



## Research Officer (Peer Support)

### Part-time peer support work in a major mental health research project

#### About the position

This position supports the Early Signs Monitoring to Prevent Relapse and PrOmote Wellbeing, Engagement and Recovery (EMPOWER) research project, a study funded in Australia by a collaborative research grant from NHMRC (and in the UK via the NIHR). The project is developing and piloting a SmartPhone App and associated care pathway designed to pick up early warning signs of relapse and support people living with schizophrenia who receive treatment from clinical mental health services.

The Research Officer (Peer Support) will support research participants to set up and use the EMPOWER App, then have regular phone contact to support participants' efforts to put well-being messages into practice and maintain well-being over the 12 months of the study. They will also keep records and enter data into online databases and assist with recruitment of participants.

#### Skills and Experience

- Completion of a Bachelor's degree in the relevant discipline, and evidence of participation in higher level study relevant to discipline or professional area.
- A lived experience of mental ill-health and recovery.
- Ability to assist research participants in their use of the EMPOWER App and information generated by the App.
- Effective oral and written communication skills, including the ability to interact effectively with people from a diverse range of backgrounds.
- Administration and organization skills including the ability to work with online systems to record data

#### Employment details

- Part-time (40%), Fixed term contract for 12 months
- Located in the Northern and North West Area Mental Health Services of NorthWestern Mental Health, Melbourne
- (Pro-rata) \$63,521 - \$86,205 per annum + up to 17% superannuation

### **Further information about the role**

For other duties, skills and experience required for this role and a full Position Description Visit the web page below.

<http://careers.pageuppeople.com/533/caw/en/job/552888/research-officer-peer-support>

Enquiries about the role and the research: John Farhall, [j.farhall@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:j.farhall@latrobe.edu.au) or 03 9479 1626

### **How to apply**

Applications **can only be accepted online** through the webpage (above).

*Closing date:* Wednesday, 20 September 2017 by 11.00pm AEST.

The webpage has instructions on how to apply on line.

For further enquiries on *how to apply for this role*, please contact Deborah Dare, Recruitment Consultant on +61 3 9479 1241 or [d.dare@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:d.dare@latrobe.edu.au)

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