POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title: Research Clinical Neuropsychologist
Organisation Unit: School of Psychology
Position Number: 3041577
Type of Employment: Full-time, fixed term until 31 August 2020
Classification: Research Professional HEW Level 6

THE UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND

The University of Queensland (UQ) contributes positively to society by engaging in the creation, preservation, transfer and application of knowledge. UQ helps shape the future by bringing together and developing leaders in their fields to inspire the next generation and to advance ideas that benefit the world. UQ strives for the personal and professional success of its students, staff and alumni. For more than a century, we have educated and worked with outstanding people to deliver knowledge leadership for a better world.

UQ ranks in the world’s top universities, as measured by several key independent ranking, including the Performance Ranking of Scientific Papers for World Universities (43), the US News Best Global Universities Rankings (45), QS World University Rankings (48), Academic Ranking of World Universities (55), and the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (69). UQ again topped the nation in the prestigious Nature Index, and our Academic Ranking of World Universities result in the field of Life and Agricultural Sciences is the highest in Australia at 20.

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Our 50,000-plus strong student community includes more than 13,000 postgraduate scholars and more than 12,000 international students from 144 countries, adding to its proud 240,000-plus alumni. The University has about 7,000 academic and professional staff and a $1.8 billion annual operating budget. Its major campuses are at St Lucia, Gatton and Herston, in addition to teaching and research sites around Queensland and Brisbane city. The University has six Faculties and four University-level Institutes. The Institutes, funded by government and industry grants, philanthropy and commercialisation activities, have built scale and focus in research areas in neuroscience, biomolecular and biomedical sciences, sustainable minerals, bioengineering and nanotechnology, as well as social science research.
UQ has an outstanding track-record in commercialisation of our innovation with major technologies employed across the globe and integral to gross product sales of $11billion+ (see http://uniquest.com.au/our-track-record).

UQ has a rapidly growing record of attracting philanthropic support for its activities and this will be a strategic focus going forward.

**Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences**

The Faculty of Health and Behavioural Sciences is a strong faculty that has a coherent focus on health and well-being underpinned by a clear integrative theme related to preventive health and behaviour change. Furthermore, the Faculty provides the opportunity for the allied health sciences to have a strong voice and great visibility within the University.

The Faculty currently includes:

- School of Dentistry
- School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
- School of Human Movement and Nutrition Sciences
- School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work
- School of Pharmacy
- School of Psychology
- Centre for Youth Substance Abuse Research (CYSAR)
- RECOVER Injury Research Centre
- Queensland Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences (QAEHS)
- Centre for Business and Economics of Health (CBEH)
- UQ Poche Centre for Indigenous Health
- Southern Queensland Rural Health (SQRH)

More information about the Faculty is available at: [http://habs.uq.edu.au/](http://habs.uq.edu.au/).

**School of Psychology**

The School of Psychology is one of the most prestigious schools of psychology in Australia, and its strong reputation is built on excellence in both research and teaching. The School has thriving and dynamic research profiles in almost all areas of psychology, and is able to attract visitors from overseas and other institutions in Australia. It possesses good links, often through cross-appointed staff, with other schools in the University, thus creating opportunities for interdisciplinary collaborative research.

Information about the School may be accessed on the School web site at [www.psy.uq.edu.au/](http://www.psy.uq.edu.au/).

**Information for Prospective Staff**

Information about life at UQ including staff benefits, relocation and UQ campuses is available at - [http://www.uq.edu.au/current-staff/working-at-uq](http://www.uq.edu.au/current-staff/working-at-uq).
DUTY STATEMENT

Primary Purpose of Position

To coordinate and provide a research clinical neuropsychological service for healthy individuals and those with neurodegenerative conditions. This position is part of two multidisciplinary research teams. The overarching goal of the neuropsychological research is understanding normal and pathological ageing, with a theoretical focus on frontal lobe functions. This position is key in delivering the neuropsychology component of the larger projects.

Duties

Duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Work collaboratively and effectively with the UQ Neuropsychology Research Unit, the NHMRC PISA research team, the Brisbane MND research team that facilitate successful implementation of the projects.
- Recruit and assess healthy and neurological participants for research studies focused on clinical and cognitive neuropsychology, and normal and pathological ageing, maintain accurate and current records of participant recruitment and manage research databases.
- Conduct neuropsychological assessments, write summary reports and provide feedback to referring specialists and individuals with neurocognitive disorders and their families.
- Provide general support to students/staff working in the Neuropsychology Research Unit and supervision and support training to those administering neuropsychological tests.
- Conduct statistical analysis of data and contribute to communication of research results via publications and presentations at research team meetings and conferences.
- Adhere to the APS code of ethics and maintain a high standard of professional conduct at all times.
- Engage in regular clinical supervision with the Neuropsychology Lead to maintain neuropsychological assessment integrity and ensure project deliverables, as well as develop clinical knowledge and expertise.
- Assist with literature reviews and preparation of grants, publications, and conference presentations.
- Contribute to the broader research team and support implementation of other research projects in the team as required.
Other
Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including but not exclusive to:

- the University's Code of Conduct
- requirements of the Queensland occupational health and safety (OH&S) legislation and related OH&S responsibilities and procedures developed by the University or Institute/School
- the adoption of sustainable practices in all work activities and compliance with associated legislation and related University sustainability responsibilities and procedures
- requirements of the Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000, the National Code 2007 and associated legislation, and related responsibilities and procedures developed by the University

Organisational Relationships
The Research Clinical Neuropsychologist will report to Associate Professor Gail Robinson.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

- A degree with subsequent relevant experience; or an equivalent combination of relevant experience and/or education/training.
- Postgraduate training in clinical neuropsychology.
- Current general registration with the Psychology Board of Australia. Eligibility for an area of practice endorsement in Clinical Neuropsychology would be highly regarded.
- Demonstrated experience in neuropsychological research, including research design, data collection, data entry and analysis, report writing, and supporting project management.
- Demonstrated clinical skills and experience in delivering neuropsychological assessments and treatments, especially with the neurodegenerative disorders of focus for this research (motor neurone disease, frontotemporal dementia, movement disorders, Alzheimer's disease).
- High level interpersonal skills, with the ability to work as part of a clinical and research team, and independently to meet project deliverables.
- Demonstrated experience in cultivating and maintaining collaborative relationships across multiple organisational partners.
- High level written and oral communication skills.
- Strong organisational skills including the ability to prioritise tasks, problem solve independently, show a high attention to detail and initiative.
- Dedication to ensuring confidentiality and research ethics.
Desirable

- Eligibility for Psychology Board of Australia area of practice endorsement in Clinical Neuropsychology would be highly regarded, or undertaking Registrar program and working towards endorsement.
- Knowledge of supervisory skills or experience in training and supporting clinicians in neuropsychological assessments or project implementation.
- Clinical experience working with motor neurone disease, frontotemporal dementia, parkinsonian disorders and Alzheimer’s disease is strongly desirable.
- Knowledge and experience in clinical (and neurological) multidisciplinary methodology and research.

Vaccinations and Immunisation

It is a condition of employment for this role that if you are required now or in the future, to work or interact in Queensland Health clinical facility; or in an equivalent clinical health facility; or health care role; or will be required to perform work tasks that put you at risk of exposure to vaccine-preventable disease you are required to be immunised against, and remain immunised against, certain vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs) in accordance with the University’s Vaccinations and Immunisation Guidelines (PPL 2.60.08). The employee is required to provide evidence of immunisation against VPDs.

The University of Queensland values diversity and inclusion and actively encourages applications from those who bring diversity to the University. Please refer to the University’s Diversity and Inclusion webpage (http://www.uq.edu.au/equity) for further information and points of contact if you require additional support.

This role is a full-time position; however flexible working arrangements may be negotiated.

Accessibility requirements and/or adjustments can be directed to the contact person listed in the job advertisement.