

Psychology Research: Sexuality and wellbeing among young adults in Malaysia

PhD Opportunity

A fully-funded PhD position is available in the School of Medicine & Health Sciences at Monash University Malaysia. Funding includes tuition, a stipend of RM2,600 / up to a maximum of 42 months of candidature. Anticipated start date is late 2020/early 2021 or until the position is filled

Project Description:

Sexual functioning has been found to be associated to psychological factors such as self-esteem, body image, stress, and overall life satisfaction. Existing studies in the area of sexual attitudes and behaviours among Malaysians, or within an Asian context itself are scarce, with the majority of extant findings being derived from North American samples. Given the cultural differences in the understanding and practice of sexuality, the aim of this project is to examine if the positive associations between sexual practices and psychological well-being hold in a culturally-distinct sample.

In addition to contributing to knowledge gaps in existing literature, this research will be able to provide students a better understanding of how factors like personality, parent-child relationships, and cultural values are associated with their sexual attitudes and behaviours and in turn, psychological well-being.

Supervisory Team

PhD Main Supervisor: Goh Pei Hwa

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Please contact the supervisor for more information.

Eligibility:

Candidates must meet the minimum admission requirements (for academic and English language proficiency) to be offered admission in the PhD degree. For consideration of scholarship, candidates must possess academic standing equivalent to a high distinction average (H1 or First Class Honours) from a recognised university. Selection for a scholarship will be based on comprehensive ranking of academic achievement, research publications, and research experience or research-related awards as determined by Monash University Malaysia.