

Fellow in International Child Health

The Position

Fellow in International Child Health, with the Centre for International Child Health in the Department of Paediatrics

Duration

One year at 0.5 EFT

Position Description

The Centre for International Child Health has programs of clinical and public health research, quality improvement, teaching and child health policy development in the Asia-Pacific region. The Centre is leading the World Health Organization's strategy for improving the quality of hospital care for children, and supporting the WHO / UNICEF Child Survival Strategy, particularly in the Western Pacific Region. The Fellow's position would include contributing to and learning from various projects that are supporting child health in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Fiji, China, Lao PDR, Timor Leste or other countries in the region, and contribute to work the Centre does in collaboration with WHO and child health institutions within the region. The Centre is involved in a variety of clinical, epidemiological and operational research projects, including those on acute respiratory infection, tuberculosis and neonatal care. The Fellow would develop experience and an understanding of global and national child health agencies, ministries of health and other child health institutions, and of the priorities of child health research, teaching and development in countries where resources are limited. Most of the work could be done in Melbourne, but it would be expected that the Fellow would travel sometime overseas from several weeks up to 3 months, depending on the role.

The position is very flexible, but could involve several of the following tasks:

- Designing an international health research project and submitting a funding proposal
- Direct experience in clinical care, quality improvement, education and outreach services in the Solomon Islands or other country in which we are working
- Doing systematic reviews of clinical topics as part of the International Child Health Review Collaboration (www.ichrc.org)
- Policy / research work for WHO, CAH Geneva or country level
- Researching a review for the Global Burden of Disease program
- Participating in an international WHO meeting

The Fellow would be interested in including international child health as a core part of their ongoing career. It is intended that this 1-year position would lead to some years spent in teaching, clinical or public health work in a developing country, or lead to a research higher degree in International Child Health. During the year the Fellow would spend some time working towards this, such as writing proposals for PhD funding, or organizing appropriate ongoing work.

CICH is an integrated part of the University Department of Paediatrics, and we require all staff to contribute to the undergraduate teaching program of the University Department.

There is the possibility that this position could be taken as:

- a joint position with the Department of General Medicine RCH (0.5 Short Stay Unit/Outpatients Registrar)
- linked with other half-time Fellow's positions
- or as a stand-alone half-time position for people wanting to work part-time.

The position would be supervised by Trevor Duke, Steve Graham and other senior staff at the Centre for International Child Health.

Experience and qualifications

- Post-FRACP exam (required)
- Other relevant experience, such as work in developing countries, MPH, languages would be taken into account

Benefits and other details

- Salary in accordance with AMA HMO agreement 2002, Heads of Agreement 2008. Employer superannuation and salary packaging available.
- Annual leave: 4 or 5 weeks as per the award, flexible
- Office space provided