

Institute for Social Science Research - PhD Student Project

ISSR Impact Area: Policy and Practice

Title: *Life course transitions in later-life and their implications*

Supervisor/s: [Dr Jack Lam](#)

Funding:

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

Project description:

Individuals and families may experience a number of important life transitions in later life, such as retirement, widowhood, divorce, illness onset, and grandparenthood. Given increases in life expectancy in Australia and other countries around the world, the contexts in which older adults make these transitions may have significant implications for their social and economic wellbeing. This project aims to build on and extend existing knowledge on these topics, and will contribute to build an evidence base to inform policies and programs to support older adults and family members as they make these transitions.

The study will involve review of existing literatures and analyses of longitudinal data through primary data collection or using existing datasets. Through this project the PhD student will also build capacity in analysing longitudinal data, and knowledge drawing on a longitudinal and life-course studies perspective.

The candidate:

We are seeking candidates who have a strong academic track record and a particular passion in the topic. A strong quantitative or qualitative background is preferable as is a commitment to conduct high quality research. Prior experience in the ageing sector may also be an asset, though is not required.

Achievable Outcomes:

- Scientific papers in high impact research journals
- Experience with oral/written presentations at national/international conferences
- Interact with an interdisciplinary team of researchers in order to optimise research outcomes