**Western Australian Health Translation Network**

**Biostatistician Fellowship**

***Applications close 9.00am, Monday 27 September 2021***

**Application Guidelines**

# Background

The Western Australian Health Translation Network (WAHTN) operates as a multi-site, state-wide, collaborative health translation network which brings together WA’s universities, medical research institutes, public and private hospitals, PathWest and the WA Department of Health, to embrace and accelerate research translation.

The coming together of these major stakeholders provides an opportunity to achieve a co-operative approach to setting research priorities and translating research findings and discoveries. The principal role of WAHTN is to enable, facilitate and support these multi-dimensional and multi-layered processes.

The vision of WAHTN is to achieve a holistic approach to healthcare that seamlessly integrates research, clinical care, community health, policy, training and innovation to deliver the highest possible quality of health care, resulting in the attraction and retention of world class clinicians and longer and healthier lives for West Australians.

The Clinical Trial and Data Management Centre (CTDMC) is a WAHTN enabling platform that aims to enhance clinical trials and related data management in Western Australia. The platform is a WAHTN-wide entity sharing expertise in clinical trial study design (including novel designs), clinical trial conduct, data management, data-linkage, analytical techniques for clinical trial datasets, bio-repository techniques and clinical registry datasets. It facilitates the pursuit of large-scale clinical trials and translational healthcare research in WA.

The WAHTN Biostatistician Fellowship will be coordinated by the CTDMC and is funded through a grant from the Medical Research Future Fund. The Fellowship aligns with WAHTN’s aim to support emerging research talent, building and strengthening the research workforce within WA, and enhancing capacity and capability to undertake high quality translational research.

# WAHTN Biostatistician Fellowship

WAHTN presents an opportunity to submit an application for the second round of WAHTN Biostatistician Fellowships (Fellowship). In this round, WAHTN is offering one 12-month Fellowship, open to employees of WAHTN Partner organisations for the period **October 2021 to September 2022**. The Fellowship will provide training opportunities for a Biostatistician to develop their skills for consulting with clinical researchers, building relationships for future collaborations, and providing biostatistical support to WAHTN Partner organisations. The Fellowship will have a strong focus on *clinical trials and randomisation*, and experience in these areas will be looked on favourably.

## Support and Training

The Fellow will be provided support and training from senior CTDMC staff, based at Curtin University, over the 12 month period.

## Building Relationships

Where appropriate, the Fellow will be encouraged to form collaborative relationships with researchers to enable their biostatistical support to progress from pure consultancy to being formally recognised as a research team member (i.e. qualifying for co-authorship on publications in accordance with the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors [ICJME] criteria).

At the end of the Fellowship, the Fellow will be required to report on deliverables (e.g. the number of consultancies and projects they were involved with) and plans for future collaborations.

## Biostatistical Support

The CTDMC operate a Clinical Research Support Service (CRSS) that provides weekly visits to WAHTN Partner organisations within the Perth metropolitan area to provide support to researchers. This service (and other CTDMC activities) supports clinical researchers with advice for database management and data collection, and will be complemented by the addition of the biostatistical support provided by the Fellow.

The Fellow will be expected to attend some site visits with the CRSS throughout the year, as negotiated with the CTDMC. CTDMC will arrange the site visits, book appointments and inform the Fellow. CTDMC staff will be available on site-visit days and will provide networking for the Fellow with key site personnel during these visits.

## Funding Criteria

WAHTN will provide funding of up to $60,000 to support one Fellowship against the following criteria:

* Funding for 12 months from **October 2021 to September 2022**.
* The funding will be for the Fellow to work at 0.4 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to achieve the requirements of the Fellowship.
* Funding for the Fellow will be administered through a Funding Agreement with The University of Western Australia, which is the Centre Agent for WAHTN, and Curtin University.

## Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must fulfil the following eligibility criteria at the time of application:

* + Have completed a Post graduate degree with a focus on biostatistics and are currently working at a WAHTN Partner organisation (<https://www.wahtn.org/about-us/our-partners/>); or
	+ Be enrolled in a Post graduate degree with a focus on biostatistics at a WAHTN Partner university.

## Application and Assessment Process

Applicants must use the **Biostatistician Application Form** and:

* Address all questions within the word limits using Calibri 11 font.
* Be completed, signed and submitted by the Applicant.
* Combine and submit the Application Form and the Applicant’s CV as a single PDF.
* Not include the Guidelines with the submission.

Applications must be submitted via email to CTDMC@curtin.edu.au by **9.00am, Monday 27 September 2021**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please direct any enquiries to CTDMC via email or phone (9266 3067).

## Selection Process

Applications will be treated in confidence, reviewed by an independent panel and assessed against the eligibility criteria. The panel will recommend the preferred applicant to WAHTN. All Applicants will be notified in writing within one month of the application closing date.

**WAHTN reserves the right to only fund applications of a suitable standard and to adjust the funding to the Fellowships accordingly.**

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| SECTION A - APPLICANT DETAILS |

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| [ ]  CV attached Submit your CV with this application (max 3 pages). |
| 1. Applicant Details

If employed by multiple organisations, enter your primary contact details. If not employed, enter the organisation where you are/or will be studying. |
| Title, First Name, Surname/Family Name |  |
| Position Title |  |
| Department/School & Division/Faculty  |  |
| Organisation Name and Address |  |
| Email |  |
| Telephone |  |
| 1. Current Employment and/or Student Details

If employed/studying at multiple organisations, enter all positions. For the Fellowship eligibility, one of your employers or where you study must be a WAHTN partner organisation.  |
| Current Organisation(s) Name | **Current Position Title(s) and FTE** |
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| 1. Qualifications and Year Awarded

Applicants will at the time of application, have completed or be enrolled in a Post graduate degree with a focus on biostatistics at a WAHTN Partner organisation. Additional qualifications are preferred. Please provide your qualifications, year of award and awarding institution. |
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| 1. Current Expertise

Describe how your expertise (research, clinical, training and/or industry track record) will be of value in providing statistical support to clinical researchers (Max 300 words). |
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| 1. Career Aspirations

Describe how your career aspirations and interest align with the Fellowship; and how it will enhance your career aspirations/trajectory in biostatistics, health research and health care improvement (Max 400 words). |
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| 1. Expected Outcomes

Describe what you perceive will be the impacts and outcomes at the end of this Fellowship (Max 300 words). |
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| 1. Future Collaborations and Building Networks

Describe how you will utilise this Fellowship to build collaborative partnerships and networks (Max 400 words). |
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| Applicant DeclarationI certify that all details in this application are correct at the time of submission. |
| Signature |  |
| Name |  |
| Date |  |

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