POSITION DESCRIPTION

Research Fellow

Position Summary

The Australian Dementia Network (ADNet) is an NHMRC funded initiative for dementia research and clinical practice improvement in Australia. There are a number of state and national initiatives that comprise the ADNet and the Research Neuropsychologist will assist with various aspects of the National Memory Clinic network – the ADNeT-MC Initiative.

The Research Fellow will play a leading role in the harmonisation, training and consulting aspects of the ADNeT-MC from the neuropsychological perspective, working closely with the clinicians and researchers involved in ADNeT-MC as well as the individual memory clinics.

The Research Fellow reports to the ADNeT-MC lead investigator and has no direct reports.

Accountabilities

Specific accountabilities for this role include:

- Play a major role in the harmonisation process for cognitive assessments in the ADNet-MC
- Develop training materials for neuropsychologists, other psychologists, and other clinicians involved in the assessment of memory clinic (MC) patients
- Manage, conduct and/or contribute to training workshops for MC clinicians in relation to the ADNeT-MC initiative
- Consult with other clinicians in relation to the use and interpretation of neuropsychological tests in the assessment of MC patients
• Contribute to the advancement of neuropsychological testing in MCs, including the use of newer technology, including computerised and on-line testing
• Evaluate the performance of cognitive testing practices in MCs
• Lead and contribute to the writing of scientific publications for international journals from work arising from ADNet-MC initiatives
• Design, develop and lead research ensuring all research is conducted to methodological and ethical standards
• Assist with the coordination of research activities and actively contribute to research outputs to meet project milestones
• Liaise with CQR and Screening & trials components of ADNeT
• 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 & safety of yourself or others

Skills and Experience
• A tertiary degree in Psychology with specialist training (Masters in Neuropsychology and PhD, or Clinical Doctorate in Neuropsychology or equivalent), with certification or eligibility for recognition as a neuropsychologist in Australia
• Demonstrated expertise in assessing patients with memory disorders
• Demonstrated ability to conduct independent neuropsychological research with limited supervision and demonstrated track record of publications and conference presentations relative to opportunity
• Demonstrated ability to work effectively, independently, and collaboratively within a multidisciplinary research team environment and in clinical environments
• Demonstrated ability to work in both research and clinical environments
• Demonstrated high level of interpersonal, written and oral communication skills with demonstrated ability to communicate and interact with a range of stakeholders
• Demonstrated ability to meet project requirements at high standards and meet agreed deadlines
• Strong analytical and statistical skills, attention to detail and accuracy
• A sound understanding of confidentiality, privacy and information handling principles.
• 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.
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