

Position Description – Cancer Council SA and Flinders University Research Fellow in Cancer Support

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POSITION DETAILS	
College	College of Medicine and Public Health
Organisational Unit	Flinders Health & Medical Research Institute (FHMRI)
Supervisor	FHMRI Cancer Program Lead, or relevant discipline lead
Classification	Research (Academic) Level B
Employment Type	Fixed-term, full-time

POSITION SUMMARY
<p>The Research Fellow will undertake research in Cancer Survivorship and Psycho-oncology with particular focus on patient reported outcomes assessment and interventions to improve symptom management and self-management capacity under the broad direction of the Cancer Survivorship Lead.</p> <p>The Research Fellow will work collaboratively with the team at the Cancer Council SA and Flinders University and relevant stakeholders in developing and conducting research that aims to assess and address the needs of cancer survivors to enhance their wellbeing, reduce symptom burden and improve health outcomes while improving access to care and reducing disparities in care delivery.</p> <p>The position will contribute to development, management, and implementation of research projects and in expanding the College's research activities through attraction of external competitive grants, delivering on strategic objectives, and building a national and international reputation through high quality publications and strong research collaborations.</p> <p>The Research Fellow will work collaboratively with the relevant stakeholders and agencies in particular Cancer Council SA and the Flinders University and the SALHN Cancer Wellness Centre. This position is co-funded by Cancer Council SA, the Flinders University and the Flinders Foundation.</p> <p>The Research Fellow will be involved in supervision of higher degree students from diverse health related disciplines.</p>

UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS AND VALUES
<p>All staff at Flinders are responsible for understanding their obligations and responsibilities as set out in the University's code of conduct and are expected to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> demonstrate commitment to the University's values of Integrity, Courage, Innovation, Excellence and the underlying ethos of being Student Centred; contribute to the efficient and effective functioning of the team or work unit in order to meet the University's objectives. This includes demonstrating appropriate and professional workplace behaviours, providing assistance to team members if required and undertaking other key responsibilities or activities as directed by one's supervisor; promote and support an inclusive workplace culture which values diversity and embraces the principles of equal opportunity; perform their responsibilities in a manner which reflects and responds to continuous improvement; and

- familiarise themselves and comply with the University's Work Health and Safety, Injury Management and Equal Opportunity policies.

A National Police Certificate which is satisfactory to the University will be required by Flinders University before the successful applicant can commence in this position.

An up to date COVID-19 vaccination may be required as a condition of employment, in accordance with the Flinders University [COVID-19 Vaccination Policy \(2022\)](#). If required, any offer of employment will be subject to the successful candidate presenting their COVID-19 Digital Certificate as evidence of vaccination or showing evidence of a valid medical exemption, where relevant.

KEY POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Research Fellow in Survivorship and Psycho-oncology is accountable for:

- Actively contributing to the research project by collaborating with the Research Team to successfully deliver project milestones and Key Performance Indicators.
- Independently contributing to the planning and execution of research by offering new and innovative ideas, reviewing relevant literature and other sources of information, actively participating in the production of data, contributing to the writing, and editing of grant applications and attending seminars, meetings and conferences.
- Playing a lead role in coordinating, planning, and executing the project tasks required to collaborate with industry partners.
- Independently contributing to ethical, high quality and innovative research and evaluation through activities such as scholarship, publishing in recognised high quality journals and assisting the preparation and submission of bids for external research funding.
- Supervision of honours and post graduate research projects.
- Establishing and maintaining collaborations within the University, and at State, national and international levels in order to improve research outputs, patents and publications.
- Some out of hours work (including weekends) as well as rural SA, interstate and overseas travel, may be required.
- Any other responsibilities in line with the level of the position as assigned by the Supervisor and/or the University.

KEY POSITION CAPABILITIES

- Completion of a PhD in Behavioural Science or relevant discipline to enable supervision of students up to PhD level.
- Demonstrated research experience in terms of publications in high quality publications, attraction of external competitive grants and presentations at a national and/or international level in behavioural science or relevant discipline.
- Demonstrated experience in qualitative and quantitative research methodology.
- Demonstrated experience delivering project targets on time.
- Demonstrated ability to plan and execute data collection and analysis.
- Demonstrated well-developed interpersonal skills and experience in collaborating and engaging with diverse stakeholders and industry partners.
- Demonstrated experience to undertake collaborative research and establish and maintain effective relationships with staff and industry.
- Demonstrated excellent oral and written communication skills in an academic environment.