

Position Description

Midwife Research Officer



Faculty/Portfolio	Faculty of Health
School/Centre	School of Medicine
Basis of Employment	Part time 0.2 FTE and fixed term for 2 years
Primary Location of Work	Off campus
Classification	HEW 6
Reporting Line	Chair in Medicine

ABOUT DEAKIN

Deakin is a Victorian university with a global impact. We are agile and innovative, and committed to making a positive impact through our excellence in education and research and the contributions we make to the wider community.

Our reputation has been built on the dedication and expertise of our staff. We offer a dynamic, diverse and inclusive working environment with opportunities to grow and develop careers. We believe that a progressive, thriving culture will ensure people choose to come, and stay at Deakin and contribute to our ongoing success.

As one of Australia's largest universities, Deakin has strong global linkages, world-class research and an education portfolio that blends the best of campus and digital delivery into a highly supportive and personalised student experience.

We offer outstanding education founded on the experience we create for our learners and guided by graduate outcomes for successful lives and careers. We undertake globally significant discovery research that benefits our communities through the innovative translation of our ideas into new services, products, policies and capabilities.

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At Deakin we value diversity, embrace difference and nurture an inclusive, safe and respectful community. Deakin is an Employer of Choice for Gender Equality, a SAGE Athena SWAN Bronze Award holder, seeking gender equity for Women in STEMM, and a Silver Award holder in the Australian Workplace Equality Index for LGBTQ inclusion. We strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and people of all cultures, abilities, sexualities and genders.

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POSITION OVERVIEW

The Midwife Research Officer will play a key role in the implementation of The Pregnancy Research and Translation Ecosystem (PRT-E), led by Professor Peter Vuillermin.

The Midwife Research Officer will

- Develop, implement, and maintain improved data collection via BOS.
- Contribute to the Stakeholder Working Group comprising consumers and health professionals from each of the participating centres. The Working Group will be trained and supported by the established systems of Deakin University's Institute of Health Transformation (IHT) to identify drivers of safety and quality in pregnancy care; and to then co-design and prioritise research questions to be addressed using the internationally unique BOS/GenV data resource.
- Promote engagement with PRT-E among stakeholders at each organisation. In so doing, PRT-E will provide an exemplar of co-creation to drive health service reform and a formidable platform for future competitive research funding.
- Contribute to project management.

Key Relationships:

Internal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deakin Rural Health• Institute of Health Transformation• A²I²
External	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Barwon Health• Ballarat Health Services• Colac Area Health• East Grampians Health Services• Western District Health Services• St John of God• Federation University• GenV• Western Alliance

PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Develop, implement and maintain improved data collection via Birthing Outcomes System (BOS);
- Contribute to the Stakeholder Working Group to identify and prioritise drivers of pregnancy outcomes and related research questions
- Assist in the co-design of a multi-centre response adaptive randomised (RAR) control trial to safely reduce Caesarean section rates.
- Assist in the funding applications to perform the multi-centre response adaptive randomised (RAR) control trial
- Promote engagement with PRT-E among stakeholders at each organisation.
- Assist in the evaluation of PRT-E with regards knowledge translation, the benefits of partnered research as it relates to shaping research questions, the research process itself and applying the research outcomes in practice.
- Contribute to project coordination.

ABOUT YOU

To be successful at Deakin you are willing to enthusiastically embrace the university's ambition as expressed in the Deakin University Strategic Plan and must share the University's values.

You will be a person who is ambitious for Deakin University's success and optimistic about its future; and will display diligence, have great resolve and a focus on producing results.

SELECTION CONSIDERATIONS

Qualifications and Experience:

- An equivalent combination of training and experience or a qualification in Midwifery
- Current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.
- Demonstrated experience in successfully coordinating and delivering educational workshops / courses. (**Desirable*)
- Experience in stakeholder or partner management, and development of strategic partnerships, collaborations or funding opportunities and applications, and/or experience in coordination or administration of educational or professional training programs. (**Desirable*)

Capabilities and Personal Attributes:

- Strong working knowledge of the Birthing Outcomes System
- Demonstrated communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to produce clear and accurate communications that are appropriate for their intended audience
- Proven capability to work positively and effectively as part of a collaborative work team, to accommodate and work well with different working styles and to work independently where required
- Demonstrated ability to organise and plan, and to meet rigid and conflicting demands and deadlines, along with the ability to adapt to changed priorities.
- Explores concepts and insights, generates new ideas and a range of innovative solution
- Creates needed organisational and cultural changes; aligns with Deakin's strategic direction
- Identifies and invests in relationships essential for growth and positive outcomes

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- Frequent travel will be required within the Grampians area of Western Victoria
- Victorian Driver Licence
- Working with Children Check
- National Police Record Check

DISCLAIMER

It is not the intention of the position description to limit the scope or accountabilities of the position but to highlight the most important aspects of the position. The aspects mentioned above may be altered in accordance with the changing requirements of the role.