

# SCHOOL OF PSYCHOLOGY

## PhD Scholarship

The University of Wollongong's Faculty of Social Sciences is offering a PhD scholarship in connection with the Australian Research Council funded Discovery Project '*Ready, steady, go: Infant motor development and cognition.*' (DP180101286). The aim of the project is to examine the dramatic changes in cognition and motoric abilities occurring during infancy, utilising well-established and innovative measures of memory flexibility, motor development, and parent-infant communication.

**Available for commencement in early 2019**

The PhD project will focus on understanding the normal stages of motor development and memory processing and the dynamic ways in which developmental domains interact. The candidate will have the opportunity to develop and compare methods to observe and objectively record early motor skills and memory flexibility. They will develop scientific understanding regarding the role of experience and parent-child interactions as mechanisms for advances in early cognitive skill.

**KEY DETAILS STIPEND:** The scholarship is for three years full-time with a stipend of \$AUD 27,596 per annum (tax free).



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## RESEARCH ENVIRONMENT

The successful candidate will be supervised by Associate Professor Jane Herbert (School of Psychology, Wollongong) with the support of other members of the project team (at UNSW and Ruhr University, Germany). The candidate will benefit from being located within Early Start, where the new child development lab is situated, and contribute to the Family, Learning and Interaction (FLINT) Research group at Early Start.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS:** Open until the position is filled.

**APPLICATIONS:** Applications must address the selection criteria outlined below, and should be sent to: A/Prof Jane Herbert (herbertj@uow.edu.au)

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Both domestic and international prospective students are encouraged to apply. This project would suit a candidate with:

- Honours degree or equivalent in Psychology or related discipline
- An interest in early child development and parent-child interactions
- Some experience handling experimental and observational data
- English language proficiency: IELTS of 6.5 or above or equivalent.
- Additional relevant research experience and/or peer-reviewed research activity, awards and/or prizes will be regarded favourably

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