



The Mary Pope Scholarship in Spiritual Care and Ageing

Baptcare and Whitley College have served the Baptist community of Victoria for a combined total of just over 200 years. Their shared legacy of ministry committed to the training of leaders and pastoral care of women and men, throughout that period, leads to this bold, new, and collaborative research initiative in which the University is also partnering.

Evidence-based aged-care including high quality pastoral and spiritual care implemented throughout Baptcare's network of facilities and services, and has been identified as a strategic focus for Whitley College's Research Programme. This Scholarship will support a Whitley College student studying towards a PhD at the University of Divinity that makes a demonstrable contribution to the strategic research objectives of Baptcare and Whitley College in the area of spiritual care and ageing.

The Scholarship pays for the University's enrolment fees and provides a Research Stipend, or living allowance, for a full-time PhD candidate, of approximately \$28,092 per year, as determined each year by the Commonwealth.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The candidate must be successfully admitted to commence a PhD in the fields of spiritual-care and ageing at the University of Divinity.
2. The candidate must be willing to collaborate with other researchers, industry practitioners and stakeholders.
3. The candidate must have capacity to make a contribution to the future of Australian theological scholarship and education in this area.
4. The candidate must have the capacity to collaborate with others in developing industry standard resource that makes an impact upon, and engages with, the strategic objectives of aged-care stakeholders.
5. Students who have already commenced a PhD at the University of Divinity and meet the other criteria are eligible to apply.

Applications

1. All applications for a Mary Pope Scholarship should be made using the Mary Pope Scholarship Application Form available on request, via email, from the Director of Research at Whitley College, djackson@whitley.edu.au
2. Your completed application must be accompanied by evidence of your existing enrolment in a PhD program at one of the Colleges of the university of Divinity OR by a completed PhD Admission Form.
3. In all instances you are required to be familiar with the important information outlined on the University's website at <https://divinity.edu.au/sgr/future-research-students/apply/>.
4. You are required by the University to have undergone an interview with appropriate faculty of Whitley College and you should have an agreement in principle from a potential supervisor(s) for your program.
5. Applications will be reviewed by Baptcare, Whitley College, and the University's School of Graduate Research prior to a recommendation being made in the case of a successful application.
6. Applicants for the Mary Pope Scholarship will be able to demonstrate that the proposed research topic and/or research question has academic merit, has potential for real and direct benefit to the development and advancement of spiritual care and ageing in the age-care sector in Australian and elsewhere.
7. For scholarship application deadlines please refer to the Whitley Website at <https://www.whitley.edu.au/research/scholarships/mary-pope-phd-scholarship/>.

For application for Admission deadlines, please refer to the University's website at <https://divinity.edu.au/sgr/future-research-students/apply/> or contact the Director of Research at Whitley College.



The Mary Pope Scholarship Fund

Mary Pope was the President of the Baptist Women's Association during the 1940s and helped raise over £4,000 to pay for a homestead at Strathalan, which opened as the Strathalan Homes in 1945, with nine residents. This was the Victorian Baptist community's first aged care facility and it started the journey towards what would eventually become Baptcare.

The Scholarship Fund promotes research-led activity in the fields of spiritual care and ageing. This includes the provision of scholarships for PhD study, publishing activity for peer review, and the development of industry-standard resources.

Support the Fund

Support the work of the Mary Pope Scholarship Fund by making a tax deductible (AUD \$2 or more) donation.

Donation forms are available from:

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