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SA Health Job Pack

Job Title	Heart Failure Research Fellow
Eligibility	Open to Everyone
Job Number	693774
Applications Closing Date	16 August 2019
Region / Division	Southern Adelaide Local Health Network
Health Service	Cardiology
Location	Bedford Park
Classification	MDP2
Job Status	Part Time, Temporary up to 31 January 2021 (22.8 hrs/wk)
Total Indicative Remuneration	\$94,749 - \$154,146 p.a. (pro rata)

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Criminal History Assessment

Applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have undergone an appropriate criminal and relevant history screening assessment/ criminal history check. Depending on the role, this may be a Department of Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) Criminal History Check and/or a South Australian Police (SAPOL) National Police Check (NPC). The following checks will be required for this role:

- ☒ Child Related Employment Screening – **DCSI**
- ☒ Vulnerable Person-Related Employment Screening - **NPC**
- ☐ Aged Care Sector Employment Screening - **NPC**
- ☐ General Employment Probity Check - **NPC**

Further information is available on the SA Health careers website at www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers - see Career Information, or by referring to the nominated contact person below.

Immunisation

Risk Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances)

This role carries specific immunisation requirements. To be eligible for appointment in this role you will be required to meet the immunisation requirements associated with Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances). [Please click here for further information on these requirements.](#)

Guide to submitting an application

Thank you for considering applying for a position within SA Health. Recruitment and Selection processes across SA Health are based on best practice and a commitment to a selection based on merit. This means treating all applications in a fair and equitable manner that aims to choose the best person for the position.

A well presented, easy to read application will allow the panel to assess the information they need from your application. To give yourself the best opportunity to reach interview, the application should clearly and concisely demonstrate to the selection panel that you are suitably equipped to perform the role, and that you possess all of the stated minimum essential skills, abilities, knowledge, experience and educational qualifications (where required).

The online application form to apply for this position will ask for employment history, education, qualifications and referees however to understand the position and requirements we suggest you become familiar with the attached Job and Person Specification.

We request that you attach the following to your application -

- ✎ **A covering letter** of up to 2 pages introducing yourself to the selection panel and describing your skills, abilities, knowledge, qualifications and experience in relation to the position;
- ✎ **A current Curriculum vitae/Resume** that includes your personal details, relevant employment history, education, training courses, qualifications and professional memberships.

* Refer to <http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au/information/> for further information regarding

- The Indicative Total Remuneration which is inclusive of Award salary, superannuation and other monetary benefits.
- Information for Applicants
- Criminal History Assessment requirements



Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (LHN) JOB AND PERSON SPECIFICATION (NON-MANAGERIAL)

Role Title:	Heart Failure Research Fellow
Classification Code:	MDP2
LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA:	SOUTHERN ADELAIDE LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK
Hospital/ Service/ Cluster	Flinders Medical Centre
Division:	Medicine
Department/Section / Unit/ Ward:	Cardiology
Role reports to:	Operationally: Professor Derek Chew, Cardiology Network Director, FMC, SALHN Professionally: Dr Robert Minson, Cardiologist, FMC
Role Created/ Reviewed Date:	
Criminal History Clearance Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aged (NPC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child- Prescribed (DCSI) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input type="checkbox"/> General Probity (NPC)
Immunisation Risk Category:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances) <input type="checkbox"/> Category B (indirect contact with blood or body substances) <input type="checkbox"/> Category C (minimal patient contact)

Job Specification

Primary Objective(s) of role:

The Heart Failure/Echocardiography Fellowship is a research, teaching and clinical training position within the Cardiology Department, Flinders Medical Centre. The objective of this position is to provide academic and clinical training in the field of echocardiography and advanced heart failure specifically, to provide experience in coronary and structural heart disease management and experience in clinical trial research in heart failure. The heart failure fellowship, from a clinical point of view, will involve high end advanced heart failure work spanning from ward heart failure inpatients, heart failure consultations from other hospital units (including ICU and liver transplant service), outpatient clinic care of heart failure, cardiac transplant, left ventricular assist device (LVAD) and pulmonary arterial hypertension patients.

Direct Reports:

- Medical students, Interns, Cardiology Nurses, Hospital Scientists, Technical Officers

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

Internal

- Staff members and patients

External

- General Practitioners

Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- Maintain hospital efficiency

Delegations: (as defined in SALHN instruments of delegations)

Financial	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Procurement	N/A

Resilience:

SA Health employees persevere to achieve goals, stay calm under pressure and are open to feedback.

Performance Development

The incumbent will be required to participate in the organisation's Performance Review & Development Program which will include a regular review of the incumbent's performance against the responsibilities and key result areas associated with their position and a requirement to demonstrate appropriate behaviours which reflect a commitment to SA Health values and strategic directions.

General Requirements:

- Managers and staff are required to work in accordance with the Code of Ethics for South Australian Public Sector, Policies and Procedures and legislative requirements including but not limited to:
- *Work Health and Safety Act 2012* (SA) and when relevant WHS Defined Officers must meet due diligence requirements.
- *Return to Work Act 2014* (SA), facilitating the recovery, maintenance or early return to work of employees with work related injury / illness.
- Meet immunisation requirements as outlined in the *Immunisation for Health Care Workers in South Australia Policy Directive*.
- Equal Employment Opportunities (including prevention of bullying, harassment and intimidation).
- *Children's Protection Act 1993* (Cth) – 'Notification of Abuse or Neglect'.
- Disability Discrimination.
- Information Privacy Principles.
- Relevant Awards, Enterprise Agreements, *Public Sector Act 2009*, *Health Care Act 2008*, and the SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual.
- Relevant Australian Standards.
- Duty to maintain confidentiality.
- Smoke Free Workplace.
- To value and respect the needs and contributions of SA Health Aboriginal staff and clients, and commit to the development of Aboriginal cultural competence across all SA Health practice and service delivery.
- Applying the principles of the South Australian Government's Risk Management Policy to work as appropriate.

Handling of Official Information:

By virtue of their duties, SA Health employees frequently access, otherwise deal with, and/or are aware of, information that needs to be treated as confidential.

SA Health employees will not access or attempt to access official information, including confidential patient information other than in connection with the performance by them of their duties and/or as authorised.

SA Health employees will not misuse information gained in their official capacity.

SA Health employees will maintain the integrity and security of official or confidential information for which they are responsible. Employees will also ensure that the privacy of individuals is maintained and will only release or disclose information in accordance with relevant legislation, industrial instruments, policy, or lawful and reasonable direction.

Special Conditions:

- It is mandatory that no person, whether or not currently working in SA Health, will be eligible for appointment to a position in SA Health unless they have obtained a satisfactory Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearance.
- Prescribed Positions under the Children's Protection Act (1993) must obtain a satisfactory Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearance through the Screening and Licensing Unit, Department for Communities and Social Inclusion.
- Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearances must be renewed every 3 years thereafter from date of issue for 'Prescribed Positions' under the Children's Protection Act 1993 (Cth) or 'Approved Aged Care Provider Positions' as defined under the Accountability Principles 1998 made in pursuant to the Aged Care Act 2007 (Cth).
- Appointment and ongoing employment is subject to immunisation requirements as per Risk Category identified on page 1.
- Depending on work requirements the incumbent may be transferred to other locations across SA Health to perform work appropriate to classification, skills and capabilities either on a permanent or temporary basis subject to relevant provisions of the Public Sector Act 2009 for Public Sector employees or the SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual for Health Care Act employees.
- The incumbent may be required to participate in Counter Disaster activities including attendance, as required, at training programs and exercises to develop the necessary skills required to participate in responses in the event of a disaster and/or major incident.
- Out of hours work will be required.
- Travelling between sites will be required.
- Will be required to work within other locations of the Southern Adelaide LHN.

STATEMENT OF KEY OUTCOMES AND ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

5.1 Contributes to the effective and efficient management of Cardiac Services, ensuring the provision of high quality professional medical care by:

- Provision of Inpatient Ward Services including Ward Rounds, Consultations, Procedures, Quality Assurance activities, Discharge Planning, Coding assessments, Undergraduate and Postgraduate Training.
- The provision of Echocardiographic services including
 - Transthoracic Echocardiography
 - Stress Echocardiography
 - Transoesophageal Echocardiography
- Potentially conduct Cardiology Outpatients and provision of timely communication to General Practitioners and other referring physicians.
- Ensuring the timely documentation of the assessment, management and treatment of patients in the patient's medical record and ensuring timely communication (written and oral) with other health care professionals e.g. GPs.
- Supervision of Advanced Trainees in Cardiovascular Medicine
- Formal Teaching of Undergraduate Medical Students such as Tutorials, Problem based learning, Ward Round, Teaching, Outpatients and involvement in student assessment including examinations (eg. OSCE).
- Assuming responsibility for own professional development and continuing to maintain professional standards by completing the requirements of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians MOPS program or its successor.
- Ability to work in a multi-disciplinary team in the provision of Best Practice Quality Care.
- Involvement in Community Outreach Services as required.

5.2 Contributes to the successful operation of the hospital by:

- Assist in the organisation and efficient management of Cardiovascular diseases.
- Functioning in accordance with the vision, mission objectives, by laws and policies of the Hospital and assist with the implementation of the Hospital's Business Plan as requested.
- Effectively promoting and representing the Hospital and its mission to individuals and groups within the Hospital and the Community.
- Managing self and other staff in accordance with the relevant South Australian Health Commission administrative and industrial circulars, conditions of service and the general public sector aims and standards as stated in section 2 of the Public Sector Management Act 1985.
- Acting to rectify unsafe or inappropriate behaviour of medical staff and reporting same of other categories of staff.
- Participating in own performance review process, Hospital committees and divisional/unit meetings as required.

5.3 Contributes to processes to improve services and outcomes by:

- Supervising and teaching of medical students, postgraduate internal medicine trainees and other staff as specified by the head of the unit and/or Division.
- Assisting with research activities as specified by the Unit Head or Director, Division of Medicine, Cardiac and Critical Care Services by conducting Cardiology research and collaborate with other units within the

hospital and other cardiology units.

- Assisting and complying with the processes and aims of the Flinders Clinical Research Ethics Committee.
- Encouraging and supporting team work and coordination amongst medical, allied health, nursing and administrative staff to ensure better service outcomes.
- In collaboration with other relevant staff, ensure that services are continually evaluated and improved by participating in clinical reviews, quality improvement programs and using this information to compare and review outcomes.
- Assuming responsibilities for own professional development and meet the requirements for continuing education as set out by the Royal Australasian College of Physicians.
- Maintain accreditation in accordance with hospital policy in advanced CPR and emergency procedures.
- Contributing to the implementation of the Hospital's plan to obtain accreditation with the Australian Council of Health Care Standards and assisting with the collection of data for Clinical Indicators.
- Assisting where required with the investigation and prevention of patient incidents and complaints.

5.4 Ensures that a safe and healthy work environment, free from discrimination is provided for employees by:

- Ensuring the implementation of departmental human resource policies
- Ensuring that the principles of Equal Employment Opportunity and Ethical Conduct are a normal part of doing business
- Managing industrial relations issues appropriately as they arise
- Contribute to a safe and healthy work environment, free from discrimination and harassment by working in accordance with legislative requirements, the Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector and departmental human resource policies, including WHS requirements.
- Commitment to achieving and complying with National Safety & Quality Health Service Standards.

Acknowledged by Occupant: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Person Specification

1. ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- Bachelor of Medicine; Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) or equivalent
 - Registrable with the Medical Board of Australia as a Medical Practitioner with General Registration
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Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills

Proven commitment to the principles and practise of:

- EEO, Ethical Conduct, diversity and WHS;
 - Quality management and client oriented service;
 - Risk management.
 - Proven clinical skills to enable work in General Cardiology and Coronary Care.
 - Ability to prioritise care.
 - Demonstrated ability and interest in Clinical Research.
 - Comprehensive understanding of the role of a Cardiology Physician in a Teaching Hospital environment.
 - Ability to liaise in a consultative manner.
 - Ability to provide Medical Teaching.
 - Ability to work as a member of a team.
 - Proven communication skills.
 - Demonstrated commitment to the principles and practices of Equal Employment Opportunity and Ethical Conduct, and an understanding of, experience in, and ability to manage to the spirit and principles of the Premier's Safety Commitment and the legislative requirements of the Occupational Health Safety and Welfare Act, utilising AS/NZS 4360 Risk Management, or to an equivalent set of standards.
 - Commitment and involvement in continuous Quality Improvement Activities
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Experience

- Experience in cardiac investigations including ECG reporting, Holter monitor reporting.
 - Documented experience in providing echocardiographic services including: Transthoracic echo consistent with CSANZ criteria for Advanced Trainees.
 - Experience in Cardiovascular Medicine and Teaching in Public Hospitals.
 - Clinical and basic Research experience.
 - Familiarity with Hospital structures.
 - Experience in Administrative matters, Hospital Administrative Policies.
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Knowledge

- Understanding of Work Health Safety principles and procedures
- Understanding of Quality Management principles and procedures
- Understanding of Delegated Safety Roles and Responsibilities
- Awareness of National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards
- Extensive knowledge of Cardiovascular Medicine
- Knowledge of Regional issues and priorities
- Knowledge of Evidence Based Medicine and Best Practice

- Knowledge of Community Care in providing improved health outcomes

2. DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills

- Excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to work in a team
 - Expertise in experimental and clinical methods
 - Demonstrated research activity including publications
 - Advanced skills in medical education
 - A demonstrated commitment to continuing medical education
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Experience

- Proven experience in basic computing skills, including email and word processing
 - Extensive clinical experience
 - Extensive experience in clinical education
 - Experience with problem-based learning
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Knowledge

- Awareness of the Charter of Health and Community Services rights.
 - Higher degree (PhD , MD or similar academic qualification)
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Educational/Vocational Qualifications

Other details

Organisational Overview:

Our mission at SA Health is to lead and deliver a comprehensive and sustainable health system that aims to ensure healthier, longer and better lives for all South Australians. We will achieve our objectives by strengthening primary health care, enhancing hospital care, reforming mental health care and improving the health of Aboriginal people.

SA Health is committed to a health system that produces positive health outcomes by focusing on health promotion, illness prevention and early intervention. We will work with other government agencies and the community to address the environmental, socio economic, biological and behavioural determinants of health, and to achieve equitable health outcomes for all South Australians

Our Legal Entities:

SA Health is the brand name for the health portfolio of services and agencies responsible to the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The legal entities include but are not limited to Department for Health and Ageing, Central Adelaide Local Health Network, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network, Southern Adelaide Local Health Network, Women's and Children's Health Network, Country Health SA Local Health Network and SA Ambulance Service.

SA Health Challenges:

The health system is facing the challenges of an ageing population, increased incidence of chronic disease, workforce shortages, and ageing infrastructure. The SA Health Care Plan has been developed to meet these challenges and ensure South Australian's have access to the best available health care in hospitals, health care centres and through GPs and other providers.

Health Network/ Division/ Department:

The Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (LHN) provides care for around 341,000 people living in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide as well as providing a number of state-wide services, and services to those in regional areas. More than 7,000 skilled staff provides high quality patient care, education, research and health promoting services.

Southern Adelaide LHN provides a range of acute and sub-acute health services for people of all ages, and has two hospitals, Flinders Medical Centre and Noarlunga Hospital.

Southern Adelaide LHN Intermediate Care Services will deliver multi-disciplinary clinical care, addressing complexity through targeted approaches to complex chronic disease management in the community, and supported hospital discharge and avoidance programs. There is a key focus on building partnerships across the care continuum supporting interfaces between acute sites, GPs, Primary Care and Community based services.

Mental Health Services provides a range of integrated services across community and hospital settings, targeted at all age groups, in collaboration with non-Government organisations and General Practice Network South.

Values

SA Health Values

The values of SA Health are used to indicate the type of conduct required by our employees and the conduct that our customers can expect from our health service:

- > We are committed to the values of integrity, respect and accountability.
- > We value care, excellence, innovation, creativity, leadership and equity in health care provision and health outcomes.
- > We demonstrate our values in our interactions with others in SA Health, the community, and those for whom we care.

Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector provides an ethical framework for the public sector and applies to all public service employees; it sets out the South Australian Public Sector values as:

- > Service – Proudly serve the community and Government of South Australia.
- > Professionalism – Strive for excellence.
- > Trust – Have confidence in the ability of others.
- > Respect – Value every individual.
- > Collaboration & engagement – Create solutions together.
- > Honesty & integrity – Act truthfully, consistently, and fairly.
- > Courage & tenacity- Never give up.
- > Sustainability – Work to get the best results for current and future generations of South Australians.

The Code recognises that some public sector employees are also bound by codes of conduct relevant to their profession.

Domestic and Family Violence

The Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) recognises the devastating impact domestic or family violence can have on the lives, of those who experience abuse and are committed to supporting employees who experience domestic or family violence by providing a workplace environment that provides flexibility and supports their safety.

SALHN Vision

We believe in providing the standard of health care that we desire for our own families and friends.

SALHN core value TRUST

Building positive relationships; with our patients, employees and partners.

Approvals

Job and Person Specification Approval

I acknowledge that the role I currently occupy has the delegated authority to authorise this document.

Name:

Role Title:

Signature:

Date:

Role Acceptance

Incumbent Acceptance

I have read and understand the responsibilities associated with role, the role and organisational context and the values of SA Health as described within this document.

Name:

Signature:

Date: