

PROJECT DETAILS

Project Title:

Building capacity among food security initiative leaders to embed effective food security responses into everyday practice.

Project Summary:

Food insecurity is irregular and uncertain physical, social, and economic access to nutritious foods. While there is recognition of the problem in Australia, the government largely focuses on short-term solutions rather than addressing structural causes. This HDR project will examine the barriers and enablers local government, and community organisations face when integrating food security into everyday practice - policy planning and programmatic delivery. Through semi-structured interviews and co-design workshops with government/non-government, the project will develop a practical framework that translates core food security concepts into planning and practice terminology and tools. The framework aims to build capacity for more holistic and adaptive food security action.

Preferred Applicant Skillset:

The ideal candidate has qualitative research and critical analysis skills, or at least strong interest in. They are proficient in oral and written communication skills, can work autonomously, has a keen interest in co-design and lived experience, and are passionate about food security and the role of government in supporting community wellbeing. The ideal candidate would have previous experience with engaging interest holders, and understand that food security is a multidimensional, complex issue, and government action that aligns with community needs is required to support food security action.

Internship Opportunity:

Yes, potentially in local government, supporting public health plan implementation and evaluation

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