

Position Description – *Community Researcher*

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POSITION DETAILS

College/Portfolio	College of Nursing and Health Sciences
Organisational Unit	Caring Futures Institute
Supervisor (Title)	Senior Research Fellow (or delegate)
Classification	Higher Education Officer Level 5
Employment Type	Fixed-Term, Part-Time

POSITION SUMMARY

Under general direction, the Community Researcher will provide support for the ARC Linkage project (Social prescribing: linking Australian social, health and community sectors). The project aims to co-design, implement, and evaluate social prescribing across the Onkaparinga and Marion Local Government Areas.

Working under routine supervision of the Chief Investigators, the Community Researcher will work in the community to identify and understand social and community service availability and potential gaps in current services provided. The Community Researcher will liaise across the health, social, and community sectors to support implementation and evaluation of services.

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 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.

In addition, it is a requirement of this position that the incumbent maintain a current Working With Children Check which is satisfactory to the University in accordance with the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 (SA).

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.

SA: Staff working in a health care setting are strongly recommended to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 in line with the SA Health policy.

KEY POSITION RESPONSIBILITIES

The Community Researcher is accountable for:

- Under general direction, working alongside researchers, liaising and engaging with research participants in a professional manner.
- Communicating with key stakeholders across health, social, and community services about the project.
- Organising and mapping out existing service databases in the communities.
- Identifying potential overlaps and gaps within the services that are currently provided.
- Identifying, Mapping and organising community assets for supporting social (non-medical) needs.
- Building and sustaining positive working relationships with a range of internal and external stakeholders.
- Developing partnerships with organisations in local communities.
- Supporting and assisting with participant recruitment and relevant data collection.
- Providing a high level of administration support for research activities
- Any other responsibilities in line with the level of the position as assigned by the Supervisor and/or the University.

KEY POSITION CAPABILITIES

- Experience in community development and establishing new partnerships across local organisations.
- Demonstrated well-developed interpersonal skills and the capacity to collaborate and engage with diverse stakeholders and industry partners.
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively and establish and maintain effective relationships with staff and industry.
- Well-developed oral and written communication skills.
- Well-developed time management skills.
- *Experience working in the Local Government areas (desirable).*
- *Experience creating and maintaining webpages or databases (desirable).*
- *Experience in organising and administering events or functions (desirable).*