

A photograph of a modern building with a facade of red and blue glass panels. A person is walking on a path in the foreground.

Position Description

Position Title: Research Fellow

Position Number: TBC

Classification: Level B

Organisational Unit: School of Health Sciences

Department: Centre for Mental Health and Brain Sciences

Position Purpose

The Research Fellow position is a new role within the Centre for Mental Health and Brain Sciences (CMHBS). CMHBS has strengths in digital mental health innovation, including self-help and therapist assisted interventions for persisting mental health problems. The Research Fellow will be responsible for driving research and evaluation for the Bipolar Research Clinic (BRC). BRC will be a new, first of its kind digital research clinic for the psychosocial management of bipolar disorder. The BRC is being developed for delivery in partnership with Swinburne's established, federally funded online psychology clinic, Mental Health Online.

The Research Fellow will drive core research and evaluation activities for the BRC. This will include coordinating co-design, consumer consultation and data collection activities, participant recruitment, stakeholder liaison, progress tracking and reporting, and preparation of funding applications. Other aspects of the role will include quality assurance activities to ensure the safe and effective delivery of the BRC, such as the development, implementation and review of policies, procedures and training materials.

The Research Fellow will build their track record by contributing to high quality research outputs (conference presentations and papers) in the fields of mood disorders and digital mental health.

Location

This position is currently located at the Hawthorn campus, but the appointee may be required to undertake duties at any of the University's campuses. Thus, the appointee must be willing to travel between campuses and work at a range of locations. Subject to suitability, this position may be eligible for flexible working options such as working from home arrangements.

Reporting Line

Reports to: Clinic Director - Mental Health Online

Direct reports: None.

Key Responsibility Areas	
Research	• Contribute to the innovation, research and development activities and output of the Centre for Mental Health and Brain Sciences, individually and as a member of a team. • Coordinate key research processes, participant/client recruitment, and data collection. • Oversee co-design and consumer consultation activities. • Lead the preparation of research publications and presentations and funding applications. • Contribute to the research supervision of Honours, MPsych and Higher Degree by Research students.
Quality	• Oversee the development and implementation of appropriate safety and quality processes. • Contribute to the establishment of policies and procedures to ensure high-quality and innovative clinical care, in accordance with legislation, quality standards, and relevant guidelines. • Participate in operational, clinical, research and other meetings with staff and stakeholders. • Build and maintain positive ongoing relationships with internal and external stakeholders.
Swinburne Values	Commitment to the Swinburne behaviours: • One Swinburne - We work together, bringing our unique skills to achieve our common purpose and strategy. • Future – Focused - We commit to taking bold strides – ‘moon shots’ – and are constantly innovating, disrupting, renewing and changing to create tomorrow's technology and talent today. • Engaged - We strive to be the most industry-engaged university, to amplify our impact and support all students to be future-ready. • Empowered - We are trusted, and expected, to act and make decisions commensurate with our roles and skills, and to drive continuous improvement, to deliver our common goals. • Accountable - We are accountable for our contributions to Swinburne's success and sustainability, for the ways we work together, and for the outcomes that we deliver for students, partners and society.
Other	• Undertake Division-wide and/or university-wide responsibilities as required.

Key Selection Criteria		Essential/ preferable
Qualifications	• PhD in mental health, computer science, or closely related discipline, or equivalent research and applied experience relevant to digital mental health and/or psychological interventions for mood disorders.	Essential
Experience/ Knowledge/Attributes	• Knowledge and experience in research methods relevant to mental health, particularly clinical trials or prospective observational studies.	Essential
	• Knowledge and experience in engaging with end-users in the conduct of research and/or delivery of clinical services.	Essential
	• Excellent communication skills and an ability to develop a good rapport with participants, investigators and project staff.	Essential
	• Demonstrated ability to work both independently and as part of a team.	Essential
	• Working knowledge of ethical principles relevant to conducting research with clinical populations.	Essential
	• Demonstrated research interest and experience in at least one of mood disorders, digital mental health, co-design and/or consumer participation, implementation science.	Essential
	• Emerging reputation in research and scholarship through publications and/or discipline engagement.	Essential
	• Knowledge of and experience in the use of digital technology in healthcare delivery.	Preferable
Other	• A valid working with children's check card (or ability to obtain prior to or upon commencement).	Essential