

# Postdoctoral Research Fellow

The Liggins Institute, University of Auckland, is seeking a recent PhD graduate for a postdoctoral position associated with **DOHaD knowledge translation in adolescent populations**. The role will contribute to research and supervision associated with the Pacific Science for Health Literacy Project Cook Islands - Phase II. This project is a partnership between the Liggins Institute and the Cook Islands Ministries of Education and Health. It is concerned with the development of multi-sectoral interactions to facilitate adolescent empowerment and improve the potential to interrupt trans-generational environmental and biological factors contributing to the burden of non-communicable disease in Pacific Island nations such as the Cook Islands.

Phase II aims to transform this established project from pilot to sustainable practice, embedding the model nationally in support of educational and health goals association with life-course wellbeing, engaged citizenship and sustainable development. Research is focussed on multilevel examination of intervention processes and impacts from the perspective of a range of stakeholders including but not limited to adolescents. The role is funded by a grant from the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Partnerships for International Development Fund.

Prospective candidates will need to be able to demonstrate a strong interest in community-based action research that respects and utilises knowledge from research, practice, community and culture in the development of ethically sound actions. The position is based at the Liggins Institute, in the University of Auckland. The candidate will need to integrate into an established multisectoral team that manages work that is occurring in multiple locations in the Cook Islands and New Zealand.

There are opportunities for the candidate to take leadership of aspects of the research planned for this project. The fellow is expected to have a good knowledge of relevant literature and demonstrate experience in conducting research in community-based settings. They will be supported to build their career via participation in postgraduate supervision, the development of grant applications, community engagement and the wider life of the Institute. Limited opportunities to contribute to undergraduate teaching in knowledge translation will be provided. Successful candidates will demonstrate independent initiative, project management skills, creative insight, openness to learning and a willingness to work in an integrated multidisciplinary team environment.

Applicants must have completed a Ph.D. in a relevant field not more than three years ago. They should have research experience in community-based knowledge translation or community-based interventions in support of improved child or adolescent health and wellbeing. Knowledge and understanding of Cook Islands culture and/or experience working within communities with strong connections to Pacific cultures would be an advantage.

The fellowship period will be a 36-month appointment. Applicants should contact Dr Bay with questions at [j.bay@auckland.ac.nz](mailto:j.bay@auckland.ac.nz) and can apply at <https://smrtr.io/3yQtc>