Position Description

Postdoctoral Fellow

Position Level | A
Faculty/Division | Medicine & Health
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Position Summary

A Postdoctoral Fellow (Level A) is expected to contribute towards the research effort of UNSW and to develop their research expertise through the pursuit of defined projects relevant to their particular field of research.

The role will primarily work within the Centre for Research Evidence in Suicide Prevention (CRESPP), which is a five-year multi-institute project funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council. CRESPP is a comprehensive program of translational suicide prevention research. It has six streams: schools, workplaces, online, healthcare settings, means restriction, and crisis and aftercare. The current role will sit within the crisis and aftercare and stream and will focus on safety planning, a crisis strategy with an emerging evidence base. The successful candidate will contribute to a program of research for safety planning and means restriction, with a focus on engaging with people who have a lived experience of suicidal crisis to support effective implementation.

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

Accountabilities

Specific accountabilities for this role include:
• Contribute independently or as a team member in collaborative research with a focus to enhance the quality of research outcomes in the discipline area.
• Conduct research (as per the norms of the discipline) and/or enable research teams to create scholarly output that is recognised by peers.
• Undertake specific research project/s under the guidance of a research leader and contribute to development of research activities.
• Review current evidence for safety planning and its implementation by individuals and health services.
• Undertake discipline-appropriate research activities, e.g. surveys, literature reviews, data gathering and/or recording of results using appropriate research methods.
• Contribute to research funding applications to support new research.
• Support the dissemination of research outcomes through appropriate channels and outlets.
• Assist with ethics submissions.
• Liaise with CRESP chief investigators and research leads, lived experience advisors, key project stakeholders, government agencies, and other collaborators, to maximise the impact of the research.
• Participate in and/or present at conferences and/or workshops relevant to the project as required.
• 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 health or behavioural sciences, mental health, epidemiology, bio/statistics, or related field and/or relevant work experience.
• Experience in the suicide prevention or mental health field.
• Strong understanding and technical knowledge of commonly used and complex quantitative statistical methods, and of statistical software packages
• Experience with qualitative research methodologies.
• Proven commitment to proactively keeping up to date with discipline knowledge and developments.
• Demonstrated ability to undertake high quality academic research and conduct independent research with limited supervision.
• Demonstrated track record of publications and conference presentations relative to opportunity.
• Demonstrated ability to work in a team, collaborate across disciplines and build effective relationships.
• Evidence of highly developed interpersonal skills.
• Demonstrated ability to communicate and interact with a diverse range of stakeholders and students.

• Knowledge of or experience in the implementation science field is desirable.

• Experience working collaboratively with lived experience advisors is desirable.

• 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.