Clinical Research Officer

College/Division College of Health and Medicine
School/Section Menzies Institute for Medical Research
Location Medical Science Precinct, Hobart
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Position Summary
The University of Tasmania is building a vision of a place-based University with a mission to enhance the intellectual, economic, social and culture future of Tasmania, and from Tasmania, contribute to the world in areas of distinctive advantage. The University recognises that achieving this vision is dependent on the people we employ as well as creating a people-centred University that is values-based, relational, diverse, and development-focused.

We are seeking to appoint a Clinical Research Officer at the Menzies Institute for Medical Research (Menzies), part of the College of Health and Medicine.

Menzies is one of Australia’s leading health and medical research institutes and is recognised worldwide for its research excellence. Menzies’ mission is to perform internationally significant medical research leading to healthier, longer and better lives for all Tasmanians. Research takes a bench-to-bedside and disease prevention approach that is aimed at improving patient care and clinical outcomes for the community by translating knowledge into clinical and policy actions and through the commercial application of discoveries. Tasmania, an island state with a population of over 500,000 people, has a discrete health system that enables close engagement with the University and with government agencies and health providers and offers a unique framework for translational health research.

Menzies’ five themes reflect the burden of disease in the Tasmanian community: Public Health, Primary Care and Health Services; Musculoskeletal Health & Disease; Brain Health & Disease; Cardiovascular and Respiratory Health & Disease; and Genetics and Cancer.

The Clinical Research Officer will coordinate participants in the Tasmanian group of the CONSEP Study – a cluster-randomised controlled trial, CONSEP (CONn Syndrome Evaluation in Primary care) will test whether an electronic clinical decision support software can increase primary aldosteronism (PA) screening among patients living with hypertension. The Clinical Research Officer will support clinic recruitment, GP engagement, delivery of the intervention, data collection for all outcomes including implementation measures, health economics evaluation, human research ethics applications and yearly progress reporting. The role will work with a range of internal and external stakeholders and requires a highly motivated and organised candidate with excellent interpersonal skills.

We are an inclusive workplace committed to ‘working from the strength that diversity brings’ reflected in our Statement of Values. We are dedicated to attracting, retaining and developing our people and are committed to inclusive principles. We celebrate the range of diverse assets that gender identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, age and life course bring. Applications are encouraged from all sectors of the community. Tell us how we can make this job work for you.

What You’ll Do
• Working with the CONSEP State Lead, coordinate and support the recruitment, set up and training of general practices for the study.
• Coordination and documentation of research activities in line with study protocols, standard operation procedures and ICH-GCP guidelines.
• Work with the usage of electronic Clinic Decision Support software at participating General Practices; adhering to standard study procedures.
• Coordinate the preparation of ethics submissions and the trial’s progress reporting, including the annual progress report.
• Understand and adhere to relevant legislation, policies, and procedures including, WHS requirements and the UTAS Framework for the Responsible Conduct of Research.
• Oversee the conduct of study activities within participating general practices.
• Coordinate data collection at Tasmanian Practice sites.
• Undertake other duties as assigned by the Supervisor.

What We’re Looking For (success criteria)

Essential criteria:
• A degree level qualification in a related area (e.g., Nursing, Allied Health, Public Health); and current registration with the relevant professional body.
• Excellent communication and interpersonal skills, with the ability to interact effectively with a range of participants and health professionals.
• Excellent organisational skills, with the ability to be self-directed and use initiative.
• Record-keeping skills appropriate to carrying out a scientific investigation.
• Understanding of privacy and ethical issues relating to clinical research.
• Demonstrated ability to perform tasks with a high degree of attention to detail.

Desirable criteria:
• Skills and experience in a clinical setting, particularly though not essentially general practice.

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The University of Tasmania is an institution with an enduring commitment to our state and community, and a strong global outlook. We are committed to enhancing the intellectual, economic, social and cultural future of Tasmania. Our Strategic Direction strongly reflects the University community’s voice that our University must be place based but globally connected as well as regionally networked and designed to deliver quality access to higher education for the whole State.

We believe that from our unique position here in Tasmania we can impact the world through the contributions of our staff, students and graduates. We recognise that achieving this vision is dependent on the people we employ, as well as creating a university that is values-based, relational, diverse, and development-focused.

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