

# Charles Darwin International PhD Scholarship (CDIPS)

**Project:** Effects of somatic acupuncture on the fatigue-sleep disturbance-depression symptom cluster in breast cancer patients: A three-arm sham-controlled randomized trial

**Principal Advisor:** Associate Professor Benjamin Tan PhD RN (Associate Dean Research)

**Course:** Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

**Study and Thesis Model:** Full time, PhD by Publication

**Expected Commencement Date:** 31 January 2021 (negotiable)

## About Charles Darwin University (CDU)

We are a new world university. Like our namesake, Charles Darwin, we think differently. We innovate, embrace change, challenge conventions and look for better ways. We're not about tradition or legacy, privilege or exclusivity. We care about people as individuals, and about our wider society. We're about what we can give to the world, rather than what we take. We cannot build a new world without diversity of thought, so we bring together people with unique perspectives in an inclusive and supporting learning environment to help them connect, discover and grow. This is the CDU difference.

## The PhD Scholarship Opportunity

The CDIPS will bring together CDU supervisors and high-quality international students to have joined forces in the timely completion of the students' PhD degrees and publication of high-quality research outputs during the candidature. It is expected that the CDIPS will equip students with significant publication records before graduation to launch their careers. The scholarship consists of tax-free stipends and tuition fee waivers. Each stipend will be for \$30,000 per year (adjusted yearly) for 3 years, with an additional one-off \$5,000 allocated to support part of the student's medical insurance and relocation. Tuition fees of the PhD course (approx. \$28,000 per year, adjusted yearly) will also be waived for 3 years. The stipends and tuition fee waivers may be extended to 3.5 years, for students who demonstrate publication of high-quality research outputs prior to applying for extension.

## About You

The selection of applicants for the award of the CDIPS involves consideration of your academic merit and research background. The following essential selection criteria apply:

- A first-class Honours degree or a Master's degree containing a substantial research component in a related area e.g. health sciences, nursing, traditional Chinese medicine, or integrative medicine
- Current registration as a health practitioner (e.g., registered nurse) in your home country
- Theoretical understanding in using complementary therapies for cancer symptom management
- Demonstrated experience and skills in conducting systematic reviews and clinical trials
- Proven research track record of contributing to international peer-reviewed journal publications
- Demonstrated English language proficiency required for postgraduate courses in CDU (<https://www.cdu.edu.au/international/how-apply/entry-requirements>).

## Application Process

Interested applicants should contact **Associate Professor Benjamin Tan** (Lead Chief Investigator of the CDIPS) by email on [benjamin.tan@cdu.edu.au](mailto:benjamin.tan@cdu.edu.au). Applicants will then be required to provide the below items:

- Curriculum vitae, including details of 2 academic referees
- A cover letter outlining a) your research interests, and b) how you meet the above selection criteria
- A copy of your academic qualifications and academic transcripts
- Evidence of English language proficiency (e.g. IELTS) if your degree(s) were not completed in English

The initial closing date for the EOI is **1 December 2020**. The preferred applicant will be invited to apply for a PhD enrolment on-line.