

UNSW Business School

The role of cognition and family support on the private health insurance decisions of older Australians

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Project summary

This project studies the private health insurance (PHI) decisions of older Australians. Key research questions include: (1) are the PHI decisions of older Australians optimal? (2) how does cognitive ability impact PHI decisions?; and (3) do family members play an important role in the PHI decisions of older individuals, and if so, is their involvement beneficial?

We will use data from the "Personality & Total Health (PATH) Through Life" survey to examine how individuals change their PHI decisions over time in response to changing circumstances that include cognitive decline and changing family circumstances.

Role of the scholarship holder(s) in the project

The scholarship holder will first review several selected published papers related to the project. He/she will become familiar with the subject and the methodology used. He/she will then work on obtaining statistics from the PATH data set, and draft reports on the obtained results.

Required knowledge, skills and/or training

Potential applicants need to have experience working with data sets in STATA. They need to be familiar with basic Statistics and Econometrics.

Preference

Good communicators and detail oriented applicants are encouraged. A strong background in Statistics/Econometrics is desirable. Preference will be given to students who are interested in proceeding to Honours.

Note: Students from other faculties are eligible to apply.

Work period

The work period may be broken into two parts as students will not be expected to work during the UNSW shutdown over Christmas/New Year.

Total work weeks: 6 weeks	Flexible
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How to Apply

Apply on the Scholarships website [here](#), using the scholarship code **UGVC1053**.

You will need:

- An electronic copy of your CV
- An electronic copy of your academic transcript
- The project codes and titles of up to three projects you'd be interested in getting involved in

The deadline for submissions is 4th October 2017.