

Dear Colleagues & friends,

we would like to draw your attention to an exciting new senior position jointly advertised by the PNG Institute of Medical Research in Goroka and the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne.

For a major new research initiative on the burden, treatment and prevention of common infectious diseases in 4 different PNG populations, we are looking for an experienced epidemiologist or public health specialist as the Senior Scientific Coordinator of the project. The appointee will be required to oversee the establishment of a health and demographic surveillance system (HDSS), lead a multi-disciplinary research team in the conduct of burden of disease and mortality studies and develop research agenda focusing on the key PNG health problems.

This position is suited for an experienced post-doctoral epidemiologist or clinician with MD/MPH and a research interest in (infectious disease) epidemiology and/or tropical public health. The successful candidate must have strong commitment to post-graduate research training.

Employment is through at the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute in Melbourne, however the position is fully seconded to the PNG Institute of Medical Research in Goroka, Papua New Guinea. The position is initially for 2 years, renewable for an additional 1-3 yrs.

Formal job advertisement is in the attachment. A full job description is available at [www.wehi.edu.au/career\\_opportunities/senior\\_scientific\\_coordinator](http://www.wehi.edu.au/career_opportunities/senior_scientific_coordinator).

While this is a very exciting position that allows the appointee to lead a major, well funded research initiative (annual budget >1.5 million USD) and establish his/her own research group, we know from experience that attracting well qualified researchers to position in PNG is often quite difficult.

We would therefore be very grateful if you could assist us in searching for suitable candidates.

We would like to thank you very much in advance for your help.

With the very best wishes,

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