

Position Description



Research Assistant

Position Overview

The Research Assistant will assess cognitive function, mental health and social integration, working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who have recently sustained a traumatic brain injury. The incumbent forms part of a multi-disciplinary team working in northern Australia (including the Northern Territory and Queensland), as part of the project *“The transition from hospital to home: A longitudinal study of Indigenous traumatic brain injury.”* The casual research assistant will primarily work within the Royal Darwin Hospital to recruit and assess participants, as well as conduct follow up assessments with participants in remote communities in the Northern Territory.

Division of Tropical Health and Medicine

The Division of Tropical Health and Medicine encompasses human and animal health professional areas and related biomedical science disciplines. The Division has a particular focus on the health of rural, remote and Indigenous Australian communities and tropical medicine. The Colleges of the Division include:

- Medicine and Dentistry
- Healthcare Sciences
- Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences

College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences

As part of the Division of Tropical Health and Medicine the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences promotes, fosters, supports and administers quality teaching and research at JCU in the areas of Public Health, Tropical Medicine, Veterinary Sciences, Biomedical Sciences and Molecular Sciences. Working in a collaborative leadership model with the Office of the Division, the other Colleges and the Mount Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health, the College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Sciences contributes to advancing the strategic agenda and to strengthening partnerships and engagement.

Principal Accountabilities

1. Assist in the conduct of the research, with a key role in administering a variety of assessments of cognitive function, mental health and social integration.

2. Collaborate and communicate effectively with external organisations involved in the care and support of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with brain injury and other disabilities.
3. Contribute to communications related to the study, such as newsletters, media releases, articles and social media.

Special Conditions

- It is a requirement of this position to travel throughout remote Northern Territory communities including Darwin and the Top End. This includes overnight stays, after hours work on occasion, and travel in light planes.
- It is a requirement of this position to hold a current “C” class Queensland Driver’s Licence without restriction.

Selection Criteria

Selection and appointments will be assessed against selection criteria.

Essential

1. Degree qualification in Psychology, Allied Health, Health Science, Social Work or other relevant area with relevant work experience or an equivalent combination of experience and/or education and/or training.
2. An Honours degree or equivalent research experience of at least one year.
3. Proven experience in conducting research with humans including the collection, analysis, interpretation.
4. Demonstrated well developed written and oral communication skills and experience in communicating research to a variety of stakeholders through various media including journal articles, conference presentations, online and through social media.
5. Demonstrated significant organisational, time management and problem-solving skills.
6. Ability to adapt to, and work effectively in new environments and with people of different cultures.

Desirable

1. Experience in research collaboration across multiple organisations including Universities and Health Services and knowledge or expertise in brain injury research or service provision.
2. Experience working in remote Indigenous communities.

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