

Job Description	
JOB TITLE	Research Assistant
CAREER STEP	Research/ Foundation
REPORTING RELATIONSHIP	Health Systems Team
DIVISION	Health Systems Research
EMPLOYMENT DURATION	One month
TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT	Casual
DATE	1 st October for one month

The George Institute for Global Health

We are a medical research institute affiliated with leading universities aiming to challenge the status quo in health care. With 700+ people around the world, and projects in over 40 countries, our Strategy 2025 is all about impact – specifically, the impact of The George Institute’s activities on the health of millions of people, particularly those living in disadvantaged circumstances around the world.

Our strategy focuses on three key research priorities:

- Better Treatments: finding better treatments for the world’s biggest health problems
- Better Care: transforming primary health care to support better health for more people
- Healthier Societies: harnessing the power of communities, governments and markets to improve health

Our innovative commercial enterprises help maximise our impact.

Here is a sample of the things we are doing to achieve our goal of having the greatest possible impact on global health:

- We are identifying better and safer treatments for our biggest killers like stroke, heart disease and high blood pressure;
- In many countries, our award winning FoodSwitch smartphone app is helping people make healthy food choices when shopping;
- In China, we ran a successful education and awareness program to reduce the amount of salt eaten by people by 25% each day
- In rural India, we have shown that mobile technology can help diagnose mental health, as well as help treat cardiovascular disease, and we’re looking at similar approaches to treating chronic diseases in Indonesia and China;
- Together with Aboriginal communities in NSW, Australia, we developed an innovative community led program to assist young Aboriginal drivers attain their license, now implemented in a dozen of locations;
- We are developing an affordable dialysis machine, with potential to save millions of lives each year and transform the way kidney disease is treated globally.

The Role

The Research Assistant will administer a survey to participants in a tertiary hospital. You will be required to familiarize yourself with the research project. As part of this role, you will be handing out a patient information sheet and asking prospective participants if they consent to participate in the study by filling in a survey.



Reporting Relationships

You will be reporting to the lead researcher of this project, and ultimately the Co- Director of Health Systems Research at The George Institute for Global Health.

Duties and Key Responsibilities

- Liaise with the research team.
- Familiarize yourself with the research.
- Hand out patient information sheets.
- Answer any information participants may have about the survey.
- Adhere to ethics guidelines.

As a Team Member:

- Take responsibility for personal learning and development and for setting achievable and meaningful work objectives and managing personal targets, meeting obligations of The Institute's Performance Management and Development Policy;
- Demonstrate commitment to The Institute's organisational values, including performing to an exceptionally high ethical standard and focus on integrity, collaboration and teamwork in all efforts.

Work, Health and Safety

- Comply with Work Health and Safety legislation and operate in accordance with established Occupational Health and Safety practice and procedures at the Institute;
- Promote and contribute to a safe, secure environment for staff and visitors.

Skills, Knowledge and Experience

Essential

- Excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Experience in research preferred.
- Excellent organizational skills, having the ability to organize, take initiative and follow up independently.
- Good attention to detail.
- Ability to work well within a research team and excellent interpersonal skills.
- Strong focus on quality of work.