



Expression of Interest: Survey Interviewer

Background

The prevalence of mental and substance use disorders in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Queenslanders and information on Indigenous-specific services are not sufficiently detailed or systematic to allow policy makers and administrators to identify and address deficiencies or gaps in the service system.

To address this, the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research (QCMHR) is undertaking a population based survey for adult Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders in South East Queensland to determine mental health prevalence, the services that are currently being accessed and their effectiveness, as well as barriers to care. This study is called the Queensland Urban Indigenous Mental Health Survey (QUIMHS) and is planned to be in the field later this year.

The Role

The project team is looking to recruit 10 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander interviewers to undertake this work. Interviewers will be responsible for (1) recruiting participants from key locations and (2) administering a computer assisted-survey to those willing to participate. Applicants that are team players, with a friendly and caring demeanour are encouraged to apply. Previous experience in community engagement in the Indigenous health sector and a demonstrated ability to build rapport and connections with community members will be highly regarded.

This is a temporary part-time or full time contract (March-September, 2020). The successful applicant will be employed by the Queensland Centre for Mental Health Research through West Moreton Health. Packages for candidates able to join the team on secondment from partner institutions will also be considered.

Requirements of the Role

Under s25 of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld) it is a genuine occupational requirement for the incumbent to be Indigenous to the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Community.

The position will require some travel between survey locations in the Greater Brisbane Region. The applicant must have a current Class C drivers licence and access to their own motor vehicle. Reimbursement for mileage will be arranged for the successful applicant.

Successful applicants will acquire:

- Comprehensive training in survey recruitment and data collection
- Accreditation in the Composite International Diagnostic Instrument (CIDI)
- Skills in data collection and data management
- Overall support to upskill and increase their professional scope
- Those enrolled in a higher degree program (Honours, Masters) in a relevant field (e.g. Public Health, Psychology) may be able to count hours spent on the QUIMHS project towards practicum components of their course requirements (subject to negotiation with university course coordinators and QUIMHS management).

This Expression of Interest document is intended to serve as an outline of the role and its main requirements. A full position description and complete role requirements will be disseminated by West Moreton Health in February, 2020. For details on how to apply, or for any questions about the Survey Interviewer role, please contact the Project Manager, Tabinda Basit on t.basit@uq.edu.au.