

PhD Opportunity with the New Zealand Attitudes and Values Study (NZAVS)

We are seeking a dynamic PhD student with a background in social psychology and quantitative research methods to join the New Zealand Attitudes and Values Study (NZAVS). The NZAVS is a representative longitudinal study that assesses change and stability in the personality, social attitudes, and values of roughly 25,000 New Zealanders each year. This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of a national longitudinal social psychological study. See: <http://www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/NZAVS>

We are offering a fully funded PhD to work with data from the NZAVS to investigate the links between relationship dynamics, social stress, and health and wellbeing. Questions we can answer with the NZAVS data include: How does relationship conflict impact health and wellbeing? How does social stress, such as discrimination, deprivation or job insecurity, impact relationships? What personal and social factors buffer or amplify these pathways, such as social support, sexist attitudes and personality?

This PhD project will involve:

- (a) Conducting statistical analysis of longitudinal and nationally representative data from the NZAVS.
- (b) Publishing research papers in academic journals, which will form the PhD thesis.
- (c) Working with Nickola Overall, Chris Sibley and Danny Osborne to integrate interpersonal and intergroup theories to answer the above questions.
- (d) Working as part of a larger team on the day-to-day operations of the study (data entry, data collection, questionnaire design, etc.).

If you are interested in applying for this PhD (fees and stipend funded) then:

- read over the material on the NZAVS website, read the FAQ, watch the video interviews from other PhD students on the website, look over the questionnaire, and familiarize yourself with the study: <http://www.psych.auckland.ac.nz/uoa/NZAVS>.
- submit an expression of interest to Nickola Overall (n.overall@auckland.ac.nz) that includes: (a) an overview of your background, PhD aims and goals, and reasons for interest in this PhD opportunity, (b) your transcript, (c) summary of research methods training and skills, and (d) a written piece of research work.

For more information about this PhD opportunity or the NZAVS contact Nickola Overall (n.overall@auckland.ac.nz) or Chris Sibley (c.sibley@auckland.ac.nz).