

Masters Work type: Fixed Term

Location: Werribee (negotiable)

The Equine Orthopaedic Research Group, in the Faculty of Veterinary and Agriculture Sciences are looking for a student interested in undertaking a Masters investigating jockey falls and injuries that are associated with racehorse injury.

Jockeys participate in one of the most dangerous occupations and sports in the world. The leading cause of jockey falls during racing is catastrophic injury or sudden death of the horse. Such falls are more likely to result in jockey injury than falls caused by other reasons.

The aim of this project is to describe all causes of jockey falls and identify racehorse injuries or conditions with greatest risk for jockey falls and injuries in Victoria, Australia. The project creates the opportunity to use population-level industry data to identify areas that should be prioritised with the aim of reducing both rider and horse injury rates.

The project will suit candidates with undergraduate degrees related to sports science, veterinary science, animal science or epidemiology with an interest in large-scale data analysis.

The project academic supervisors are Dr. Peta Hitchens and Professor Chris Whitton.

Closing date: 14 Sept 2018

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send your CV, academic transcript and academic references as a single pdf document to Dr Peta Hitchens peta.hitchens@unimelb.edu.au.

For further enquiries please contact Dr. Hitchens on the above email or phone +61 3 8001 2448.