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JBI – Central Australia Evidence-based Clinical Fellowship Indigenous Scholarship Program 2019

Call for Applicants

Background

The Joanna Briggs Institute (joannabriggs.org) is an international not-for-profit, research and development centre within the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences at the University of Adelaide, South Australia. Our international collaboration includes more than 70 groups and centres across the world.

The Joanna Briggs Institute collaborates with diverse groups where language, technology, geography and/or finance present significant challenges to the provision of healthcare. We are working with groups all over the world to create cohorts of leaders to support evidence-based health decisions and to make this knowledge readily available across a range of settings.

JBI have raised funds to enable Indigenous health professionals from remote central Australia to undertake the JBI Evidence-based Clinical Fellowship program at no cost to themselves. The JBI Evidence-Based Clinical Fellowship Program is a six-month workplace, evidence-based, implementation program involving 2 x ten-day intensive training workshops at the Joanna Briggs Institute affiliated centre in Alice Springs, and conducting a workplace evidence implementation project in the intervening months. In 2019, this program will exclusively focus on Indigenous participants from central Australia.

JBI Evidence-based Clinical Fellowship

Applicants must be Indigenous health professionals currently working in Central Australia (including Alice Springs), with access to a clinical setting. They must be able to identify a topic of interest in an area in which they would like to conduct a baseline clinical audit, implement evidence-based strategies, and then conduct a follow-up clinical audit aimed at assessing outcomes.

Past projects have included topics such as:

- Inducting new staff into Cultural Safety for Aboriginal Community Controlled Primary Health Organisations: a best practice approach
- Cardiology review for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders with Rheumatic Heart Disease
- [Interventions](#) to promote and support infant nutrition - do they meet current National Infant Feeding Guidelines?
- Implementing evidence-based continuous quality improvement strategies
- Identification of clients with elevated HbA1c levels
- Improving data quality in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation setting
- Youth health promotion (substance abuse, mental health and sexual and reproductive health)

The Joanna Briggs Institute Evidence-based Clinical Fellowship Program offers participants an opportunity to learn how to:

- Develop and engage in processes to further develop their leadership skills and strengths
- Discuss and describe the effectiveness of current approaches to the implementation of evidence-based practice
- Critique current evidence implementation strategies
- Act as an agent of change, conduct clinical audits and develop and implement strategies to implement evidence-based practice
- Preparation of a publication and submission to a peer reviewed journal.

It is hoped that by undertaking this course, participants will have the skills and knowledge to improve health outcomes in their communities and to lead others in this important area of health improvement.

Watch these videos about some of JBI's previous Fellows:



- [Working to Improve Global Health Outcomes](#)
- [Knowledge Transforms](#)



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Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must possess good English skills (spoken and written), and be prepared to give presentations regarding their project to academic staff and health professionals. Computer access is desirable to assist with this process. They will be supported by a JBI Research Fellow who will act as a facilitator over the 6 months of the program. Applicants must be a health professional and have access to a clinical setting. Indigenous applicants from any health setting in central Australia are eligible.

Funding

This scholarship will cover travel to and from Alice Springs for both the first and second weeks of the Evidence-based Clinical Fellowship Program, salary/wage replacement, course fees, and the provision of meals and accommodation in Alice Springs.

Dates:

- Call for Applications opened: **2 August 2019**
- Applications close: **September 6, 2019**
- Successful applicants notified: **13 September, 2019**
- First intensive training block in Alice Springs, NT: **11-15 November, 2019**
- Second intensive training block in Alice Springs, NT: **25-29 May, 2020**

How to apply

To register your application, please fill out the [application form](#).

If you have any difficulties, please contact Sonia Hines: sonia.hines@flinders.edu.au

All applicants require a letter of support from your direct line manager whose support will be required to complete the program. The letter of support should state that your organisation will provide you with:

- Leave for the period of training in Alice Springs plus travel time
- Provide a minimum of three (3) hours per week for the applicant to conduct their project for approximately twenty (20) weeks; and
- Provide support for the Fellow in the workplace both during and at the conclusion of the program to allow the Fellow to share and implement knowledge gained during the Fellowship program.



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