

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

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 direction of the Chief Investigator, Professor Helen Milroy, conduct research on an NHMRC grant, "Understanding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' concepts and experiences in mental health".

The project will work collaboratively with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (including Elders, Cultural Healers, mental health workers, and community members) to understand mental health (and distress) from an Indigenous worldview. You will co-design evidence-based guidance resources for clinicians to support culturally-informed understandings of mental health.

Under the broad direction of Chief Investigators, you will research and collaborate independently with colleagues based at UWA and within Indigenous and research organisations located around Australia. In particular, 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. You will provide leadership in research, including training and supervision of other staff employed on this grant.

Your key responsibilities

Undertake a proactive and autonomous role in leading the planning, collaboration, coordination and delivery of a large-scale research program, investigating Indigenous Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Take a leading role in project coordination, including work with the Chief Investigators to ensure regular and effective communication with project partners and project stakeholders.

Play a key role in actively seeking out and contributing to the writing of competitive grant applications.

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

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

Other duties as directed.

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Completed PhD within the areas of public health, psychology, or related discipline.

Demonstrated research experience relating to topics concerning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and wellbeing, at individual/community/national levels.

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

Highly developed project management, with the ability to manage and coordinate several research projects concurrently under limited supervision, and ideally, experience working within Indigenous governance structures.

A strong track record of published work (and other scholarly activities), relative to opportunity

Demonstratable track record of successful competitive funding application.

Highly developed and effective interpersonal and communication skills, working productively as part of a culturally-diverse team.

Demonstrated leadership in research, including research training or supervision of students.

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:

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