



ARC CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN
POPULATION AGEING RESEARCH

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS
AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS
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ABOUT CEPAR

The ARC Centre of Excellence in Population Ageing Research (CEPAR) is a unique collaboration bringing together academia, government and industry to deliver solutions to one of the major economic and social challenges of the 21st century.

Based at UNSW Sydney with nodes at the Australian National University (ANU), Curtin University, the University of Melbourne and the University of Sydney, CEPAR is committed to training and mentoring a new generation of researchers to global standard with an appreciation of the multidisciplinary nature of population ageing, as well as building an inclusive community of scholars.

CEPAR offers unrivalled opportunities for emerging researchers in actuarial studies, demography, economics, epidemiology, industrial relations, organisational behaviour, psychology and sociology interested in joining or engaging with a multidisciplinary research team committed to securing Australia's future as a well-informed nation with world-best policy and practice for an ageing demographic.

There are opportunities to become directly involved in the CEPAR research program by enrolling as an undergraduate honours or higher degree research student under the supervision of a CEPAR Investigator or through employment as a postdoctoral or research fellow.

Emerging researchers not involved directly with the CEPAR research program are invited to participate in a range of initiatives designed to bring students and research fellows together from a variety of disciplines to meet and exchange ideas.

STUDY WITH CEPAR

Studying with CEPAR offers you:

- Supervision and mentoring by internationally recognised experts in their field
- Training which will provide both breadth and depth, ensuring your information base covers a range of disciplines important for a comprehensive understanding of demographic transition
- Connections with some of the world's leading centres in the field
- Funding to travel to build international networks (Higher Degree Research students only)

Students enrol under the supervision of a CEPAR Chief or Associate Investigator at the Australian university where the CEPAR Investigator is based. Depending on the enrolling university, students may opt to enrol in one of the following programs:

- PhD
- Masters (Research)
- Honours year of a Bachelor Degree

'My PhD focuses on understanding how leaders in organisations can leverage benefits from an age diverse workforce. The opportunity to work with industry was an important factor in my decision to do my PhD at CEPAR, under the supervision of Professor Sharon Parker. Our work with collaborating organisations has allowed me to see the real-world application and impact of my research, which has been rewarding and motivating. CEPAR's extensive research connections mean that I have access to a network of world-leading researchers in Australia and internationally.'

*Lucinda Iles, CEPAR PhD Student,
Curtin University*



SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are available for domestic and international applicants and are awarded on a competitive basis:

CEPAR Supplementary Scholarships for PhD and Masters (Research) students

These scholarships offer additional support to eligible research students who are in receipt of an Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship, National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Scholarship or university equivalent scholarship to assist them with pursuing a program of study related to CEPAR at an Australian university under the supervision of a CEPAR Chief or Associate Investigator. Supplementary scholarships are valued at AUD 8,000 per annum.

CEPAR Honours Scholarships

These scholarships, valued at AUD 5,000, are available to eligible students commencing an honours thesis in a fourth-year undergraduate honours program at an Australian university under

the supervision of a CEPAR Chief or Associate Investigator, in an area of study related to the CEPAR research program.

Summer Research Scholarships

These scholarships provide currently enrolled undergraduate students opportunities to work on research projects supervised by CEPAR researchers, for up to six weeks over the summer break. The program is designed to provide students with a taste of working in a research centre and gain valuable research experience.

‘Studying at CEPAR, under the supervision of Professor Marian Baird, has allowed me to expand beyond the research interests of my doctoral thesis and further develop my skills and knowledge of the research process. Being part of the broader CEPAR team not only complements my doctoral research but provides opportunities to collaborate with astonishing CEPAR researchers throughout Australia.’

*Daniel Dinale, CEPAR PhD Student,
The University of Sydney*



WORK AT CEPAR

CEPAR is committed to building a new generation of researchers devoted to ageing research, trained in cross-disciplinary skills, with the ability to engage with and respond to the needs of end users.

The Centre provides:

- Mentoring by internationally recognised experts in their field
- Funding to present research at national and international conferences
- Advanced methodology workshops and master-classes convened by international experts
- Training in stakeholder engagement and the communication of social science research
- Opportunities to connect with industry, government and community leaders
- Opportunities to interact with experts working in the field across a range of disciplines through CEPAR's connections with some of the world's leading centres and its international visitors program

Postdoctoral and research fellowship positions are advertised on the CEPAR website.

TRAVEL WITH CEPAR

The Centre provides opportunities for CEPAR affiliated Higher Degree Research Students and Early Career Research Fellows to travel to collaborate with CEPAR Investigators working in Australian and international institutions and to build their research networks.

CEPAR also recognises the value of facilitating visits between both national and international institutions with which it engages in or is building a collaborative research program. Funding of up to AUD 10,000 is available, on a competitive basis, for approved visits to eligible institutions.

CEPAR also provides some financial support for CEPAR affiliated students wishing to present their research at national and international conferences.

'I was a Senior Research Fellow at CEPAR from 2013-2016 prior to accepting a senior lectureship at the Australian National University (ANU). I am now a Professor of Economics at ANU and an ARC Future Fellow. I owe my success in part to the excellent research environment at CEPAR and the great colleagues I had there. Working within the research program led by Professor Michael Keane, I was able to strengthen my research skills, be exposed to the world renowned scholars in my field, and grow the network of international collaborations.'

Professor Fedor Iskhakov, ANU



CEPAR contributes to the development of research capacity in the field of population ageing through a range of initiatives designed to bring emerging researchers together from a variety of disciplines.

The Centre offers a suite of programs in which emerging researchers working in the field but not directly affiliated with CEPAR through enrolment or employment are encouraged to participate. These include events such as the

- Emerging Researchers in Ageing Conference
- Early Career Researcher Methodology Workshop
- Future Leaders in Ageing Program

as well as other workshops, conferences, seminars, and master-classes. The Centre also hosts PhD students and early career researchers from institutions with which CEPAR is building collaborative relationships.

'I visited CEPAR at the UNSW Sydney node as a PhD student under the UNSW Study Abroad Research Practicum Program. Visiting for a period of four months provided a wonderful opportunity to work with the experts at UNSW, including my supervisor Dr Katja Hanewald, and allowed us to successfully complete our joint project 'Income Inequality of the Elderly in China'. I really enjoyed my time at CEPAR with all of the research team and found it to be a wonderful environment to complete the project in. There were also many opportunities to attend workshops and seminars which were of great interest in my work.'

Zining Liu, Peking University



EMERGING RESEARCHERS IN AGEING

CEPAR is a major sponsor of the Emerging Researchers in Ageing (ERA) Initiative. The ERA Initiative provides support to students undertaking research higher degrees in the field of ageing in Australia by offering them opportunities to network and collaborate with their peers, senior academics and policymakers within Australia and internationally. To learn more about ERA visit era.edu.au.

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