

Expression of Interest: Research Officer (WA)

The AUS-mTBI Project (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander component)

Expressions of interest are invited from Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people who would like to undertake the role of Research Officer (based in WA) for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander component of the AUS-mTBI research project.

Background:

The AUS-mTBI project is a national research project running from 2022 – 2025 that aims to improve outcomes for Australians who have suffered a mild traumatic brain injury (TBI), including concussion. The study will achieve this by:

- Collecting the first comprehensive national data on mild traumatic brain injury enabling better prediction of recovery and design of appropriate interventions.
- Trialling new recommended pathways and methods of care.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander component of the project (to be conducted in Western Australia, New South Wales and Queensland) will explore the most relevant and appropriate information to be collected from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with mild TBI, the most culturally secure methods to be used in data collection, the best ways of recruiting people to the study, and culturally secure ways of providing information and services to assist in recovery. The study is running from 2022 – 2025.

The role of Research Officer involves the following:

- Work closely with the Project Coordinator, undertake tasks associated with the AUS-mTBI project, including the recruitment of study participants, maintenance of study databases, data entry, and other required documentation.
- Coordinate the organisation of and conduct interviews and other participant appointments to support the research projects and the research team.
- Engage with stakeholders internal and external to the University and build relationships with hospital staff and Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal community service providers to facilitate recruitment to the study.
- Develop and maintain project processes, controls, checklists and methodologies required to achieve professional best practice delivering the project outcomes.
- Provide effective communication and support to the research team in order to ensure that the project is delivered effectively.

Position requirements: The Research Officer position is appropriate for someone with the following skills and attributes:

- Being able to yarn with people easily is essential (interviewing experience preferable).
- Ability to liaise with contact staff at a variety of organisations e.g. hospitals, health centres.

- Preference will be given to individuals with Aboriginal Health Worker qualifications, enrolled or Registered Nurses, Allied Health professionals with experience in Aboriginal health.
- Broad Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community network
- Good problem-solving and decision making skills
- Interest in brain injury and rehabilitation.
- Skills in computing including word processing, databases, email and internet skills preferred.

Benefits:

- Work in the heart of Joondalup close to shops, public transport, cafes and modern facilities
- Be part of a large organisation (approx. 3000 employees) with a culture genuinely committed to employing a diverse workforce including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- Connection with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Staff Network
- Supportive work/life balance including ability to negotiate flexible working arrangements
- Paid Cultural and Ceremonial Leave and paid day to attend NAIDOC events

The position is a fixed term part-time position from November 2022 – July 2025 and is based in Perth, at Edith Cowan University.

For further information and to express an interest in the role, please contact Beth Armstrong (Chief Investigator) at b.armstrong@ecu.edu.au or by telephone 0410303228. Or Tilly Casey (HR Adviser, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment) at t.casey@ecu.edu.au or by telephone at 08 6304 6058 .