

Institute for Social Science Research - PhD Student Project

ISSR Impact Area: Policy and Practice

Title: *Gender, Family Dynamics and Social Disadvantage*

Supervisor/s: [Professor Janeen Baxter](#) and others as appropriate

Funding:

Student Scholarship required, top-up funding may be available to suitable candidate

Project description:

This project will examine issues relating to gender inequality and family dynamics to understand the mechanisms underlying the transmission of social disadvantage over the life course and across generations. The specific topic to be investigated may include divisions of labour, childcare, family relationships, gender inequality in paid and unpaid work and work-family balance. Projects focusing on life course events and changes in attitudes and outcomes for women and men are welcome.

The successful candidate will be affiliated with the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Children and Families over the Life Course (see www.lifecoursecentre.org.au) and will be provided opportunities for a range of other professional development activities and experiences, including the possibility of visits to international partners and internships with government and non-government partners in Australia. The successful candidate will also be part of a cohort of students affiliated with the Life Course Centre across 4 universities (The universities of Queensland, Sydney, Melbourne and Western Australia) and will have opportunities to participate in student-led activities and events. Through this project the student will gain experience in literature reviews and theoretical development, data analyses, communication and writing skills, policy impacts.

The candidate:

We are seeking candidates with excellent academic records and a strong desire for undertaking research that makes a difference to improve lives. A willingness to adjust the research focus to accommodate emerging issues, strong theoretical and methodological skills and a commitment to conduct high quality research, meet timelines and work collaboratively with a supervisory team is essential.

Achievable Outcomes:

- A PhD from UQ
- At least one scientific paper in a high impact research journal, two Working Papers and drafts of further papers for publication
- Experience with oral/written presentations at national/international conferences and research seminars
- Experience working in a multidisciplinary research environment
- Professional skills in research design, communication, engagement and team work.