

# POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position Title	Research Fellow
Classification	Level B
School/Division	School of Indigenous Studies
Centre/Section	Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Education)
Supervisor Title	Professor
Supervisor Position Number	311119
Position Number	319757

## Your work area

The Poche Centre for Indigenous Health within the School of Indigenous Studies, brings together the University's expertise, programs and resources in a strong collaborative partnership focused on a central theme for Aboriginal peoples and communities - Healthy Minds, Healthy Lives. The Centre aims to drive a transformative intergenerational Aboriginal health research agenda, which delivers tangible, measurable health outcomes and services directly to Aboriginal peoples and communities.

The School of Indigenous Studies aims to achieve excellence and equity in all aspects of higher education for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The School offers an Aboriginal Orientation Course, a schools' Outreach programme and provides ongoing support for Indigenous students enrolled in mainstream university studies. The School offers an Indigenous Studies' major, and is a strong advocate for the development of Indigenous cultural competency policy, education and training at state, national and international levels.

## **Reporting structure**

Reports to: Professor

## Your role

As the appointee you will, under the supervision and direction of the Chief Investigator, Professor Pat Dudgeon, conduct research on the Medical Research Future Funds, Million Minds Mission project (Million Minds), "Transforming Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing".

The project works collaboratively with Indigenous service users, families and communities, to develop clinically and culturally capable Indigenous mental health service models to support 1) access to and effectiveness of clinical treatment and cultural healers; 2) support mainstream services to work better across cultural and experiential differences; and 3) integrate mental health, wellbeing, alcohol and drug, suicide and social and cultural support service responses through multidisciplinary teams.

Under the broad direction of Chief Investigators on the Million Minds project, you will research and collaborate with colleagues based at UWA and within Indigenous and research organisations located around Australia. You will work with key stakeholder groups including Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations, peak bodies, policymakers, clinicians, and scientists.

You will be required to mentor, supervise, and facilitate students, post-graduate researchers, and collaborate with community partners on projects related to this research.

## Your key responsibilities

Undertake a proactive role in the planning, collaboration, co-ordination and delivery of research projects investigating Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing, and in the writing of grant applications.

Work with the Chief Investigators to ensure regular and effective communication with project partners and project stakeholders.

Contribute to the development and maintenance of relationships with Indigenous and non-Indigenous partners and stakeholders.

Conduct excellent scholarly research and communicate research outcomes through publications in high quality refereed journals, books, reports, as well as via website and social media.

Present, and facilitate partners to present research to stakeholders, including international collaborators, policy and lawmakers, consultative bodies, Aboriginal communities and the general public.

Contribute to both the supervision of Honours, Masters and Postgraduate students, and to the mentoring of Aboriginal community researchers and non-Indigenous research and teaching staff.

Other duties as directed

## Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Completed doctoral qualification within the areas of public health, allied health, psychology, or related discipline

Experience and understanding of topics concerning Indigenous or First Nation peoples at the individual, community, national, and international levels

Demonstrated experience in research and development practices, data collection and data analytics, especially in the areas of Indigenous Mental Health and Social and Emotional Wellbeing

Demonstrated scholarly research and a publication profile relative to opportunity

Highly developed and effective interpersonal and communication skills

Demonstrated research project or project management

Ability to work independently, show initiative, and work productively as part of a team

## Special requirements (selection criteria)

A willingness to occasionally travel and to work flexible hours

## Compliance

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including:

The University's Code of Conduct <u>hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct</u>

Inclusion and Diversity web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity

Safety, health and wellbeing <u>safety.uwa.edu.au/</u>