

Position Title	Research Associate
Classification	Academic Level A
School/Division	UWA Medical School
Centre/Section	The Rural Clinical School of WA
Supervisor Title	Senior Principal Research Fellow
Supervisor Position Number	305373
Position Number	NEW

Your work area

The Rural Clinical School of Western Australia (RCSWA) is a unit within the Medical School of the Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences, which provides rural clinical training for WA medical students. The RCSWA spans a breadth of some 3,500kms across multiple sites in WA.

RCSWA conducts collaborative community and health services research to improve health outcomes in rural and remote Australia. This includes the ORCHID Study, which aims to enable provision of culturally secure, targeted healthcare for Aboriginal women at high risk of adverse birth outcomes. The ORCHID team is based across WA, in the Kimberley, Great Southern and Southwest regions.

This ORCHID Study Phase 3 position is funded until 30th June 2027 and will help co-design and trial a family centred self-management support program for pregnant Aboriginal women with prediabetes. This position will also support the implementation of our simplified screening approaches for high blood glucose in pregnancy. The ORCHID Study will help empower Aboriginal women and their families to make positive lifestyle choices aimed at improving birth outcomes and preventing progression of chronic diseases.

This Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identified position would be based in **Albany** and will work with the entire state ORCHID Study team, including Aboriginal Research Fellows and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Investigators.

Reporting structure

Reports to: Senior Principal Research Fellow

Your role

Using your Aboriginal cultural knowledge and community networks you will work with the ORCHID Study team, participating communities and their health services to co-design and trial management strategies for pregnant Aboriginal women with prediabetes. You will also assist in monitoring and evaluating the implementation of simplified screening approaches for high blood glucose in pregnancy.

Your key responsibilities

The appointee will:

Yarn with Aboriginal women and their families

Contribute to analysis and interpretation of these yarns and co-design management strategies

Support trialling these co-designed management strategies

Support monitoring and evaluating the implementation of screening for high blood glucose in partner health services

Contribute to feeding back ORCHID Study results to Aboriginal women, communities and health services

Contribute to the preparation and dissemination of ORCHID Study research reports, and other publications, presentations and project resources

Provide cultural leadership, brokerage and advice to non-Indigenous staff

Adhere to any relevant cultural and ethics requirements

Other duties as directed

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal culture and society, and health and wellbeing, and commitment to Aboriginal community consultation and control

Highly developed interpersonal, and verbal and written communication skills

Proficiency in a range of computing skills including word processing, spreadsheets, and email

Highly developed organisational skills and demonstrated ability to plan, set priorities and meet deadlines

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

Relevant tertiary qualification or demonstrated equivalent competency such as community consultation and engagement is desirable

Demonstrated skills and experience in research including community research design, analysis and reporting is desirable

Special requirements (selection criteria)

Aboriginality is a genuine requirement for this position as defined under Section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunity Act 1984

Current 'C' class driver's licence

Regional and interstate travel may be required

Some after-hours work may be required

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 hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct

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

Safety, health and wellbeing safety.uwa.edu.au/