

A more equitable world through better health.



POSITION DETAILS

TITLE	Senior Research Officer, Global Adolescent Health
CLASSIFICATION	SRO1 – SRO4: \$112,631 – \$125,297 + super + salary packaging
TIME FRACTION	Full Time
CONTRACT TYPE	2 Year Fixed Term
LOCATION	85 Commercial Road, Melbourne 3004, Boonwurrung Land / Work From Home
REPORTS TO	Co-Head Global Adolescent Health
DIRECT REPORTS	Nil
LAST UPDATED	April 24

POSITION SNAPSHOT

The Senior Research Officer will be part of the Global Adolescent Health group, supporting qualitative and mixed-methods research projects, with a focus on adolescent sexual and reproductive health, mental health, and responsive health systems in Asia and the Pacific. As part of an experienced and multi-disciplinary team, the Senior Research Officer will be responsible for project implementation and coordination, training and supervision of research partners (including diverse teams in international settings), data analysis, and leading/contributing to high quality publications and reports. Ability to travel in the Asia and Pacific region will be an important requirement of this role.

KEY RESPONSIBILITY AREAS

1. TECHNICAL	Lead and contribute to high quality research projects in adolescent health, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop qualitative and/or mixed-methods research protocols• Conduct and/or supervise data collection (qualitative and/or mixed methods)• Conduct and/or supervise data analysis (qualitative essential, quantitative desirable)• Conduct scoping and systematic reviews• Lead and contribute to high quality scientific outputs including publications, technical reports, and other communication outputs
2. PROJECT COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT	With support from senior staff, manage a portfolio of research projects, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lead ethics applications• Ensure compliance with Institute policies, research ethics, grant requirements, and DFAT requirements• Ensure financial management of projects• Establish and maintain effective partnerships and communication with external collaborators including youth advisory groups, UN agencies, government policymakers, academic partners, and donors• Coordinate relevant meetings with stakeholders and collaborators
3. PEOPLE SUPPORT AND CAPACITY BUILDING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop and provide training and supervision for research partners / field researchers• Build relationships and provide technical support to Burnet country teams (Myanmar and PNG)• Supervise and/or contribute to the mentorship of research students• Participate in Institute seminars, workshops and meetings
4. BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute to, and lead (with support) identification and development of internal and external funding proposals
5. TRAINING	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Responsible for completing all required training in line with the position / role.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

QUALIFICATIONS / EXPERIENCE / KNOWLEDGE / ATTRIBUTES		
1.	Postgraduate qualification in health sciences, public health or relevant field (related to adolescent health highly desirable)	Essential
2.	1-3 years post-PhD experience conducting qualitative and/or mixed-methods research projects, including study design / protocol development, data collection, data analysis	Essential
3.	Experience conceptualising, conducting, and reporting on scoping and systematic reviews	Essential
4.	Excellent interpersonal skills, including experience providing training, supervision or support to students, staff members, and/or research partners	Essential
5.	Excellent communication skills, including highly developed academic writing skills as demonstrated by high quality first-author publications and technical reports	Essential
6.	Demonstrated capacity to work independently, with excellent time management, organisational and problem-solving skills	Essential
7.	Experience conducting co-design and participatory research	Desirable
8.	Experience working in Asia and the Pacific and/or collaborating on research projects based in the region, and providing technical consultancy services for UN agencies or international organisations	Desirable

About Burnet Institute

Vision

A more equitable world through better health.

Purpose

Create and translate knowledge into better health so no-one is left behind.

Values

Respect, Equality, Inclusiveness, Diversity.

Who we are

Burnet Institute is an Australian-based medical research and public health institute and international non-government organisation that is working towards a more equitable world through better health.

What we do

We are committed to creating and translating knowledge into better health so no-one is left behind. We do this through engaging with and understanding the needs of a broad range of communities and stakeholders to develop laboratory-based and social research programs, policies and products that deliver better health outcomes.

Where we work



Priority countries:

Australia | Papua New Guinea | Myanmar

We also support and contribute to research and public health programs in other Asian, Pacific and African countries.

Australian Institute for Infectious Disease (AIID)

Burnet Institute is a foundation partner of the AIID, a visionary initiative designed to protect Australia and the wider Asia-Pacific region against major global health issues and pandemics. The state-of-the-art facility is expected to be open in 2028 and will be home to Burnet Institute, Doherty Institute and The University of Melbourne, with funding from the Victorian Government. In joining this exciting initiative, Burnet will remain an independent medical research institute.



BURNET 2030 STRATEGY

The Burnet 2030 Strategy focuses on growing our impact, placing equity at the centre of what we do, and paying close attention to the effects of a rapidly changing climate and environment. Our point of difference is our technical breadth—from laboratory-based discoveries to field research, to commercialisation to development programs; all to progress toward a more equitable world. This is what sets us apart. Our Strategy will also see us invest in our people, building our position as the aspirational workplace within the sector with ethical values and a culture committed to fostering talent for future leadership and rewarding careers.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Burnet has a commitment to providing a safe and healthy workplace in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act 2004. All staff are obliged to take all reasonable care to ensure that their actions do not place themselves or others at risk.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Burnet Institute is a child safe organisation. The incumbent of this position will be required to undergo a Police Check and possibly a Working with Children Check as a condition of employment. The types of contact with children can be viewed [here](#). This position involves the following contact with children (any individual aged under 18 years):

CONTACT TYPE	Direct Contact - Working With Children
LOCATION OF CONTACT	Australia-wide

ENQUIRIES

For enquiries, please contact careers@burnet.edu.au