

Position Title	Research Associate
Classification	Level A
School/Division	UWA Medical School
Centre/Section	The Rural Clinical School of WA
Supervisor Title	Senior Principal Research Fellow
Supervisor Position Number	305373
Position Number	NEW

Your work area

The Rural Clinical School of Western Australia (RCSWA) is a unit within the Medical School, which provides rural clinical training for WA medical students. The RCSWA spans a breadth of some 3,500kms across multiple sites in WA in order to provide a positive rural educational experience, increase the quantity and quality of the rural workforce, and conduct collaborative community and health services research to improve health outcomes in rural and remote Australia.

This Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position is based in the Kimberley where RCSWA sites conduct collaborative research with Aboriginal communities and their health services into improving Aboriginal health and building research capacity.

Research projects include the recently funded Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) optimisation of screening and management of hyperglycaemia (high blood glucose levels) in pregnancy. ORCHID Study Phase 3 will support implementation of our simplified screening approaches and improve management of hyperglycaemia in pregnancy (high blood glucose levels) by helping empower Aboriginal women and their families to make positive lifestyle choices aimed at improving birth outcomes and preventing progression of chronic diseases.

This position would sit with the ORCHID Study team and be based in Broome (other Kimberley RCSWA sites will be considered).

Reporting structure

Reports to: Senior Principal Research Fellow

Your role

As the successful appointee you will, under the direction of ORCHID Study Co-Leads, work with the ORCHID Study team and participating communities and their health services to co-design and trial management strategies for Aboriginal women with hyperglycaemia in pregnancy (HIP). You will also assist in monitoring and evaluating implementation of simplified screening approaches for HIP.

Your key responsibilities

Organise and conduct in depth interviews with Aboriginal women and their families
Support monitoring and evaluating implementation of screening for HIP in partner health services
Contribute to ORCHID Study data entry (ensuring data consistency and accuracy), analysis and interpretation
Contribute to feeding back ORCHID Study results to participating communities and health services
Contribute to the preparation and dissemination of ORCHID Study research reports, and other publications, presentations and project resources
Provide cultural leadership, brokerage and advice to non-Indigenous staff
Attend public events and facilitate activities, travel as required
Adhere to any relevant cultural and ethics requirements
Other duties as directed

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Relevant tertiary qualification or demonstrated equivalent competency such as community consultation and engagement
Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society, and health and wellbeing, and commitment to Aboriginal community consultation and control
Highly developed interpersonal, and verbal and written communication skills
Proficiency in a range of computing skills including word processing, spreadsheets, 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
Demonstrated skills and experience in research including community research design, analysis and reporting is desirable

Special requirements (selection criteria)

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement for this position as defined under Section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984
Current 'C' class driver's licence
Regional and interstate travel may be required
Some after-hours work may be required

Compliance

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including:
The University's Code of Conduct hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct
Inclusion and Diversity web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity
Safety, health and wellbeing safety.uwa.edu.au/