

Position Title:	Research Fellow (Broome WA)
Position Classification:	Level B
Faculty/Office:	Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
Centre/Section:	The Rural Clinic School of WA
Supervisor Title:	Principal Research Fellow
Supervisor Position Number:	305373

Your work area

The Rural Clinical School of Western Australia (RCSWA) is a network of 14 rural and remote sites across the Kimberley, Pilbara, Mid-West, Goldfields, Great Southern and South West regions of Western Australia. It is a collaboration between UWA and University of Notre Dame Australia, Fremantle, operating as a unit within the UWA School of Medicine. The RCSWA is committed to providing quality teaching, research, professional development and clinical service in rural and remote settings.

This position is based in the Kimberley where RCSWA sites conduct collaborative research with health services into improving Aboriginal health and building research capacity. RCSWA Kimberley research has the overarching aim to improve and promote the health and well-being of Aboriginal people in remote Australia through the application of practical community and health service based research. Research projects include:

1. NHMRC funded Nini Helthiwan project on improving primary care for Aboriginal mothers and babies in the Kimberley: a population and region based cluster randomised trial driven by local health service providers
2. NHMRC partnership project on improving mental health screening for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander pregnant women and mothers of young children.

This position would sit with the research team and be based in Broome.

Reporting Structure

Reports to: Principal Research Fellow RCSWA
Direct Reports: Nil

Your role

The appointee will, under limited direction, provide impetus and capacity to progress research initiatives in the Kimberley region of Western Australia, working closely with the Broome research team and partner health services.

Key responsibilities

The appointee will provide research support to the Nini Helthiwan project and to other Broome RCSWA research projects:

- Statistical analysis of Kimberley research projects
- Work collaboratively with a multidisciplinary team to plan, design, implement, evaluate, disseminate, translate and publish research initiatives
- Train and support staff employed on research projects
- Develop research skills among the health workforce, in particular Aboriginal members of the health workforce in the region
- Monitor day to day research activities
- Contribute to the procurement of funds for on-going research activities and ensure appropriate approval is granted for the conduct of research projects
- Establish and maintain linkages with external agencies relevant to the conduct of such research, including regional stakeholders, human research ethics committees, and tertiary institutions.

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Essential

- Experience and training to a level equivalent to a Doctor of Philosophy or Masters of Applied Epidemiology in a relevant health related research field
- Substantial experience working in the field of Aboriginal health research including working in remote settings
- Understanding of issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander peoples and commitment to Aboriginal community consultation and control
- Demonstrated skills and experience in quantitative and qualitative health research design, analysis and reporting
- Excellent interpersonal communication skills including high level verbal and written communication skills and the capacity to work closely with people from a wide range of backgrounds
- Proficiency in a range of computing skills including word processing, spreadsheets, Stata statistical analysis software, and email
- Highly developed organisational skills and demonstrated ability to plan, set priorities and meet deadlines
- Ability to work independently, show initiative and work productively as part of a team
- Driver's license (preferably for manual vehicle, but automatic acceptable).

Desirable

- Post-graduate qualifications in epidemiology and biostatistics
- Demonstrated experience in supervising and mentoring staff and students and ability to encourage and foster the work of others.

Special Requirements

- There will be a small amount of regional and interstate travel required including off road and air travel in light aircraft.
- An occasional requirement to work outside of office hours.
- Occasional public events to attend to facilitate the position requirements (outside of office hours).

Compliance

Workplace Health and Safety

All supervising staff are required to undertake effective measures to ensure compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 and related University requirements (including Safety, Health and Wellbeing Objectives and Targets).

All staff must comply with requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and all reasonable directives given in relation to health and safety at work, to ensure compliance with University and Legislative health and safety requirements.

Details of the safety obligations can be accessed at <http://www.safety.uwa.edu.au>

Equity and Diversity

All staff members are required to comply with the University's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct and Equity and Diversity principles. Details of the University policies on these can be accessed at http://www.hr.uwa.edu.au/publications/code_of_ethics, <http://www.equity.uwa.edu.au>.