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POSITIONS AVAILABLE (3 Advertisements)

1. RESEARCH FELLOW/SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW

Qualitative methods and evaluation, Hamilton, New Zealand

Suitable person still being sought for this 2 year fixed term position. Commencement date is negotiable. Based at the School of Medicine, Waikato Clinical School, Hamilton. Responsible to the Professor of Medicine, Waikato Clinical School
The appointee is expected to initiate, undertake and contribute to diabetes research as part of a multidisciplinary team.

Responsible for providing expertise in qualitative methods and Analyses, and in the development of evaluation strategies for the prevention of diabetes and its complications.

Key Responsibilities:

- Initiate and undertake research projects into diabetes prevention and evaluation, prevention of related complications and other diabetes related topics.
- Contribute to the development and implementation of diabetes research projects as part of a multidisciplinary research team.
- Write and submit research papers for publication in peer reviewed journals and at national and international meetings.
- Submit applications for funding of research projects.
- Supervise postgraduate students engaged in research leading to higher degrees (particularly PhD), as agreed with the Professor of Medicine.
- Provide advice to the Professor of Medicine in relation to qualitative methods in diabetes research.

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2. RESEARCH FELLOWS, YOUTH HEALTH SURVEY

UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND. (3 Positions)

Closing 27 March 2006

We are seeking suitably qualified people to join a team of academic researchers from The University of Auckland who are undertaking New Zealand's second Youth Health and Wellbeing Secondary School Survey. Suitable candidates will have experience and training in quantitative survey research and tertiary-level qualifications in a relevant field (life sciences, epidemiology, education, or other youth-related fields), preferable at masters level.

Three positions are available

- Research Fellow - National School Environment Survey
- Research Fellow - Wharekura Maori Survey
- Research Fellow – Pacific Youth Health

This project would be well suited to people who are looking to undertake a thesis, either at masters or doctorate level. Appointments are full-time for three years, although part-time employment can be considered.

Starting date is soon as possible!

For further information on these opportunities please contact

Ann Eliahu, HR Advisor, UniServices, ann@uniservices.auckland.ac.nz, by 27 March.

3. QUANTITATIVE ANALYSTS (2 positions)

Strategic Projects Team, Māori Health Directorate

Wellington. Vacancy No. 06/KC30

Closing date, 24 March 2006.

He turanga tēnei hei kaitātari kaupapa i te Manatū
Hauora ki te whai i ngā tikanga hauora Māori.

Opportunities have arisen for two Quantitative Analysts to join the Strategic Projects Team, Māori Health Directorate.

The Māori Health Directorate provides leadership on Māori strategic policy and service development issues that span the health and disability sector. The focus of the Directorate is on providing advice on ways to achieve healthy social environments, healthy lifestyles, healthy communities, healthy whanau and individuals, reduce health inequalities for Māori, increase Māori development in the health and disability sectors, and improving access to appropriate health and disability support services.

A focus will be on economic, financial and statistical analysis, monitoring, research and evaluation advice on Māori health issues that span the health and disability sector, by contributing to the implementation of the New Zealand Health Strategy, and He Korowai Oranga: the Māori Health Strategy.

To be successful in the role you will need:

- Knowledge of social science research, monitoring and/or evaluation approaches, purposes, methods and designs, in particular as they apply to Māori.
- Well developed writing skills as well as an ability to articulate concepts and ideas to a range of audiences.
- Knowledge and understanding of policy development and analysis
- Ability to think strategically
- Knowledge of government structures and processes
- Some knowledge of, or ability to interact with, Māori and other health stakeholders

For further information and to apply, please send your CV, cover letter and application form, quoting the vacancy number to Eboni Waitere, KP Solutions at mahi@kpsolutions.co.nz or call 04 474-2340.

Applications must be received by 5PM Friday, 24 March 2006.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

WHAT IS OBESITY?

Satellite Meeting AUT 9-10 Sept 2006

Following the International Congress of Obesity in Sydney (3-8 September) (see <http://www.ico2006.com>) there is a satellite meeting September 9 & 10 (Saturday and Sunday) entitled What is Obesity? From Genetics to Community at the Akoranga Campus of the Auckland University of Technology.

Early bird standard registration is \$350 (After 16 June \$550)

Early bird Student registration is \$250 (After 16 June \$350)

Key note speakers that have been confirmed include:

- Dr Chittaranjan Yajnik, Director, Diabetes Unit, King Edward Memorial Hospital, Pune, India
- Prof. David Simmons, Professor of Medicine, Waikato Clinical School, University of Auckland
- Dr David Graham, Paediatrician, Hamilton
- Professor Lynn Ferguson. Director of Nutrigenomics and Mutagen Testing, Auckland Cancer Society Research Centre (ACSRC), Head of Nutrition, University of Auckland.
- Associate Professor Amy Luke, Department of Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology, Loyola University.a

Find out more and register at

<http://www.tcc.co.nz/assonz>

Abstract submission closes 15 May 2006.

SOME INTERESTING WEBSITES & REPORTS

- Social science information gateway <http://www.sosig.ac.uk/>
- New Zealand Family Violence Clearing House
<http://www.nzfvc.org.nz/Default.aspx>
- Bangkok Charter for Health Promotion
http://www.who.int/healthpromotion/conferences/6gchp/bangkok_charter/en/

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