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| <b>Position Title</b>             | Research Fellow                  |
| <b>Classification</b>             | Academic Level B                 |
| <b>School/Division</b>            | UWA Medical School               |
| <b>Centre/Section</b>             | The Rural Clinical School of WA  |
| <b>Supervisor Title</b>           | Senior Principal Research Fellow |
| <b>Supervisor Position Number</b> | 305373                           |
| <b>Position Number</b>            | 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-ordinate the co-design and trial a family centred self-management support program for pregnant Aboriginal women with prediabetes. This position will also help co-ordinate 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 ORCHID Study team, including Aboriginal Research Fellows and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Investigators.

### Reporting structure

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Reports to: Senior Principal Research Fellow

### Your role

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Using your Aboriginal cultural knowledge and community networks you will work with the ORCHID Study team, participating communities and their health services, and provide project co-ordination for Great Southern and other non-Kimberley sites. This will include co-ordinating the co-design and trialling management strategies for Aboriginal women with prediabetes and implementation of simplified screening approaches for high blood glucose in pregnancy.

### Your key responsibilities

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Provide overall project co-ordination for the Great Southern region and all other non-Kimberley project sites

Organise and yarn with Aboriginal women, their families, and their health service providers

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

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

Co-ordinate monitoring and evaluating implementation of screening for high blood glucose in partner 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

Attend public events and facilitate activities, travel as required

Adhere to any relevant cultural and ethics requirements

Establish and maintain linkages with relevant external agencies, including Aboriginal Elders, Aboriginal communities, regional, state and national stakeholders, human research ethics committees, and tertiary institutions

Support ORCHID Study Aboriginal Researchers and co-supervise students (e.g., MD Scholarly Activity by research and higher degree by research students)

Other duties as directed

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

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

Experience and training to a level equivalent to a Doctor of Philosophy in a relevant health related research field or demonstrated equivalent competency such as community project co-ordination

Demonstrated skills and experience in health research design, analysis and reporting

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

Post-graduate qualifications in public health including epidemiology and/or biostatistics is desirable

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

### **Special requirements (selection criteria)**

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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

There will be a small amount of regional and interstate travel required

Occasional requirement to work outside of office hours

### **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/](https://safety.uwa.edu.au/)