

<b>Position Title</b>	<b>Research Fellow - Clinical Yarning Project</b>
<b>Classification</b>	Academic Level A or B
<b>School/Division</b>	School of Allied Health
<b>Centre/Section</b>	WA Centre for Rural Health (Geraldton)
<b>Supervisor Title</b>	Senior Lecturer
<b>Supervisor Position Number</b>	FSR 301547
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## Your work area

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The Western Australian Centre for Rural Health (WACRH) is administered by the University of Western Australia and was established in 1999 by the Australian Government's Department of Health and Ageing. WACRH is one of seventeen University Departments of Rural Health across Australia, and its goal is to collaborate in:

- the promotion and preparation of students for health careers in a rural setting
- innovative rural learning opportunities of students, health professionals and the community; and,
- rigorous applied research and knowledge translation aimed at optimising the health and wellbeing of rural communities

## Vision and Guiding Principles

WACRH's vision is to be a leader in the creation and optimisation of rural health knowledge and practice that improves the health of rural communities. Our Guiding Principles are the cornerstone of our values, underpinning all activities:

- Work collaboratively, in the spirit of reciprocity, to strengthen partnerships and networks, to ensure we are responsive to changing needs and environments.
- Value respect, equity and the cultural diversity within the organisation and of individuals and organisations with whom we work.
- Integrity is central to our conduct as individuals and as an organisation, and this is evidenced by reliability, trust, and commitment to intellectual rigour.
- Work in mutually beneficial partnerships with communities and individuals who are vulnerable, have the greatest need and experience disproportionate levels of disadvantage.
- Pursue continuous improvement through critical collection and analysis of data and reflective practice.
- Value and strengthen our workforce through knowledge and skill development within a supportive, collegial and team-oriented environment in which vigorous discussion of individual views is encouraged.
- The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) is a partner in this project. WACHS's vision is to be a global leader in rural and remote healthcare, with a mission to deliver and advance high quality care for country WA communities.

## **Clinical Yarning Project**

The position is working on a research project aiming to improve communication between health care clinicians (doctors, nurses, allied health professionals) and Aboriginal patients in the WACHS – Midwest region. Poor communication between health care clinicians and Aboriginal patients is a significant issue across health care. Poor communication erodes trust between clinicians and patients, results in patients being unable to manage their health conditions, and sometimes choosing to abandon care. To address this our team developed a model of communication called Clinical Yarning. This project is to implement Clinical Yarning across the WACHS - Midwest region by training and supporting health care clinicians, and to undertake research to understand what effect this has on clinicians, patients and health care services. This project will also investigate how Clinical Yarning can be implemented most effectively. The outcomes of the project has garnered interest and has implications for health services across Western Australia and nationally. For more information about the project, applicants are encouraged to contact Dr Ivan Lin: [ivan.lin@uwa.edu.au](mailto:ivan.lin@uwa.edu.au)

## **Reporting structure**

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Reports to: Senior Lecturer

## **Your role**

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Under the direction of the Senior Lecturer, the successful applicant will work with the Chief Investigator, Aboriginal Investigator, PhD student, WACHS stakeholders and Aboriginal community partners to undertake the project.

The successful applicant will have experience in undertaking health research/evaluation and a practical understanding of Aboriginal health. The role will suit an individual who is highly organised, an excellent communicator, is able to work effectively with diverse teams, and motivated to improve the quality of health care for Aboriginal people.

The successful applicant will have skills in qualitative research and/or quantitative research methodologies, and writing for academic and lay audiences. This position will be ideal for an applicant looking to develop and build on their skills in Aboriginal health and implementation research. The successful applicant will be trained in the Clinical Yarning model.

## **Your key responsibilities**

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- Contribute to developing research proposals, ethics applications, data collection and analysis
- Contribute to delivering Clinical Yarning and train-the-trainer workshops
- Supporting WACHS staff to facilitate Clinical Yarning workshops
- Fulfil reporting and administrative requirements as required
- Assist with or lead preparation of research papers for publication in scientific journals in collaboration with the other group members
- Coordinate communication and meetings of the project advisory groups and other stakeholders
- Contribute to dissemination activities and workshops with key stakeholders
- Contribute to the day to day activities of the research team
- Support and supervision as suitable (e.g. students)
- Other duties as directed

**Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)**

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- An undergraduate, Honours, Masters degree or PhD, or equivalent experience, with relevant experience in health services research, using qualitative and/or quantitative methods
- A sound knowledge of research methods
- Ability to work independently as well as collaboratively with a research team and diverse stakeholders
- Highly developed and effective interpersonal and communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Proven ability in the preparation and publication of manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals
- Knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal health and health services and/or implementation research

**Special requirements (selection criteria)**

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Occasional travel may be required

Current "C" class driver's licence

Meets WACRH and WACHS Covid Vaccination requirements

Aboriginal people are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Compliance**

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

The University's Code of Conduct [hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct](http://hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct)

Inclusion and Diversity [web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity](http://web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity)

Safety, health and wellbeing [safety.uwa.edu.au/](http://safety.uwa.edu.au/)