The Kirby Institute is a world-leading health research institute at UNSW Sydney. We work to eliminate infectious diseases, globally. Our specialisation is in developing health solutions for the most at-risk communities. Through innovative and world-class research, we develop tests, treatments, cures and prevention strategies to improve health.

The Research Fellow will be located in the Public Health Interventions Program, in the Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD) Research Group, to support the coordination of studies taking place in several countries in the Pacific region. This includes a NHMRC funded Partnership grant with the aim of supporting the integration of NTD control programs to increase their impact.

The role of Research Fellow reports to the Associate Professor and has no direct reports.

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).
- Develop work plans, project protocols, standard operating procedures and other research related administrative functions to ensure that the research projects are conducted in accordance with the study protocol and project milestones are met.
- Work with in-country partners to support the coordination and implementation of NTD surveys in the Pacific involving collection of quantitative and qualitative data.
- Develop and manage working relationships with all the research partners, including co-investigators, and representatives from the ministry of health in the implementation countries.
- Prepare and organize ethics approvals from concerned Human Research Ethics Committees, submit annual reports and amendments when required.
- Support and conduct data management and statistical analyses of quantitative and qualitative data.
- Develop and prepare high quality research outputs (e.g. reports, papers for peer reviewed journals, conference abstracts and presentations, project websites/media).

- Participate and assist in developing reports to the funding body as part of the regular reporting requirements of the projects.

- Support the procurement of equipment and consumables.

- 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).

- Align with and actively demonstrate the UNSW Values in Action: Our Behaviours and the UNSW Code of Conduct.

- 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 epidemiology, public health, biostatistics or a similar relevant field and/or relevant work experience.

- Demonstrated experience in quantitative research with a focus on infectious diseases, including in communities in the Asia-Pacific Region.

- Proven commitment to proactively keeping up to date with discipline knowledge and developments.

- Demonstrated track record in 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.

- Strong skills in data management and performing quantitative analysis with statistical analysis packages (e.g., SAS, Stata).

- Demonstrated experience writing and publishing peer-reviewed journal articles and/or reports for non-expert stakeholders.

- A track record of significant involvement with the profession and/or industry.

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills with highly developed interpersonal skills and the ability to interact with a diverse range of students and staff.

- Evidence of highly developed interpersonal and organisational skills.

- Demonstrated ability to work in a team, collaborate across disciplines and build effective relationships.

- Well-developed knowledge of infectious disease control programmes, as relevant to low- and middle-income countries.

- 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

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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.