Cynthia is leaving us to pursue postdoctoral training in Australia!

We would like to thank Cynthia sincerely for her wonderful contribution to the development of the Neuroethics Research Unit and to international collaborations in the field of neuroethics. Working with her on the Brainstorm newsletter has been a pleasure and we wish her the best of luck in her postdoctoral training with our colleagues Wayne Hall and Jayne Lucke at the University of Queensland in Brisbane. In 2009, Cynthia was the first neuroethics graduate student to complete training at the IRCM and she then pursued doctoral training with us. She has made significant scholarly contributions to the neuroethics literature such as recent landmark papers in EMBO Reports and the Canadian Medical Association Journal and has become a young leader in Canadian bioethics. We are sad to see her leaving but thrilled by her track record of ongoing accomplishments.

Good luck Cynthia and we wish you the best in the continued development of your research!

Eric and Emily
POSITION DESCRIPTION

Job Title: Doctor of Philosophy Student
Organisation Unit: University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research
Position Number: 3018536
Type of Employment: Full time, three year stipend
Classification: PhD Scholarship

The University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research (UQCCR) brings together leading clinicians and basic science researchers in state-of-the-art facilities to undertake world-class clinical research, and is designed to bridge the gap between biomedical science and increasingly complex modern patient care. The Centre has an established reputation for research excellence and is extremely well positioned to foster collaborative research and training opportunities.

The role
The successful appointee will join an established multidisciplinary research group and undertake a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree investigating the non-medical use of prescription stimulants by students in Australia as part of an ARC-funded Discovery grant awarded to Associate Professor Lucke. They will undertake qualitative and quantitative data analysis and write journal articles relating to the prevalence of non-medical stimulant use, attitudes towards their use, and motivations for use. This research will be used to provide recommendations about the public policy priorities in this area.

The person
The ideal candidate will be a highly motivated, well-organised person with an Honours degree (Class 1 or Class 2A) in Psychology, Public Health, or an allied Social Science discipline. They will be competent in the analysis of qualitative and quantitative data using a computer package such as NVivo and SPSS, and be able to write high quality academic journal articles. Demonstrated high level communication skills and the ability to work independently are also key requirements.

Remuneration
This is a full-time scholarship for a period of 3 years. The PhD stipend is $25,000 p.a. plus a $5,000 p.a. top up stipend.

Enquiries
To discuss this role please contact Associate Professor Jayne Lucke on (07) 3346 6031 or j.lucke@uq.edu.au, or Dr. Brad Partridge on (07) 33465476 or b.partridge@uq.edu.au.

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