Research Officer

Outstanding candidates are encouraged to apply for a new position in the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre, based at La Trobe University's Melbourne (Bundoora) campus. In 2008, La Trobe University established the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC) to advance basic and applied research to increase knowledge on the nature, causes, and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Centre staff conduct major research projects with individuals with ASD right across the lifespan, with particular strength in the early identification of ASD, early intervention for pre-schoolers with ASD, and successful transition to employment for adults on the spectrum. In collaboration with Hewlett Packard Enterprise we are about to expand our work examining transition to employment in adults on the Autism spectrum. We are offering the opportunity for one individual to become involved in this study to support the Research Fellow.

The role will be up to full time and can be negotiated upon successful application. The position is available for immediate start for 1 year with the possibility of extension through to 2018.

The Research Officer will work under the primary supervision of Dr Darren Hedley, Research Fellow at the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre (OTARC),

- Appointment will be commensurate with experience and qualifications per the La Trobe University agreement and includes 17% superannuation.

The Position

Duties in the role include the collection and interpretation of research data, database management, participant recruitment, telephone and email follow-up of questionnaires and surveys, analysis of qualitative data, literature review and manuscript preparation. The ideal candidate will have a B.Psych/B.Sci Hons (or equivalent research experience) or Postgraduate level training with an interest in pursuing a research career.

The Candidate

The Research Officer appointed to this position will be able to demonstrate evidence of the following:

- Completion of an undergraduate degree with honours in a relevant field (e.g., psychology, science)
- Experience conducting research, including working in teams and under supervision, whilst demonstrating clear capacity for independence
- Database management expertise
- High quality written and oral communication skills
- Strong work ethic including attention to detail and an appreciation of ethical conduct

Desirable Attributes

- Experience working with adult clients, in some professional capacity
- SPSS, R, other software analysis skills
- Postgraduate degree

Knowledge about ASD/other developmental conditions is desirable but not necessary.

Enquiries about the position can be directed to Dr Darren Hedley, Research Fellow, Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre 03 9479 3704 or d.hedley@latrobe.edu.au

Further information about OTARC can be found at: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/otarc/

Applicants should email their CV and a cover letter addressing the selection criteria above and indicating your availability across 2016 to Dr Darren Hedley: d.hedley@latrobe.edu.au

The closing date for applications is: until filled