoral (Research) degree at the University of Melbourne.

How to Apply

Informal enquiries and applications should be directed to Professor Cathy Humphreys.

To apply, please send:

- A detailed CV, including details on nationality and country of birth
- Names and addresses of two referees
- A covering letter highlighting your research experience/capabilities and any publications

Person Specification

The preferred applicant should hold a strong interest in one or all of the following areas: domestic and family violence; mother-child relationships; trauma informed work; and evaluation methodology. While the supervision is based at University of Melbourne, it is expected that the candidate would be prepared to spend a significant amount of time embedded as a researcher at the Children's Protection Society where the Mothers in Mind group work program is running.

Project Details

Mothers in Mind is an early intervention parenting program for mothers who have experienced domestic and family violence, trauma and other forms of relational abuse. Mothers in Mind is a preventative, trauma and attachment informed, mother and child, play based group program for mothers who have experienced abuse or trauma (e.g. childhood abuse, family violence, sexual abuse etc.) and have pre-school children under the age of four. The program was developed in Ontario, Canada through the work of Dr Angelique Jenney, the director of family violence services at the Child Development Institute, Toronto.

The PhD program will be based in an evaluation of the Mothers in Mind program which is being implemented by the Children's Protection Society.

The studentship is a Strategic Melbourne Research Scholarship funded by the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences with a full APA stipend and a 'top up' of **\$9000** from the Children's Protection Society for the stipend plus some further funding for field work costs.

Enquiries

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