

Come and CAMP at CHaSR!

What do you mean by CAMP?

The CHaSR Associate Mentor Program (CAMP) is an exciting program designed to facilitate opportunities for growth and partnership between local community organisations and CHaSR. Basically, it's a program where our researchers can provide mentorship and a few basic resources (eg: a desk, computer, phone etc) for staff from community based organisations who may want or need to integrate better research principles and practices into their work.

What will I learn and do?

At CAMP you will bring along your research questions, problems, gaps and ideas to incubate and develop in a friendly and supportive academic research environment. CHaSR will provide a mentor suited to the needs of the organisation and project that you represent as well as the CAMPer's own skills and experience. CAMPers will work with their mentor to identify and develop a specific program that will work for them.

The nature of the project and time frame will be flexible and tailored to suit each researcher, you and your organisation. During your placement (CHaSR has CAMP sites in Melbourne, VIC and Wollongong, NSW), you will be supported and mentored by a university based researcher who has relevant expertise to the project. It may be 1 day a week for 6 weeks to 6 months

or a shorter intensive period. Projects can be skills based, such as how to conduct a literature search or write a basic report, or they could be a specifically identified area of need, such as how to evaluate an existing program or how to work with a hard-to-reach target group.

At the end of the process, CAMPers will become CHaSR Associates provided with access to our monthly research seminars, quarterly newsletters and other professional network opportunities.

What qualifications or experience do I need?

Usually (but not always) CAMPers are university graduates with some work experience. They can be from any relevant discipline or professional background, but what they all have in common is the desire to acquire a better understanding of research and translate this in to real life workplaces. Probably the biggest prerequisite is the enthusiasm and support to CAMP from your boss!

Where do I sign?

If you would like to find out more information about our CAMP please contact Prof Sandra Jones on sandra.jones@acu.edu.au.

Alternatively you can visit our website or send us a message on Facebook.