

Position Description

Postdoctoral Researcher – Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre

Position No:	New
Department:	Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre
School:	Psychology and Public Health
Campus/Location:	Melbourne (Bundoora) campus
Classification:	Level A – Postdoctoral Researcher
Employment Type:	Full time, fixed term (to 31 March 2021)
Position Supervisor:	Dr Josephine Barbaro
Number:	50032804
Other Benefits:	http://www.latrobe.edu.au/jobs/working/benefits

Further information about:

La Trobe University - <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/about>

School of Psychology and Public Health – <http://latrobe.edu.au/school-psychology-and-public-health>

Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre – <http://latrobe.edu.au/otarc>

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A Level A research-only academic is expected to contribute towards the research effort of the institution and to develop their research expertise through the pursuit of defined projects relevant to the particular field of research.

Position Context

The College of Science, Health & Engineering is comprised of 9 Schools and 16 Departments across La Trobe's multi-campus operations. The College offers a range of general and specialist undergraduate and postgraduate courses that are rigorous and attuned to meeting the needs of students in ensuring their readiness to work in changing environments. Our courses are appropriately linked to emerging trends and critical global issues. The College research achievements have an outstanding reputation for their innovation and contribution to society and are at the forefront of building strong relationships with industry partners.

The largest School of the College, the School of Psychology & Public Health currently comprises seven academic units: the Department of Public Health, the Department of Psychology & Counselling, the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC), The Bouverie Centre, the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research (CAPR), the Centre for Health Communication and Participation (CHCP) and the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS).

The Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC) is Australia's first centre dedicated to Autism research. It provides a vehicle for research activities, evidence-based intervention programs, training opportunities and collaboration between community services and research centres/universities involved in autism research both in Australia and overseas.

The OTARC Postdoctoral Researcher reports to and operates under the broad direction of Dr Josephine Barbaro, who leads OTARC's Early Identification and Diagnosis research program. The successful applicant will be an innovative and experienced researcher who uses their research and systematic review skills to evaluate an integrated model of care for Autism surveillance within the primary care setting of General Practice followed by standardised assessment and care pathways.

The incumbent will take on a responsible role in managing a research portfolio and supporting the development of national program for the surveillance of Australian toddlers for early signs of Autism. This is a fantastic opportunity for a Postdoctoral Researcher to join a fast-growing dynamic and collaborative team. The successful candidate will play an integral role in translating the world-class research in early identification of autism into a sustainable technological solution.

The Postdoctoral Researcher must have the ability to communicate with a wide variety of stakeholders, including General practitioners, Maternal Child Health Nurses and Government agencies, and their project management, analysis and reporting skills coupled with high-level computer literacy will be important for the successful delivery of the project.

Duties at this level may include:

- Play a significant role in the research project and work closely and in consultation with internal stakeholders.
- Participate in professional activities including presentations, focus groups, interviews and training sessions.
- Develop a limited amount of research related material for research projects.
- Assist in obtaining research funding from external sources.
- Attend meetings associated with research, project or the work of the unit to which the research is connected and/or at Departmental or School meetings
- Acquire and interpret research data and results. Run analyses and tests using specified and agreed techniques and models. Contribute to the development of techniques, models and methods.
- Contribute to and uphold a robust and ambitious research culture.

- Undertake limited administrative functions primarily connected with the area of research and project requirements.
- Undertake other duties commensurate with the classification and scope of the position as required by the OTARC Director or Head of School.

Key Selection Criteria

- Completion of a PHD in a relevant discipline or professional area, and evidence of participation in higher level study relevant to discipline or professional area.
- Evidence of experience in research and evaluation and the ability to work effectively under limited supervision or independently.
- A record of contribution to publications, conference papers and/or reports, or professional or technical contributions which provide evidence of research potential.
- Experience in the analysis and modelling of data, including the capacity to integrate data from a range of sources and of uneven quality.
- Effective oral and written communication skills, including the ability to interact effectively with people from a diverse range of backgrounds.
- Demonstrated ability to work as a member of a team in a cooperative and collegial manner.
- Demonstrated high level of self-motivation and personal management skills.

Other relevant information:

- The position description is indicative of the initial expectation of the role and subject to changes to University goals and priorities, activities or focus of the job.

Essential Compliance Requirements

To hold this La Trobe University position the occupant must:

- hold, or be willing to undertake and pass, a Victorian Working With Children Check; AND
- take personal accountability to comply with all University policies, procedures and legislative or regulatory obligations; including but not limited to TEQSA and the Higher Education Threshold Standards.

La Trobe Cultural Qualities

Our cultural qualities underpin everything we do. As we work towards realising the strategic goals of the University we strive to work in a way which is aligned to our four cultural qualities:

- We are **Connected**: We connect to the world outside — the students and communities we serve, both locally and globally.
- We are **Innovative**: We tackle the big issues of our time to transform the lives of our students and society.
- We are **Accountable**: We strive for excellence in everything we do. We hold each other and ourselves to account, and work to the highest standard.
- We **Care**: We care about what we do and why we do it. We believe in the power of education and research to transform lives and global society. We care about being the difference in the lives of our students and communities.

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