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## **Seeking Casual Research Assistants for an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ Research Project**

We are looking for qualified and experienced Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to join a team that is examining the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ people. This is an exciting opportunity to analyse, inform and communicate data that could have significant benefit for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ communities. The project seeks to appoint up to three people with a range of skills, including community-engagement and coordination, preparation of ethics applications, data synthesis and report writing.

### **About the research and the team**

You will join a team of LGBTQA+ and/or Aboriginal researchers spread across the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society (ARCSHS) at La Trobe University, and the Telethon Kids Institute. The project involves working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander data collected as part of three, large national LGBTQA+ health surveys ([Trans Pathways](#), [Private Lives 3](#) and [Writing Themselves In 4](#)) about a range of topics. The project will culminate in a report and other publications on the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ peoples, which can be used by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ community members to advocate for greater support. In this role, you will be supported by Aboriginal LGBTQA+ researchers and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ community members. Remote working is possible, so the successful candidate(s) can be based anywhere in Australia and (where COVID-19 restrictions permit) access office facilities in Melbourne or in Perth.

### **About the role**

The project requires several tasks be completed, which can split across multiple people working on a casual basis. These tasks include:

- Coordination of a Community Advisory Board of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTQA+ community members.
- Consultation across communities in data analysis and interpretation, including convening workshops and webinars
- Preparation of applications to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Research Ethics Committees
- Assistance with the write up of quantitative survey data pertaining to health, social and educational experiences for publication in a community report and peer reviewed journals.

## ***Skills & Experience***

### **Essential**

- Experience with community and stakeholder engagement OR Experience working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities
- High-level communication skills and the ability to liaise effectively with a range of collaborators nationally and with community partners
- Strong writing skills

### **Desired**

- Research experience in sociology, anthropology, public health, psychology, Indigenous Studies or other related fields
- Experience working with and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander LGBTIQ people and groups

### ***The candidate***

- The successful applicant(s) will be employed by the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University, although remote working from any part of Australia is welcome.
- Only Indigenous Australians are eligible to apply as this position is exempt under the Special Measure Provision, Section 12(1) of the Equal Opportunity Act 2011 (Vic)
- We strongly encourage applicants who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and LGBTIQ.
- All La Trobe University employees are bound by the Working with Children Act 2005. If you are successful, you will be required to hold a valid Victorian Employee Working with Children Check prior to commencement.
- Only candidates with full working rights in Australia may apply for this position.

### **Benefits**

The position(s) is offered on a casual basis at a rate of between \$47.13 and \$56.13 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience. Hours of work are flexible but an anticipated minimum of 7 hours (0.2 FTE) per week for up to 9 months.

### **How to apply**

Position Enquiries: Associate Professor Adam Bourne, TEL: 03 9479 8732 Email:

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Please send an email including a cover letter detailing your experience and interest in the position as well as an up to date CV.

Closing date for applications: 11.59pm on 7th October 2021.