

Position Description – Marion McCormack Research Fellow in Ovarian Cancer Early Detection

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POSITION DETAILS

College	College of Medicine and Public Health
Organisational Unit	Flinders Health and Medical Research Institute
Supervisor	FHMRI Cancer Impact Program Co-Director
Classification	Research (Academic) Level B
Employment Type	Fixed-term, full-time (available for 3 years date)

POSITION SUMMARY

The Marion McCormack Research Fellow will undertake research into the early detection of ovarian cancer, under the broad direction of the Cancer Impact Program Co-Director in the Flinders Health and Medical Research Institute (FHMRI). With support, the position will develop, implement and manage research projects.

The Research Fellow will build a national and international reputation through high quality publications and conference presentations, supervision of Higher Degree by Research and Honours students and by establishing strong research collaborations. In addition, the Fellow will prepare applications for external research funding with a view to establishing an independent research program.

This position is funded by Flinders Foundation in recognition of Marion (Bill) McCormack and on behalf of the McCormack family.

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 Work Health and Safety, Injury Management and Equal Opportunity policies.

A Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC) which is satisfactory to the University will be required by Flinders University before the successful applicant can commence in this position.

Staff working in a health care setting are strongly recommended to be fully vaccinated against COVID in line with the SA Health policy

KEY POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Marion McCormack Research Fellow in Ovarian Cancer Early Detection is accountable for:

- Actively and independently pursuing ethical, high quality and innovative ovarian cancer research - focussed on early detection of this devastating disease - through activities such as scholarship, publishing in recognised high quality journals and assisting in the preparation and submission of bids for external research funding.
- 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, and presenting research at the national and international level.
- Playing a lead role in the identification, coordination and submission of applications for external research income.
- Playing a lead role in coordinating, planning and executing project tasks that are required to collaborate with industry partners.
- 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 enhance research outputs (including publications and patents).
- Some out of hours work (including weekends) as well as rural SA, interstate and overseas travel, may be required.
- Presenting research to Flinders Foundation and its supporters.
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- 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 cancer research or another relevant field.,
- Demonstrated research experience in terms of publications in high quality journals, success with external competitive grant funding and presentations at a national and/or international level.
- Demonstrated experience in qualitative and quantitative research methodology.
- Demonstrated experience delivering project targets on time.
- Demonstrated ability to plan and execute research projects.
- Demonstrated well-developed interpersonal skills and experience in collaborating and engaging with diverse stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to critically review the literature in relevant fields.
- 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.
- Relevant Post Doctoral Research experience would be highly regarded.