POSITION DESCRIPTION

Senior Research Associate

Position Level | B
Faculty/Division | Medicine & Health
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Position Summary
The Senior Research Associate will work within the Population Child Health research group and the Mindgardens Neuroscience Network to support the Youth Integration Project (YIP).

The Senior Research Associate is expected to carry out independent and/or team research within the field in which they are appointed and to carry out activities to develop their research expertise relevant to their particular field of research.

The role of Senior Research Associate reports to the Head of the Population Child Health research group.

Accountabilities
Specific accountabilities for this role include:

- Engage in individual and/or collaborative research in a manner consistent with disciplinary practice.
- Create scholarly impact in the discipline which is recognised by peers in the advancement of disciplinary knowledge.
- Conduct research/scholarly activities under limited supervision, either independently or as a member of a team (as per the norms of the discipline).
- Establish a personal research portfolio and start developing independent research proposals.
- Contribute to the development of applications for competitive funding under the guidance of senior colleagues.
Participate as co-investigator or chief investigator in competitive grant applications, or show evidence of active participation in research collaborations funded by competitive grants.

- Design research projects.
- Mentor and guide students and colleagues and develop the next generation of academics through involvement in supervision of HDRs (as per the norms of the discipline).
- Coordinate elements of the Youth Integration project, including (but not limited to) systematic literature review, scoping current models nationally and internationally, mapping existing youth mental health services, qualitative investigation of service users’ experiences and co-design of integrated care solutions.
- Cooperate with all health and safety policies and procedures of the university and take all reasonable care to ensure that your actions or omissions do not impact on the health and safety of yourself or others.

**Skills and Experience**

- A PhD in a health or mental health related discipline, and/or relevant work experience, with a special interest in youth mental health.
- Proven commitment to proactively keeping up to date with discipline knowledge and developments.
- Proven experience in mixed methods research.
- Demonstrated track record research with outcomes of high quality and high impact with clear evidence of the desire and ability to continually achieve research excellence as well as the capacity for research leadership.
- A track record of significant involvement with the profession and/or industry.
- High level communication skills and ability to network effectively and interact with a diverse range of students and staff.
- Demonstrated ability to work in a team, collaborate across disciplines and build effective relationships.
- Evidence of highly developed interpersonal and organisational skills and use of such to coordinate large research projects as part of a team.
- An understanding of and commitment to UNSW’s aims, objectives and values in action, together with relevant policies and guidelines.
- Knowledge of health and safety responsibilities and commitment to attending relevant health and safety training.
Pre-employment checks required for this position

- Verification of qualifications

About this document
This Position Description outlines the objectives, desired outcomes, key responsibilities, accountabilities, required skills, experience and desired behaviours required to successfully perform the role.

This template is not intended to limit the scope or accountabilities of the position. Characteristics of the position may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the role.