



Post-doctoral Research Fellow

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identified position

Salary Package: From \$93,830 – \$100,559 (Level A, Step 6 to 8)

Appointment type: Full- or Part-time, fixed term position until May 2023

Location: Macquarie University (North Ryde)

The role

Otitis Media (OM) or middle ear infection disproportionately affects Australian Aboriginal infants and children. It is well established that experiencing OM early in development can have substantial impacts on children's health and education. This role is situated within a larger Medical Research Futures Fund (MRFF) project "Improving care pathways for OM in Aboriginal children (0-12 years)".

The vast majority of hearing loss in Australian Aboriginal children is arguably a direct result of persistent and pervasive otitis media (OM). Its high prevalence is linked with poorer educational outcomes, social and behavioural problems, and contributes to over-representation within the health and criminal justice systems. In partnership with three Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services spanning urban, rural and remote geographical areas, we will map the current healthcare system for OM in Aboriginal children (0-12 years), identify the strengths and constraints, then co-design, implement, and evaluate a connected method of addressing OM and hearing loss in this target population (encompassing early years through to primary school). We will identify the enablers and barriers to successful ear and hearing healthcare delivery and deliver a toolkit to apply these findings to other communities to localise successful approaches across Australia.

We are seeking an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Postdoctoral Researcher with strong qualitative research skills and a background in health. The Postdoctoral Researcher will contribute to all qualitative aspects of the research, including developing focus group/interview templates, recruit expert stakeholders to focus groups, design and run semi-structured interviews, analyse the findings, develop evidence statements and write up the results for dissemination. They will work with communities to design and implement the focus groups and analyse the resulting data. They will also complete a qualitative evaluation of the new EHC approach at each study site.

About You:

We are seeking an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander researcher who has completed, or is working towards, a PhD or research Masters (MPhil/MRes) with an interest and commitment to Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander child health and experience in conducting qualitative research.

About us

The role is located in Australian Hearing Hub and the successful applicant will be supported by a multidisciplinary team from different Centres and Faculties at Macquarie University, including Walanga Muru. They will also be part of the broader research team which includes Aboriginal leaders and researchers.

Macquarie is a university engaged with the real and often complex problems and opportunities that define our lives. Since our foundation 54 years ago, we have aspired to be a different type of university. Over the years, we've grown to become the centre of a vibrant local and global community.

Macquarie University is a world-class research, treatment and

innovation institution – a dynamic environment which drove the creation of the Australian Hearing Hub.

The Australian Hearing Hub unites researchers, educators, clinicians and innovators with expertise in linguistics, audiology, speech pathology, cognitive and language sciences, psychology, nanofabrication and engineering sciences.

Walanga Muru means 'follow your path' in the language of the local Darug People and is responsible for a whole of university approach to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander success through the following strategic initiatives:

- Baduwa (Aspire) – Unlocking the capacity and building the aspirations of Indigenous students and staff through increased access to and opportunity, for tertiary education.
- Manawari (Discover) – Developing cultural capability and discovering new and innovative ways of embedding Indigenous knowledges and perspectives into curriculum to support Indigenous students and staff in the discovery of new paradigms.
- Djurali (Evolve) – Empowering Indigenous students and staff to evolve, to be responsive to change and to embrace the entire world, stimulating progress.

To Apply:

To be considered for this position, please apply online and attach your resume and a separate cover letter that outlines how you meet to the selection criteria below:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person with a demonstrated knowledge of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander values, connections and knowledges that will contribute to an Indigenous standpoint. *Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification and authorised by Section 14(d) of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977.*
- PhD or MPhil/MRes (or close to completion) in child health, Indigenous health, public health or a related discipline.
- Experience within public health, Indigenous health research or medical research, or in health or social care environments.
- Experience in conducting qualitative research studies, including the use of Indigenous research methodologies and methods.
- Ability to effectively communicate and work with Aboriginal communities and community-controlled organisations.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills with an ability to prepare reports and publications in peer-reviewed journals.
- Computer skills including MS Office, research and database management and research software (such as EndNote) and qualitative analysis tools (such as nVivo).

Specific Role Enquiries: Professor Catherine McMahon, Director, Australian Hearing Hub, Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, cath.mcmahon@mq.edu.au

Applications Close: Sunday 13th June 2021

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