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## Research Assistant

- **Passionate research assistant required to support a project for the Matilda Centre for Research in Mental Health and Substance Use,**
- **Located on the Camperdown Campus at The Matilda Centre**
- **Full-time, 12 months fixed term contract with a base salary of \$76K p.a., plus leave loading and a generous employer's contribution to superannuation**

### About the opportunity

The Matilda Centre for Research in Mental Health and Substance Use is seeking a Research Assistant to work on the Strong & Deadly Futures project.

The Strong & Deadly Futures project is a randomised controlled trial of a computerised school-based alcohol and drug prevention program, which has been developed to be culturally inclusive for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The program was developed in collaboration with Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and non-Indigenous students and teachers, with trial funding provided by NHMRC.

You will join the project at an important and interesting stage and will be responsible for actively contributing to research activities for the project, including supporting a consultation phase with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities across NSW, WA and QLD throughout 2021, and supporting program implementation in schools from mid-2021. This will include logistical support, developing and organising training workshops, conducting interviews with teachers and supporting trial governance. You will also collate and record research data, and contribute to analyses, reporting and publication of research data and all other related administration.

This role will be suited to a research assistant with an interest in mental health and substance use prevention amongst Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders young people.

### About you

The University values courage and creativity; openness and engagement; inclusion and diversity; and respect and integrity. As such, we see the importance of recruiting talent aligned to these values and are looking for a **Research Assistant** who has:

- an Honours degree and/or post-graduate qualifications in psychology, public health, or behavioural sciences or equivalent
- knowledge of and sensitivity to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture and ethical considerations
- experience conducting research in the fields of mental health and/or substance use prevention or treatment. Specific experience in the drug and alcohol field would be well regarded
- experience in health promotion, community consultation or research with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Torres Strait Islander people (highly desirable)
- proven previous experience in management and statistical analysis of research data, including familiarity with statistical software
- excellent written and verbal communication skills and demonstrated report writing skills
- outstanding interpersonal skills, and proven ability to liaise with key stakeholders
- previous experience managing school-based or clinical trials would be well regarded
- proven high level organisational skills and ability to manage and prioritise workload and to meet deadlines

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are strongly encouraged to apply.**

### About us

The Matilda Centre for Research in Mental Health and Substance Use provides a world-first synergy of leading prevention, early intervention and treatment research and

translation programs in substance use and mental disorders. The Matilda Centre brings together researchers in broad fields to share skills, integrate data, and harness new technologies to develop and trial innovative prevention, early intervention and treatment programs for substance use and mental disorders.

The Matilda Centre houses several NHMRC Centres of Research Excellence and state, national and international programs in mental health and substance use research. The Centre develops and maintains partnerships and collaborations with government, philanthropy, local health districts and other agencies to drive world-class innovative research and translate evidence into public health policy and practice. The Centre has a strong growth trajectory with over 70 academic and professional staff, and over 50 ongoing projects. For more information on the Centre please go to: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/matilda-centre/>

Since our inception 160 years ago, the University of Sydney has led to improve the world around us. We believe in education for all and that effective leadership makes lives better. These same values are reflected in our approach to diversity and inclusion and underpin our long-term strategy for growth. We're Australia's first university and have an outstanding global reputation for academic and research excellence. Across our campuses, we employ over 8,100 academic and non-academic staff who support over 73,000 students.

We are undergoing significant transformative change which brings opportunity for innovation, progressive thinking, breaking with convention, challenging the status quo, and improving the world around us.

### How to apply

For more information on the position and University, please view the position description available from the job's listing on the University of Sydney careers website.

### Other:

This position is designated as child-related work. To undertake or remain in this position, you are required to apply for and obtain a **Working With Children Check clearance** in accordance with the *Child Protection (Working With Children) Act 2012*.

All applications must be submitted via the University of Sydney careers website. Visit <https://sydney.edu.au/about-us/careers-at-sydney.html> and search by the reference number 1387/1120F to apply.

*Please note: Visa sponsorship is not available for this position*

**Closing date: 11:30pm, Sunday 17 January 2021**

The University of Sydney is committed to diversity and social inclusion. Applications from people of culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; equity target groups including women, people with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTIQ; and people of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander descent, are encouraged.

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