

Position Description – *Research Fellow in Gastrointestinal Health*

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POSITION DETAILS	
College/Portfolio	College of Medicine and Public Health
Organisational Unit	Bowel Health Service, Flinders Centre for Innovation in Cancer
Supervisor (Title)	Principal Medical Scientist
Classification	Research Academic Level B
Employment Type	Fixed-term, full-time (1.0FTE) available for 2 years

POSITION SUMMARY
The Research Fellow will undertake research in Gastrointestinal Health under the broad direction of the Chief Investigator. In working with the Chief Investigator and research team, the position will contribute to project design and implementation, the analysis of data and the preparation of manuscripts for publication. The Research Fellow will actively report on new and current research related to the research program, through generation of high quality publications and conference presentations. In addition, the position will contribute to the preparation of applications for externally funded research funding. The Research Fellow may be responsible for providing supervision to students and junior staff.

UNIVERSITY EXPECTATIONS AND VALUES
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: - 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 <i>Work Health and Safety, Injury Management and Equal Opportunity</i> policies. <i>Flinders University is committed to providing a safe, respectful and inclusive environment, free from gender-based violence. Appointment to this role is conditional on the completion of required pre-employment checks and declarations, each of which must be satisfactory to the University. This includes a Gender-Based Violence declaration, in accordance with the National Higher Education Code to Prevent and Respond to Gender-Based Violence (2025), and a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check.</i> <i>Staff working in a health care setting are <u>strongly recommended</u> to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in line with the SA Health policy.</i>

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KEY POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Research Fellow 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 publishing in recognised high quality journals, disseminating research to academic, clinical and community audiences, 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 a health-related discipline or equivalent research experience in a discipline relevant to Medical Sciences (particularly gastroenterology), Public Health, or Epidemiology.
- Demonstrated research experience in terms of leading recent publications in high quality journals, attraction of external competitive grants and presentations at a national and/or international level.
- Demonstrated experience in qualitative and quantitative clinical 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 collaborative research, supervision, and engaging and maintaining effective relationships with staff, diverse stakeholders and industry partners.
- Demonstrated ability to critically review the literature in relevant fields.
- Demonstrated excellent oral and written communication skills in an academic environment.
- Previous experience with use and maintenance of health and research databases, ideally Microsoft Access and RedCap, and ability to audit accuracy of data sets.
- Demonstrated skills in data analysis, handling large data sets and statistical analyses of research data, preparing data for graphical presentation and capacity to prepare research projects for publication, with a high level of skills with Microsoft Excel and other high level statistical programs such as R studio, SPSS and/or STATA.

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- Expertise to perform venepuncture and conduct laboratory-based diagnostic analysis (such as immunoassays and PCR) (Desirable).

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